

National Foster Care Conference 2008
Program



Friday 31 October 2008

0900 – 1030	Registration opens					
1030 – 1230	PS01 Welcome and Plenary Session 1 <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i> Dr Sue Packer Community Paediatrician ACT Department of Health, Child, Youth & Women's Program (ACT) <i>Foster care – An ancient practice, still vital in our new world</i>					
1230 – 1330	Lunch – includes Market Place, pampering and Table Talk					
1330 – 1500	Workshops – Group A					
	A1 Behaviour and learning <i>Endeavour 1</i>	A2 Carer recruitment, training, retention <i>Endeavour 2</i>	A3 Hearing children and young people; Infants and contact <i>Endeavour 3</i>	A4 Kinship care <i>Sirius 1</i>	A5 Education <i>Sirius 2</i>	A6 Aboriginal carer recruitment <i>Bounty</i>
	S001 Dr Sue Packer , Community Paediatrician (ACT) <i>Behaviour and learning: The challenges for children in care</i> (90 mins)	S002 Josh Fergeus and Andrea Dwyer Anglicare Victoria (VIC) <i>Foster care recruitment, training and retention: A comprehensive team approach achieving better outcomes</i> (45 mins)	S004 Jim Oommen Office of the Child Safety Commissioner (VIC) <i>Creative ways of listening to children and young people in out of home care</i> (30 mins)	S006 Albert Zhou NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>Kinship Care in NSW</i> (30 mins)	S009 Michelle Townsend Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University (NSW) <i>Are we making the grade? The education of children and young people in out of home care</i> (90 mins)	S010 Aboriginal training and recruitment film AbSec NSW <i>Have a heart become a carer DVD</i> (90 mins)
	S003 Leanne Salmund, Kate Buckmaster, Lynne Canavan and Bev Orr Department of Disability, Housing & Community Services; Barnardos; Marymead (ACT) <i>Positive Futures Caring Together: A collaborative approach to competency based training for foster carers</i> (45 mins)	S005 Jim Oommen Alfred Felton Child and Family Welfare Research Unit and University of Melbourne (VIC) <i>Infants in care and family contact</i> (60 mins)	S007 NSW DoCS – Western Region staff NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>Partners in caring – Strengthening relationships in relative and kinship care</i> (30 mins)			
			S008 Peter Walsh, Marina Paxman and Sharon Burke NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>Caring for children and young people from non-English speaking backgrounds in out of home care in NSW</i> (30 mins)			
1500 – 1545	Afternoon tea – includes Market Place and Table Talk					
1545 – 1715	Workshops – Group B					
	B1 Behaviour management <i>Endeavour 1</i>	B2 Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) needs; Reducing systems abuse <i>Endeavour 2</i>	B3 Grand parenting <i>Endeavour 3</i>	B4 Carer recruitment; Innovative success <i>Sirius 1</i>	B5 Strengths based practice <i>Bounty</i>	B6 The cost of care <i>Sirius 2</i>
	S011 Mary Anderson Clinical Psychologist (NSW) <i>How to help children learn self control</i> (90 mins)	S012 Janet Irvine and Thanh Nguyen NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>No one asks me about THAT! Responding appropriately and well to migrant and refugee foster children and their families</i> (45 mins)	S014 Anne McLeish Grandparents Australia (VIC) <i>Grandparents – The alchemists of the 21st century</i> (90 mins)	S015 Rosalie Scott and Claire Parsons Glastonbury Child and Family Services (VIC) <i>Understanding the barriers to becoming a foster carer: A study into why people withdraw from the recruitment process</i> (45 mins)	S017 Jan Lee Mercycare Family Services (WA) <i>The developmental audit: A new tool in the strengths based revolution</i> (60 mins)	S019 Dr Damien Riggs and Dr Paul Delfabbro University of Adelaide (SA) <i>Economies of care: Remuneration and recognition in foster care</i> (45 mins)
		S013 Kaye Bearlin and Justine Crichton St. Luke's Anglicare (Bendigo) (VIC) <i>Keys to stability: Getting serious about systems abuse and the ways fostering services perpetrate it. How the co-location of a permanent care and fostering service has benefited children in foster care</i> (45 mins)	S016 Christine Ringrow Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (VIC) <i>Best practice engagement projects: Process, outcomes and lessons</i> (45 mins)	S018 Sue Tregear Barnardos Australia (NSW) <i>Service user experience of case managed interventions</i> (30 mins)		
1715	Close					

