Our Aim

TO ENHANCE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THROUGH QUALITY RESEARCH, TRAINING AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Institute of Child Protection Studies is a joint initiative between the Australian Catholic University and the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.
introduction

Background

The Institute of Child Protection Studies was established in January 2005 and is a partnership between the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services and Australian Catholic University (Canberra Campus). This is an exciting and unique venture and builds on the strong partnership between the two parties that has developed over the past 10 years.

The Institute aims to develop into a leading research organisation, carrying out research which leads to improved practice in the care and protection of children and young people, both nationally and within the ACT.

The Institute believes that the care and protection of young people is inextricably linked with the overall well-being of children, families and communities. For the service system to best respond to children and young people, it must continually develop its understanding of their needs, experiences and understandings. Through research, the Institute aims to work with its partners to ensure that ongoing reflection and development are fundamental to the policy process.

All research undertaken by the Institute is underpinned by commitments to:

- collaborative approaches to planning and conducting research;
- seeking the views of those affected by a program or service such as client groups and service providers;
- exploring ways of developing research partnerships with key stakeholders including service users; and
- ethical research practice.

The second year of the Institute has involved further development of the governance framework, specifically a strategic plan, the completion of a range of key research projects and the provision of professional development opportunities for the child welfare sector.
It is my pleasure to provide this contribution to the Annual Report of the work of the Institute of Child Protection Studies as Chair of the Board.

This report provides an opportunity to reflect on both the Institute’s second year of operation and the key directions for the year ahead.

The Institute, a partnership between the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services and the Australian Catholic University, has continued to further its objectives and bridge the gap between university and practice. The Institute continues to collaborate widely with Government and non-Government organisations to undertake evidence based research that informs policy, child protection practice and the training and development of practitioners within the ACT and the wider Australian context.

The Institute conceptualises the issues of child protection broadly with a clear focus on the child or young person, prevention, early intervention and collaborative practice. This makes some of their areas of research unique. This is reflected in two important research projects completed during the year, the Screening and Assessment Framework for the Commonwealth Attorney General’s and Children’s Experiences of Homelessness for my Department.

In its second year the Institute has completed seven research projects and has identified two major themes that emerged from its research. These could form the basis of a future research agenda. These themes refer to child centred practices and the collaboration between services, sectors and professionals. This year, the Institute has responded to the identified need to build new models of service responses around children and their wellbeing. These models encourage a more layered and differentiated set of responses to the increasing number of families experiencing multiple issues.

These themes are reflected in the Strategic Plan of the Institute (2006-08) endorsed by the Board. The Strategic Plan identifies the key strategic priorities for the year ahead which include identifying and pursuing research topics, strengthening existing relationships, disseminating research findings and strengthening the role of the Institute in professional and staff development.
The Institute will pursue the issues of children’s participation in practice, conceptualising child centred approaches to research, increasing resilience in child protection workers and supporting Government and non-Government staff.

I look forward to continuing in my role as Chair of the Board and to continue to work with the members of the Board in achieving the exciting objectives we have set. I look forward to the work we will seek to progress in expanding and fostering partnerships, enhancing the Institute’s research program and improving outcomes for children, young people and families.

Sandra Lambert
Chair
Board of the Institute of Child Protection Studies
May 2007
This is my second annual report and it is gratifying to be able to reflect on a productive and busy year. In a brief period of time the Institute has built a reputation for its contribution to research about children and young people and their families. We intend to build on this good start by focusing on developing further partnerships and actively working towards a proactive research agenda.

The Institute had made a deliberate decision to conceptualise child protection broadly which has enabled us to attract research projects with a range of partners including the ACT government, non-government organisations including Centacare and Marist Youth Services and with a range of commonwealth departments including the Attorney General’s Department, Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Department of Families and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

This second year has seen the Institute working hard to be an effective bridge between the university and practitioners by working collaboratively with a range of partners. There are a number of key pieces of work that reflects how our work has directly informed policy and practice.

