

Seminar: Children and Young People's Experiences of Family

The Institute of Child Protection Studies (ICPS), Australian Catholic University (ACU), will host a seminar on Monday 24 November to present the findings from two recent projects:

Young People's Experiences of Family Connectedness

This presentation shares the findings of a qualitative research project that explored young people's experiences of family connectedness. Elise Woodman conducted the research for her PhD study, submitted in October 2014. While previous research has found family connectedness to be central to young people's mental health and wellbeing, few studies have qualitatively explored the complexities of family connectedness and how young people experience it. This research aimed to support young people's wellbeing by contributing their insights on family connectedness to the wider literature and practice knowledge.

The Needs and Experiences of Biological Children of Foster Carers

This scoping study, conducted as part of a Social Work student placement, aimed to develop an understanding of the needs and experiences of biological children of foster carers in the ACT. It is expected that the findings of the study will inform how the ACT service sector provides information and support to foster care families, including their biological children. By eliciting the direct perspectives of biological children (an important yet previously overlooked component of foster care families), the study will contribute to policies and practices aimed at recruiting, supporting and retaining family foster carers.

Forum Information:

Date: Monday 24 November 2014
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Venue: Room B10, Blackfriars Building, ACU,
223 Antill St, Watson ACT

See the attached flyer for more information about the forum.

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