Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Inc.

5th Annual Sector Research Symposium

From Inquiry to Action: Research, Policy & Practice

Day One – *Inquiry*: Morning Program

9.30 am	**Welcome to Country**			
9.35 am	**Welcome Address**	**Deb Tsorbaris, CEO - Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare** **Professor Cathy Humphreys - University of Melbourne**		
10.00 am	**Keynote Address** **Professor Leah Bromfield, Deputy Director of the Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia** ***The Role of Research in Shaping Action***			
11.00 am	**Morning Tea**			
	Stream 1: Child Safety: Beyond Inquiry – How can we keep children & young people safe?	**Stream 2: Educational Outcomes for Vulnerable Children – Our challenges & opportunities for the next decade**	**Stream 3: Research, Evidence & Practice of Working with Vulnerable Families in Australia**	**Stream 4: The Voice of Young People, Children, Parents & Carers in Research, Policy & Service Delivery**
11.30 am Session 1	**Being Safe, Feeling Safe: Children's perceptions & experiences of safety within institutional contexts** **Organisation:** Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University (ACU) **Primary Presenter:** Dr Tim Moore	**The Role of School Staff & Education Settings in the Identification, Support & Prevention of Youth Homelessness** **Organisations:** Swinburne University of Technology, UWA Centre for Social Impact, Anchor & OLLEN **Primary Presenters:** Dr Monica Thielking & Paul Flatau	**How Can We Benefit from Research? Balancing the expectations & needs of stakeholders in child & family CSOs** **Organisations:** University of Melbourne, Orygen, The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health & Salvation Army Westcare **Primary Presenter:** Dr Margaret Kertesz	**An Evaluation of the Berry Street Stand By Me Leaving Care Program** **Organisations:** Monash University & Berry Street **Primary Presenters:** Associate Professor Philip Mendes & Kerry Antonucci
11.55 am Session 2	**"…as a good parent would…" Inquiry into the provision of residential care services to Victorian children and young people who have been subject to sexual abuse or sexual exploitation whilst residing in residential care** **Organisation:** Commission for Children & Young People **Primary Presenter:** Fiona Fyffe & Danielle Wooltorton	**Evaluation of the Melton Sudanese Student Engagement & Support Pilot Program** **Organisations:** Victoria University & VICSEG New Futures **Primary Presenter:** Professor Jenny Sharples & Colleen Turner	**Transformative Research and Field Driven Reform – Building a framework for statutory kinship care from the ground up** **Organisations:** Latrobe University & VACCA **Primary Presenters:** Juliette Borenstein & Carly Black	**The Bounce Project - Resituating young people from consumer to professional** **Organisations:** Orygen, The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health & University of Melbourne **Primary Presenter**: Simon Malcolm
12.20	**Lunch**			

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1.20 pm Session 3	**Taking Responsibility - Striving to become a Child & Young Person Safe & Friendly Organisation** **Organisations:** Barwon Child, Youth & Family & ACT Human Rights Commission **Primary Presenter:** Samantha Dellamarta & Alasdair Roy, ACT Children & Young People Commissioner	**An Introduction to the Early Childhood in Foster & Kinship Care Study with Early Findings on Learning** **Organisation:** Berry Street **Primary Presenter:** Dr Sarah Wise	**Indigenous Young People Leaving Out of Home Care in Victoria** **Organisation:** Monash University **Primary Presenter:** Associate Professor Philip Mendes	**Adult-Child Relations & Child Vulnerability** **Organisations:** University of Western Sydney & Macquarie University **Primary Presenters:** Emeritus Professor Jan Mason & Dr Tobia Fattore
1.45 pm Session 4	**One year on, early results of our research project: 'Kith and kin care – What's the story with the kith?'** **Organisations:** University of Melbourne & OzChild **Primary Presenter:** Meredith Kiraly	**Good Shepherd's 'Engage' Program: Applying the research evidence in re-engaging culturally & linguistically diverse young people to learning** **Organisation:** Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand **Primary Presenter:** Jacinta Waugh	**A Cross-sectoral Collaboration Between Foster Care & Clinical Mental Health** **Organisations:** Orygen Youth Health & Salvation Army Westcare **Primary Presenters:** Katherine Monson & Maja Koprivica	**'A Good Life' in the City of Maribyrnong: The voices of our children, young people & families** **Organisation:** Maribyrnong City Council **Primary Presenter:** Harriet McCallum
2.10 pm Session 5	**Victorian Government Proposed Child Safe Standards – Compulsory minimum requirements for organisations** **Organisation:** DHHS **Primary Presenter:** Bettina Cooke & Paul Arnold	**From Learning to Behaviour Change: Factors that influence the transfer of workplace learning** **Organisation:** Berry Street **Primary Presenter:** Amanda Kevin-Tidis	**"*Together we Can: Act Now to End Family Violence in Cardinia Shire*": Evaluating a collective impact initiative.** **Organisations:** Family Life & University of Melbourne **Primary Presenters:** Alicia McCoy	**Young Views: The project ideas & children's acceptance of them** **Organisations:** Berry Street & University of Melbourne **Primary Presenter:** Dr Sarah Wise
2.35 pm	**Panel Discussion** **Research Directions in Child & Family Welfare Organisations: Ghosts from the sector's past, present & future**			
3.35 pm	**Summary & Close** **Deb Tsorbaris, CEO - Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare**			