**Screening and Assessment Framework**

One such project is the continuing work with the Commonwealth Attorney General’s Department. This is a nationally significant project which began in December 2005 and will continue until May 2007. The first 15 of 65 new Family Relationship Centres and a national information and advice line have been implemented by the Attorney General’s Department, aiming to help families build better relationships by strengthening families, helping families stay together and assisting families through separation. The Institute was engaged to develop a practice framework to ensure appropriate responses to families making contact with these services.

To ensure best possible practice we have been contracted to carry out the development of the next version of the practice framework. We are doing this by systematically collecting feedback grounded in practice, critically reflecting on the effectiveness of Mark I screening and assessment procedures and by developing the next iteration of the screening and assessment practice guide – Mark II.
Children’s Experience of Homelessness

This project aimed to develop an understanding of how children experience, perceive and are affected by their family’s homelessness. The research answered the question: “What do the systems that surround children need to know to best deal with the legacy of homelessness so that they can ensure children are most effectively supported when housing stability is obtained?”

Unlike most previous studies focusing on family homelessness, this project worked directly with children and used a qualitative and multi-method approach to data collection. A range of tools were developed in a way that maximized children’s participation while taking into account ethical considerations in regard to children’s privacy and confidentiality, the need to address power imbalances and to ensure children’s safety. Potential participants were provided with a research kit that reflected their age and developmental stage. The research project was steered by a children’s reference group that provided advice on all aspects of the research design. The project reflects the considerable expertise the Institute staff have developed in taking a child centred approach to research.

In 2006 we were also successful in achieving an Australian Research Council linkage grant: Community Capacity Building in Child Protection through Responsive Regulation. The project involves 5 separate studies and aims to build a theoretical understanding of responsive regulation in child protection. The ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services is the partner organisation with Dr Valerie Braithwaite (ANU) and Professor Dorothy Scott (Founding Professor and Director, Australian Centre for Child Protection, UniSA) and the Institute as research partners.

Over the past 12 months Institute staff have been asked to provide a wide range of training, workshops and seminars which contribute to the professional development of workers in the system. We are frequently asked to assist organisations to further develop skills and knowledge around a number of key themes including collaborative practice, child centred practice and evaluation and action research training. The number of invitations to provide professional development is one indicator of our developing reputation.
We have also hosted a number of events including the National Carers Forum, a workshop by Professor Issac and Dr Ora Prilleltensky on *Promoting wellbeing: A change strategy for communities* and a seminar on internet safety for children presented by NetAlert, Australia’s Internet safety advisory body.

We were invited to host and edit a new journal *Communities, Children and Families Australia*. This provides a significant opportunity for the Institute’s work to be known more widely and provide further prospects to influence the debate about outcomes for children and their families. July saw the launch of the journal and Dr Gail Winkworth, the editor of the journal discusses its progress later in the Annual report.

In July 2006 we moved premises from the Blackfriars building to the Signadou building. This move has provided us with more room and has helped develop our presence both on campus and within the community. Fortunately our core staff has remained stable which ensures the continued development of specific expertise. We have also had a range of other expert staff working on a variety of projects who have contributed enormously to our effectiveness.

Overall our second year has been busy, exciting and productive. As a new venture we can see real progress in the development of the Institute as a viable concept. Our organisational identity with clear strengths and expertise and our increasing credibility sees us well placed for a strong future.

*Morag McArthur*

*Director*

*I Institute of Child Protection Studies*

*May 2007*
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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee provides advice to the Institute in relation to its operations and provides advice to the Board Chair for the Board Agenda.

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The Journal *Communities, Families and Children Australia* was launched at a Symposium on Collaborative Practice in child and family welfare at the Southern Cross Club, Canberra. In launching the journal Professor Dorothy Scott from the Australian Centre for Child Protection, did so ‘hopeful’ that it would be able to carry out its aims and that it would endure. The journal, hosted by the Institute, and sponsored by Relate Human Services, is the journal of the Australian College of Child and Family Protection Practitioners. The journal crosses the different arenas in which people work in child protection:

practice, policy, research, education and management, as well as the different disciplines and sectors which all contribute to the wellbeing and safety of children and young people.