0900 – 1015	PS02 Plenary session 2 Mary Anderson Clinical Psychologist, CBT Clinical Psychology Centre (NSW) <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i>					
1015 – 1100	Morning tea – includes Market Place, pampering and Table Talk					
1100 – 1230	Workshops – Group C					
	C1 Relationships <i>Endeavour 1</i>	C2 Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder <i>Endeavour 2</i>	C3 Long term care; Permanency planning <i>Sirius 1</i>	C4 NSW Out of Home Care legal system Act <i>Endeavour 3</i>	C5 Transitioning; Alternative care models <i>Sirius 2</i>	C6 Aboriginal care <i>Bounty</i>
	S021 John Cheek Clinical Psychologist (NSW) <i>Repairing relationships</i> (90 mins)	S022 Sue Miers National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and Related Disorders (SA) <i>Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder: Providing an alternative paradigm for understanding behaviours</i> (90 mins)	S023 Claire Berlyn Australian Institute of Family Studies (VIC) <i>Stability in long term care</i> (30 mins)	S026 Rod Best Legal Section, NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>The NSW Act and related legislation: A brief overview followed by questions from the floor</i> (90 mins)	S027 Dr Joseph McDowall CREATE Foundation <i>CREATE Foundation report card: Transitioning from care</i> (45 mins)	S029 Dr David Vicary, Susan von Leonhardi and Judy Wilkinson Schools Of Psychology And Nursing And Midwifery, Curtin University Of Technology; Keyassets Fostering, WA & NZ (WA) <i>Towards improving out of home care outcomes of Western Australian Aboriginal children</i> (45 mins)
		S024 Inga Jacobsson NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>Evaluation of permanency planning demonstration project</i> (15 mins)	S028 Dr Damien Riggs, Dr Paul Delfabbro and Martha Augoustinos University of Adelaide (SA) <i>Australian carers and the creation of foster families</i> (45 mins)			
1230 – 1330	Lunch – includes Market Place, pampering and Table Talk					
1330 – 1500	PS03 Plenary session 3 <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i> Professor Graham Vimpani Head of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Newcastle (NSW)					
1500 – 1545	Afternoon tea					
1545 – 1715	Workshops – Group D					
	D1 Challenging behaviours <i>Endeavour 1</i>	D2 Allegations <i>Endeavour 2</i>	D3 Education <i>Endeavour 3</i>	D4 Carer views; Caring for the carers <i>Sirius 1</i>	D5 Strengths based practice <i>Bounty</i>	D6 Domestic violence <i>Sirius 2</i>
	S031 Interactive panel of professionals with hands on tips <i>Challenging behaviours: Understanding why they do it and how to manage it</i> (90 mins)	S032 Rod Best and Alan Mathison Legal Section, NSW DoCS; Allegations Against Employees Unit, NSW DoCS (NSW) <i>Unravelling allegations in foster care: The departmental perspective</i> (45 mins)	S034 Theresa Burgheim Wesley Dalmar (NSW) <i>A clash of belief systems - The impact of attachment dysfunction on education and behaviour management</i> (90 mins)	S035 Heather Lovatt James Cook University (QLD) <i>The fostering experience and what should be different!! The foster carers perspective</i> (45 mins)	S037 Dr Leon Fulcher and Jonathan Modley Keyassets Fostering, WA & NZ (NZ) <i>From strength to strengths: Towards better outcomes for kids in out of home care</i> (90 mins)	S038 Chris Burke and friends Gracie Productions (NSW) <i>Stories and meanings - Children and domestic violence</i> (90 mins)
		S033 Trisha Bayler and Tania Martin Child Protection Division, NSW Ombudsman (NSW) <i>Unravelling allegations in foster care: The Ombudsman's perspective</i> (45 mins)				
1715	Close					
1930 – 2200	Conference Dinner, <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i> Includes National Recognition Awards and Plenary session 4 (PS04) David Hill Patron, CREATE Foundation (NSW)					

Sunday 2 November 2008

0900 – 1030	Workshops – Group E					
	E1 Alternative care options <i>Endeavour 1</i>	E2 Policy <i>Endeavour 2</i>	E3 New care models <i>Endeavour 3</i>	E4 Children and young people resilience <i>Sirius 1</i>	E5 Reunification <i>Bounty</i>	E6 Good practice <i>Sirius 2</i>
	S039 Ryan Ogilvy Flinders University (SA) <i>Alternative care options</i> (45 mins)	S040 Commonwealth Department of FAHCSIA <i>National child protection framework initiative update</i> (45 mins)	S042 & S043 Susan von Leonhardi and Judy Wilkinson Keyassets Fostering, WA & NZ (WA) <i>Key Assets, a new independent foster care agency offering a new model of foster care</i> (90 mins)	S044 Jo Villa and Kristy Crimmins Barnardos (NSW) Smiles and memories. A group program for young people and their carers to explore identity, self-esteem and resilience (45 mins)	S046 Kaye Bearlin and Justine Crichton St. Luke's Anglicare (Bendigo) (VIC) <i>A quiet revolution – Increasing reunification outcomes</i> (45 mins)	S048 Dr Gerard Stoyles, Timothy Broady, Kim McMullan and Karen Mathews University of Wollongong (NSW) <i>Fostering successful care in foster care</i> (90 mins)
	S039A Jude Morwitzer Barnardos Practice Development Centre (NSW) <i>Partners in care – Making the system work for you</i> (45 mins)	S041 Australian Foster Care Association <i>Carers views on out of home care policy</i> (45 mins)		S045 Jan Williams and Deb Willick Barnardos South Coast (NSW) <i>Carer kids toolkit</i> (45 mins)	S047 (45 mins)	
1030 – 1100	Morning tea – includes Market Place and Table Talk					
1100 – 1230	PS05 Plenary session 5 <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i>					
1230 – 1300	Conference review and close <i>Endeavour Ballroom</i>					
1300	Closing tea and coffee – includes Market Place					

Market Place

The place to meet, greet, catch a film, buy a DVD or a book, unwind with a massage, catch up with the workshops you can't get to and check out the kids' gallery... or just chill.

Table Talk Sessions

Got a burning issue you need to discuss? Table Talk is a time to connect with other carers, get advice and share a challenge e.g. attachment, rural carer needs, legal, bedwetting, head lice, a self harming child. Only limited by your needs. Please indicate on the registration form your interest in attending a table talk session.

Please note that the program is subject to change. Please refer to the conference website at www.fostercare.org.au for the most up-to-date program.