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9.45 am	**Keynote Address** **Dr. Emily Munro, Deputy Director, Thomas Coram Research Institute, University College London** ***Young People's Transition from Care to Adulthood - UK & International Perspectives***	
10.35 am	**Panel Discussion** **The Voice of Young People, Parents and Carers**	
11.20 am	**Morning Tea**	

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11.50 am Session 1	**Just Families - A Model for Universal Prevention & Targeted Early Interventions, Multi-risks & Vulnerable Families with Children 0-2 years, including the 'What the Family' app** **Organisation:** Drummond Street Services **Primary Presenter:** Karen Field	**Supporting Positive & Equitable Education for Children & Young People Living in Out of Home Care – Lessons from 2 years of Anglicare Victoria TEACHaR Program** **Organisation:** Anglicare Victoria **Primary Presenter:** Jo Myers	**Bridging the Gap - Finding new opportunities** **Organisation:** Bethany **Primary Presenter**: Kathryn Howe	**"I love pornography . . . Did I just say that?": Young people talk about the prevention of sexually abusive behaviour** **Organisations:** University of Melbourne & Children's Protection Society **Primary Presenter**: Gemma McKibbin & Andrea Guest
12.15 pm Session 2	**Child Focused & Trauma Informed Risk Assessment, Analysis & Practice** **Organisation:** Salvation Army Westcare **Primary Presenter:** Andrea Clements	**Trauma-Informed Positive Education: Transforming teacher practice to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students** **Organisation:** Berry Street Childhood Institute **Primary Presenter:** Tom Brunzell	**Acting & Innovating at the Family Action Centre: Programs, research & teaching in support of families** **Organisation:** University of Newcastle **Primary Presenter:** Dr Jennifer St George	**Recognising Their Agency: Promoting greater inclusion of biological children of foster carers** **Organisation:** Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU **Primary Presenter:** Steven Roche
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2.15 pm **Session 3**	**Life Without Barriers' Approach to Situational Prevention** **Organisation:** Life Without Barriers **Primary Presenter:** Melinda Clarke	**Lessons from Abroad – 2015 Sector International Study Tour** **Organisation:** CFECFW **Primary Presenters:** Sue Anne Hunter, VACCA Francis Zemljak , Magistrate Karen Heap, Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd David Fox, MacKillop Family Services	**Development & Implementation of the Connections Outcomes Framework (Stage 1): The Process, Learnings & Next Steps** **Organisation:** Connections UnitingCare **Primary Presenter**: Kathryn Mackay	**CREATE's Research & Advocacy with Children & Young People Who Have Experienced Out-of-Home-Care** **Organisations:** CREATE Foundation & QUT **Primary Presenter**: Dr Joseph McDowall
2.40 pm **Session 4**	**Home Based Care Houses: A Pathway from Residential Care to Foster Care** **Organisation:** MacKillop Family Services **Primary Presenter:** Shane McLeod	**Working Differently with Families Using an Integrated Care Team Approach** **Organisation:** Windermere **Primary Presenter:** Julie Knowles	**Key Developmental Assets – An online carer tool for evidencing outcomes in foster care** **Organisation:** Key Assets **Primary Presenter**: Wayne Ferguson	**Using New Technologies & Traditional Research Methods to Embed the Voices of Children & Young People in Programs for Fathers Who use Violence** **Organisation:** University of Melbourne **Primary Presenter:** Katie Lamb
3.05 pm **Session 5**	**Exploring & Understanding Violent Behaviours & Victimisation Among Homeless Youth** **Organisations:** Learning Sciences Institute Australia, ACU & Salvation Army SalvoCare Eastern **Primary Presenter:** Jess Heerde	**Taskforce 1000** **Organisation:** Commission for Children & Young People (Vic) **Primary Presenter:** Brenda Boland	**How Can Relationship Services Collaborate with the Child Youth & Families Sector?** **Organisation:** LifeWorks Relationship Counselling and Education **Primary Presenters**: Janet Jukes & Sue Pratt	**How to Avoid Repeating the Adoption Mistakes of Australia's Past: Consider the perspectives of adults adopted as children & their families, not just of prospective & adoptive parents** **Organisation:** VANISH **Primary Presenter:** Penny Mackieson
3.30 pm **Session 6**	**Wellbeing & Being Well** **Organisation:** CASPA **Primary Presenter:** Punita Boardman	**From Evaluation to Informed & Relevant Practice: The Case of Certificate 1 in Developing Independence** **Organisation:** Brotherhood of St Laurence **Primary Presenter:** Dr Joseph Borlagdan	**Linking the Evidence from Research to Practice: Strengthening vulnerable families in caring for their children & keeping them safe** **Organisation:** Wanslea **Primary Presenter:** Pauline Dixon	**The Platform – The CREATE Foundation** **Organisation:** CREATE Foundation **Primary Presenters:** Cathy Carnovale & young people
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