One positive outcome from attending the XVIth ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in York was that five high profile international figures accepted invitations to join our editorial board. They are: Professor Ken Barter, Memorial University, Canada; Dr Marie Connolly, Chief Social Worker, Department of Child, Youth and Family Services, New Zealand; Dr Deborah Daro, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago; Professor Nigel Parton, Centre for Applied Childhood Studies, University of Huddersfield and Professor Pamela Trevithick who holds the field chair in social work at the University of Bristol.

Hosting this journal has been a great opportunity for the Institute. We are grateful to Relate Human Services and the growing College for Child and Family Protection Practitioners, the editorial board, authors and reviewers for their very generous support and encouragement.

*Gail Winkworth*
institute staff

DIRECTOR
Dr Morag McArthur,
Dip. Welfare: BSocSci (Hons) UNSW; Postgrad Cert Higher Ed Teaching UNSW; PhD UNSW

Morag is the founding Director of the Institute of Child Protection Studies and is an experienced human services researcher. Prior to this appointment she was an academic in the School of Social Work at the Australian Catholic University where she taught research methods, public policy and electives in substance abuse. Her research interests include issues facing children and families such as homelessness, implementation of social policy and early intervention approaches. Her PhD examined methadone services in Australia.

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW
Dr Gail Winkworth, PSM, BSW (Hons) UNSW; DSW USyd

Prior to completing her doctoral research in government service delivery and partnerships Gail held a number of senior positions managing government programs for children and families in NSW and the ACT. These included child protection, out of home care, adoptions. She coordinated the ACT Strategy for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and developed and the Strategy for the Introduction of Mandatory Reporting in the ACT. During the late 1990s she developed and managed a number of cross sectoral, early intervention programs in the ACT such as the multimedia initiative, “Parentlink” [www.parentlink.act.gov.au] to support families and prevent child abuse and neglect and the “Schools as Communities Program”. Gail is the editor of the journal of the Australian Child and Family Protection Practitioners, “Communities, Children and Families Australia”.

RESEARCH FELLOW
Mr Tim Moore, BA ANU; M.Child&AdolWelf CSU; M.Youth Studies ACU

Tim is a Research Fellow with the Institute of Child Protection Studies. For ten years, he has worked with children, young people and their families, particularly those experiencing homelessness, affected by alcohol or drug programs or parental disability or mental illness. Over the past four years, Tim has been involved in a number of research projects that have elicited children and young people’s experiences and views about their lives and the systems that support them. As a youth worker he is particularly interested in youth participation and access issues for those most marginalised.
PROJECT OFFICERS

Ms Lorraine Thomson, BSW (Hons) UNSW; M.Litt (Peace Studies) UNE; MSW ACU

Lorraine is a project officer in the Institute with experience in generalist social work. Lorraine was a project officer for the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) funded research on sole father families who are homeless, and the ACT Health funded evaluation of the ACT Sobering up Shelter. Within the Institute she has undertaken research in a number of projects, including Good Practice for Placement Planning (for the Office of Child Youth and Family Support) Good Practice in Residential Care (for Marist Youth Services) and the development of the AFFIRM evaluation framework for Disability ACT.

Ms Merrilyn Woodward,

BA UNSW; Grad.Dip.Ed UNSW; BSW ACU; Cert. 4 in Community Mediation (Family Law)

Merrilyn is a project officer with the Institute. Merrilyn has had extensive public policy development experience in a range of health and community services areas and was the national manager for a number of Commonwealth Government programs and initiatives in women’s health, child and youth health, indigenous health, homeless youth welfare, refugee mental health, disability, and innovative approaches to the supply of pharmaceutical medicines. This work usually involved a particular focus on services becoming more responsive and accessible. She is also a qualified and experienced mediator in the area of family law. Merrilyn’s major involvement with the Institute to date has been as project officer for the review of the Schools as Communities Program. During her time with the Institute, Merrilyn had worked on a number of projects including the review of the Schools as Communities Program, the review of the Youth Support Workers in Schools Initiative, the Canberra Bushfire Recovery Research Project and developmental work for the new Family Relationships Centre and Advice Line.
ASSOCIATE RESEARCH FELLOWS

Barry Smith, BSW (Hons), M Soc. Pol.

Barry is a former senior public servant with the Australian Government. Over the last 30 years, Barry has worked in the community sector, academia and many parts of the public service including social security, disability, community and Indigenous affairs. Originally trained as a social worker, Barry also has a Masters in Social Policy. Barry’s areas of expertise include: the theory and practice of community development; program development and administration particularly in Indigenous communities and rural and remote areas; social research in Indigenous and rural and remote communities; professional facilitation; social policy training and education; and government relations and processes.


Fiona previously worked as an SES Officer in the Australian Public Service and as a Ministerial Adviser. Whilst working in the APS Fiona helped establish the Australian Government’s National Agenda for Early Childhood and worked across family policy, disability, child care and carers policy and program management. Fiona has managed and led several large organisational change processes. She recently established a framework for organisations to anticipate, prevent, minimise and respond to issues both large and small, and has extensive experience in organisational governance and performance.

Debbie Noble-Carr, BSW

Since completing a Bachelor of Social Work degree in 1997, Debbie has worked in a wide range of direct service positions such as financial counselling and housing support work. Over the last five years Debbie has worked and lived in Europe, started a family and actively pursued her interest in social research, completing projects on issues such as young carers, child care, adoption and children experiencing homelessness.
Megan Layton-Thompson, BSW Monash, BA ANU, Cert IV Training and Accreditation

Megan has spent the last 11 years working with refugees and migrants, with a focus on children, young people and their parents and has a particular interest in cross-cultural work. She has worked at Companion House assisting survivors of torture and trauma for 7 years as a counsellor/advocate for children and young people. Much of her work has focused on prevention and early intervention strategies and collaboration. She also runs training for support workers working with people with disabilities. She has coordinated youth service for young migrants and refugees in Canberra and south-east Sydney.

John Regan, B. Soc Stud (Sydney); MBA Monash

John worked for many years as a senior executive in the Australian Public Service. He has an extensive background in the administration of social security programs, training and development, workplace relations. In addition to his work for the Institute on the Screening and Assessment Framework for the Attorney General’s Department’s new Family Relationship Centres and Advice Line he has conducted reviews of the implementation of emergency recovery measures.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Bernadette Bryant, BA (International Studies) Griffith University

Bernadette provides administrative support to the Institute. Bernadette has an Arts degree and previously worked in the public sector and as the Publications Officer at the Australia-Japan Research Centre at the ANU.

The Institute also employs additional staff as required. These staff members are listed with the relevant project description.
Projects Completed in 2006

What works in residential care?
For Marist Youth Care

The project for Marist Youth Care (MYC) comprised two parts. Firstly, a literature review, canvases the topic of what works in residential care. It identifies key themes, which have emerged from the literature, and focuses on the areas of care identified in the Looking After Children Framework. It also looks at literature about good practices in the leaving care process. Secondly, in 2006 the Institute facilitated a workshop with MYC to apply these themes to practice in their Compass Program and other programs for young people with intensive support needs. This project resulted in the development of a practice framework linking good practices identified in the literature with practice in MYC.

Lorraine Thomson, Morag McArthur, Rob Long

Young carers in education.
For Carers Australia

The purpose of the project was to develop a greater understanding of the needs and experiences of young carers in schools. The project informs the development of school-based supports for young carers and information resources for teachers, counsellors and other school staff. Throughout the project, the research team spoke with children, young people and teachers across Australia to identify their issues and concerns and developed strategies to support students with care responsibilities in schools. The project was guided by a young carer consultant and members of the National Young Carers Reference Group.

Tim Moore, Ros Morrow (Curtin University), Morag McArthur, Debbie Noble-Carr, Jamie Gray
Youth support workers in schools.
For ACT Department of Education and Training

This review of the Youth Support Workers in Schools initiative was commissioned by the ACT Department of Education and Training in October 2005. The review’s broad aim was to identify the initial successes of the initiative, as well as the factors that have acted to both enable and restrict positive outcomes, and to present strategies to enhance and develop the initiative. The research design included: literature review; surveys of youth support workers, principals and other school executive; focus groups with youth support workers; and interviews with district coordinators in the program.

Tim Moore, Merrilyn Woodward, Morag McArthur,

Vulnerable children and risk in ACT.
For the Office of Children, Youth and Family Support

The OCYFS commissioned the Institute to carry out research to assess its current risk assessment framework and the usefulness of the framework in identifying particularly vulnerable children. Specifically it asked the Institute to develop a profile of children under the age of five years who are the subject of reports and re-reports. This complex project has involved a multi-method and multi-staged research design. It included: the development of a profile of children under 5 years old who are being reported to the Child Protection Services under S162 of the Children and Young People Act, 1999; an analysis of a random sample of reports received by the Centralised Intake Service (CIS) in the same time period; interviews with staff from CIS and the appraisal teams to identify relevant practice issues; and consultations with managers as to their views about implementation and effectiveness of the ACT risk assessment framework including current organisational arrangements.

Gail Winkworth, Karen Coburn, Renee Crowe, Morag McArthur, Tim Moore, Vicky Saunders, Lorraine Thomson
Child, family and community resilience after a disaster.
For Emergency Management Australia

Researchers from ACU National, the University of Canberra, and the ACT Government worked together to investigate how post-disaster recovery happens. Emergency Management Australia commissioned this research. The project investigated the process of individual and community recovery after a disaster, looking specifically at the recovery process in the ACT after the January 2003 bushfire. As part of this project, Canberra people affected by the bushfire were invited to complete a postal survey, and a smaller number were invited to be interviewed.

Peter Camilleri, Merrilyn Woodward, Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur

Communities for Children.
For Northside Community Services

The institute was contracted by Northside Community Services as the facilitating partner for FACSIA’s Communities for Children Strategy. The Institute carried out an integrated services project which aimed to increase the integration and collaboration in the early childhood sector by increasing the sector’s knowledge and skills about what, how and why collaboration may be an effective direction to take.

The Institute is also the local evaluator for all Communities for Children strategies for North Canberra.

Morag McArthur

The Multidisciplinary Approach to Student Services.
For the ACT Department of Education and Training

The ACT Department of Education and Training engaged the Institute to develop its multidisciplinary approach to Student Support Services. The Institute developed a conceptual framework for collaborative approaches and integrated service delivery and worked with the Department to develop these concepts within the organisation including staff forums and a ‘world café with central district principals. A small qualitative research project was undertaken to gather the views of people who work collaboratively and to identify good practice examples.

Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur, Debbie Noble-Carr and Megan Layton-Thompson
Ongoing Institute Projects
(As at 31 December 2006)

Children’s experience of homelessness.
For ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services

This research aims to fill an important gap in our understanding of children’s experience of homelessness. Previously researchers have relied almost exclusively on adults when collecting data about children’s thoughts, feelings and experiences. Working with children, however, gives us an opportunity to gain insights on the issues affecting their lives. This study, which was funded by the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services, aimed to develop an understanding of how children’s experiences of homelessness, the service system and the broader community might more effectively respond to the needs of homeless children and their families.

Tim Moore, Debbie Noble-Carr, Morag McArthur

Family Relationship Centres and Family Relationship Advice Line – practice framework for screening and assessment.
For Attorney General’s Department

The Australian Attorney-General’s Department contracted the Institute to develop the practice framework for screening and assessment in the new Family Relationship Centres and the Family Relationship Advice Line. This project involved writing a research report which provides an evidence base for the practice framework, consultations with expert practitioners, the development of a practice framework and practice guide for screening and assessment, and testing the suitability of the framework and guide with workers in the family relationships field.

Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur, Merrilyn Woodward, John Regan, Lorraine Thomson
Affirm Evaluation Framework.
For Disability ACT

Disability ACT engaged the Institute to develop an evaluation framework for the Family-centred Flexible Response Model (AFFIRM) program. The AFFIRM program supports families of children and young people aged 10-20 years with a disability who have high and complex needs. The initial development of the framework was undertaken by a working group from Disability ACT, Family Based Respite Care Inc (FaBRiC) and the Institute in consultation with the AFFIRM Steering Committee/Panel. The first stage of the evaluation framework design involved the development of a project logic, the purposes of the evaluation and agreed indicators of outcomes and other performance measures. The second stage involves the testing of the framework during the early months of AFFIRM’s operation and the refinement of the framework using the information gained from this trial period.

Lorraine Thomson, Morag McArthur

Emergency Readiness Training.
For Lifeline ACT

Lifeline ACT has engaged the Institute to develop a 2 day Emergency Readiness training program, and a 3 day Train the Trainer program for trainers delivering the program.

The program is aimed at a range of staff and volunteers who provide personal support to people affected by disaster. It will consist of training modules in the modern context of disaster, the psychological and social effects of disaster, disaster phases, meeting people’s needs in the aftermath of disaster and communication skills to meet these needs, personal support for children and young people, outreach strategies, and self care strategies when working in a disaster environment.

Chris Healy, Gail Winkworth
Communities for Children Evaluation.
For Northside Community Services

The Communities for Children project, a Commonwealth funded initiative, focuses on children in the 0-5 age group and their families to ensure greater opportunities for children to grow and thrive in their local community. The Canberra C4C project is being facilitated by Northside Community Services. The Institute of Child Protection Studies was appointed as the external evaluator for the project and provides support and advice to funded community organisations to assist them to evaluate their projects. The Institute will carry out this role from 2006-2008.

Morag McArthur

Supporting young people leaving Quamby Youth Detention Centre.
For the ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services

This project attempts to develop a comprehensive understanding of the needs of young people who enter the Quamby Youth Detention Centre, the secure care facility for young people in ACT. It also aims to: understand the ways in which young people are serviced before, during and after their incarceration in Quamby; assess how effectively these services are meeting the needs of young people at each key service point; identify significant issues that may act to minimise service effectiveness, particularly around case planning for transition from care; and identify strategies which may respond to these issues to improve practice and achieve positive outcomes for young people.

Tim Moore, Tracey Cussen, Morag McArthur
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Professional Development:
Training, Workshops and Seminars;

Workplace Learning and Research – sessional lecturing

Tim Moore
Bachelor Justice Studies
Semester I, 2006

Young People, Critical Issues and Schools – sessional lecturing

Tim Moore
Master Youth Studies
Semester II, 2006

Integrated Service Delivery and Collaborative Practice: Progressing the Multidisciplinary Approach

Gail Winkworth
Department of Education and Training
January 2006

Family Relationships Centres and Advice Line: Research Report and Needs Assessment – Presentation

Morag McArthur, John Regan and Gail Winkworth
To Attorney Generals Expert Reference Group for the Relationship Centres and Advice Line and facilitation of full day workshop
February 2006
Collaborative Practice – Workshop

Morag McArthur, Gail Winkworth
ACT Department of Education and Training
March 2006

Partnerships and Collaboration – Workshop

Gail Winkworth
Seminar to ACROD
March 2006

Collaborative Practice – Workshop

Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur
ACT Department of Education and Training
March 2006

Collaborative Practice for Children’s Safety and Wellbeing – Workshop

Gail Winkworth
Marymead Child and Family Centre
March 2006

Working with Children – Presentation

Tim Moore
St Vincent de Paul Society
April 2006

Action Research – Training

Morag McArthur
Department of Immigration, Multiculturalism and Indigenous Affairs
May 2006
Case Management Practice Framework – Workshop

**Morag McArthur, Di Gusanski**
Office for Children, Youth and Family Support
May, 2006

Collaborative Practice – Workshop

**Morag McArthur, Barry Smith, Fiona Dempster**
Communities for Children Project
May, 2006

Child Protection and Rapid Change – Presentation

**Gail Winkworth**
Speech to Social Work Day Breakfast
ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services
May 2006

Collaborative Practice: Why should we? Why don’t we? How can we? – Presentation

**Gail Winkworth**
ACT Department of Education and Training
May 2006

Collaborative Practice – Training

**Gail Winkworth**
Office for Children, Youth and Family Support
May 2006

Attachment and Contact Issues in Care and Protection – Seminar

**Gail Winkworth**
ACT Legal Aid Office
May 2006
Child Centred Practice – Workshop
Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur
CYFAACT
May 2006

Bushfire Recovery in the ACT – Presentation
Gail Winkworth
Department of Defence
May 2006

The Screening and Assessment Framework – Presentation to and facilitation of expert reference group.
Gail Winkworth, Morag McArthur, John Regan
Attorney General’s Department
June 2006

Engaging Consumers in Participatory Action Research – Seminar
Tim Moore, Barbara Chevalier (University of Canberra)
ACTCOS Community Seminar
June 2006

What is ‘permanency planning’? What are its implications for workers? – Workshop
Gail Winkworth, Lorraine Thomson
CYFAACT
June 2006

Family Relationship Centres and Advice Line – Staff Training
Merrilyn Woodward, Clare Grealy
Attorney General’s Department, Canberra
June 2006
Family Relationship Centres and Advice Line – Staff Training

Merrilyn Woodward, Clare Grealy
Attorney General’s Department, Perth
June 2006

The Research Report and Practice Framework – Family Relationships Centre and the Advice Line – Presentation

Gail Winkworth and Morag McArthur
Presentation for Attorney Generals Department First Round of Training, Family Relationships Centre and the Advice Line
June 2006

Writing for Publication – Workshop

Gail Winkworth
Australian Catholic University
July 2006

Family Relationship Centres and Advice Line – Staff Training

Lorraine Thomson, Merrilyn Woodward
Attorney General’s Department, Newcastle
July 2006

Building Blocks to Collaborative Practice and Integrated Approaches – Starting From the Ground Up – Workshop

Gail Winkworth, Tim Moore
Workshop for the symposium “Beyond the Roundabout: Pathways to Integration”
July 2006

Working with Children – Presentation

Tim Moore
St Vincent de Paul Society
July 2006
Collaborative Practice – Training
Gail Winkworth
Office for Children, Youth and Family Support
August 2006

What is Action Research? – Workshop
Morag McArthur, Gail Winkworth
Attorney Generals Department,
Family Relationship Centres
October 2006

Writing for Publication – Workshop
Morag McArthur, Joanna Zubryzcki
Australian Catholic University
November 2006

Children, Human Rights and Participation: Bridging the Gaps Between Assumptions and Research – Presentation
Tim Moore, Sharon Bessell (Australian National University)
for the GovNet International Conference “Transformations in Governance”
November 2006

Good Program Design – Workshop
Morag McArthur, Gail Winkworth
ACT Department of Education and Community Services
December 2006

Action Research Consultantcy
Morag McArthur
Case Management Practice
Department of Immigration and Indigenous Affairs
Ongoing
The How and What of Evaluation – Training

Morag McArthur
Communities for children community partners
Ongoing

Post Doctoral Research Supervision

Morag McArthur:

Christine Moulet – Neither Less nor Free: a study of involuntary childlessness
Completed October 2006

Giovanna Richmond – The use of sustainability as conceptual and planning tool in
influencing the connectivity between policy and practice
Ongoing

Christine King – The Aboriginal Kinship System: A Key To The Future
Ongoing

Alison Kerns – Needs of foster carers and kinship carers in regional
Australia
Ongoing

Social Work Student Placement

Lorraine Thomson, Morag McArthur:

Deborah Nelson, Jean Fitzroy
‘Partners in Practice’ – Early intervention for children at risk and effective parenting
for families with complex needs. A report on the ADFACT project.
August - November 2006
Conferences

Australian College of Child and Family Protection Practitioners
National Conference

Morag McArthur
Paper presented: “No-one will be interested in that and 100 other reasons why practitioners don’t write in journals”
Sydney
May 2006

Indigenous Social Work Conference

Morag McArthur
Australian Catholic University, Canberra
June 2006

Foster Carers Research Agenda

Morag McArthur
Brisbane
June 2006

National Child Protection Forum

Morag McArthur
Melbourne
June 2006

Supporting Young Carers

Tim Moore
Presentation to the South Australian Carers Delegation
July 2006
Global Social Work Conference

Morag McArthur
Munich
July/August 2006

Reading Writing and Responsibility: Young Carers in Education

Tim Moore
Presentation to the National Young Carers Summit, Carers Australia
August 2006

XV1th International Congress for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Gail Winkworth
Paper presented: “Collaboration and systems of support for vulnerable children and their families: improving the interface between primary, secondary and tertiary interventions”
York UK
September 2006

Caring for Young Carers

Tim Moore and Ros Morrow (Curtin University)
a series of workshops and forums facilitated with the ACT Young Carers Network
Canberra
October 2006

8th Biennial National TAFE Child Studies Teachers Conference

Gail Winkworth
Paper presented: “The safekeeping of children - Reflections from ISPCAN”
Canberra
November 2006
events

Launch of Journal: *Communities, Children and Families Australia*, for the Australian College for Child and Family Practitioners

July 2006

Lunch time speaker Foster Carers Lunch

**Morag McArthur**
Foster Carers Week
August 2006

Relating to the Reluctant: the Art of Connecting to Young People in Crisis. In partnership with Lifeline Canberra, Thomas Wright Institute and the Youth Coalition of the ACT

**Dr Larry Brendtro**
August 2006

Rose Garden Seminar

**Morag McArthur**
Is the Institute of Child Protection a useful strategy for linking policy and practice?
September 2006

Poverty Week Seminar

**Morag McArthur, Tim Moore, Debbie Noble-Carr**
Listening to children about their experiences of homelessness in the ACT
September 2006
Caring for Young Carers with ACT Young Carers Network

A series of workshops focusing on children with care responsibilities for relatives with an illness, disability, alcohol or other drug or mental health issue.

October 2006

Young Carers Research Roundtable with Carers Australia

A gathering of researchers from universities and Commonwealth departments considering research priorities for young carers in their families.

October 2006

Netalert forum: Internet Risks and Children Presentation by the Australian Government’s Internet Advisory Body

Presented by the ICPS and the ACT Family Planning and Sexual Health Association

November 2006

Promoting wellbeing: a change strategy for communities

Prof. Isaac and Dr Ora Prilleltensky

November 2006


MEMBERSHIPS

Morag McArthur
Board Member ACT Youth Coalition
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Associate Editor, *Communities, Children and Families Australia*, the journal of the Australian College for Child and Family Practitioners

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Public Officer, Tumladden Youth Accommodation Service Inc
Member, DHCS Carers Implementation Partnership
Member, ACT Young Carers Network
Vardon Reference Group – Children and Young People’s Participation
Member, St John Youth Advisory Panel

Gail Winkworth
Editor, *Communities, Children and Families Australia*, the journal of the Australian College for Child and Family Practitioners

community

ENGAGEMENT

Clemente Program

Tim Moore worked with other staff at the ACU and the St Vincent de Paul Society in providing accredited learning to people whose education has been restricted due to homelessness, poverty or social disadvantage.