

4th Australasian Conference on Child Death Inquiries and Reviews

Achieving outcomes that make a difference

Thursday 6 & Friday 7 November 2014
Hyatt Regency Perth, Western Australia

Conference overview

The 4th Australasian Conference on Child Death Inquiries and Reviews provides an opportunity for delegates to share innovations that have strengthened child protection services and child death review practices through achieving outcomes that make a difference. The two day conference will cover an interesting and broad range of topics through panel discussions.

The conference will feature an official opening address by the Honourable Helen Morton MLC Minister for Child Protection Western Australia, an introductory address by the Western Australian Ombudsman, and closing address by the Director General, Department for Child Protection and Family Support.

Key note speakers

Professor Donna Chung - Professor of Social Work and Head of the Department of Social Work at Curtin University. Donna's work in the area of gendered violence has involved research, program evaluation and providing policy advice to governments.

Victoria Hovane - An Aboriginal woman from Broome in the Kimberley region of WA, Victoria holds a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology and is nearing completion of a PhD (Forensic Psychology) aimed at informing an Aboriginal cultural dimension in psychological theories of sexual offending against children. Victoria is an experienced consultant and practitioner having worked in a number of social welfare, legal, victim and offender services, research projects and advisory roles over the past 30 years.

Topics

- Child death review - achieving outcomes that make a difference
- Prevention of youth suicide
- Child deaths arising from family and domestic violence and the impact on Aboriginal women, children and families
- Issues and challenges for family and domestic violence fatality review jurisdictions and agencies

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Conference Organisers:



Government of **Western Australia**
Department for **Child Protection**
and **Family Support**

Register early – places are limited

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Program Day 1 – Thursday 6 November

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome Introduction - Deborah Kennedy, Master of Ceremonies Welcome to Country - Ingrid Cummings, Kart Koorn Wiern
9.25am	Opening Address Hon. Helen Morton , Minister for Child Protection
9.45am	Introductory Address Chris Field , Western Australian Ombudsman
10.00am	Keynote Address – Child Death Reviews Prof. Donna Chung This keynote address will consider the important question ‘how are child deaths reviews making a difference?’ and explore the challenges for child death review jurisdictions and opportunities for enhancing child death review functions. Dr Chung will also consider the outcomes of child death reviews and impact of these upon child protection services.
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.15am	Panel Discussion 1 – Child Death Review: Achieving Outcomes that make a Difference This panel will provide information on how different jurisdictions undertake child death reviews and develop recommendations for action to improve agency responses to child safety and wellbeing issues. Discussions will explore the methodologies of child death reviews (both individual and systemic) and the development and implementation of recommendations for child protection services and other agencies.
12:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Presentation – Leading for Learning Following a Child Fatality Terry Murphy , Resolutions Consultancy, Australia The way in which a child protection agency responds to a child fatality always has a strong influence on subsequent practice. This presentation outlines a case study where staff were helped to manage their emotional responses and looked to maintain a learning culture through the crisis and into the longer term. The presentation draws on a paper published by Andrew Turnell, Eileen Munro and Terry Murphy, and further seeks to identify the Signs of Safety elements that are at work in this approach.
2.15pm	Presentation – Creating a Culture of Learning in Safeguarding Following a Crisis Jayne Forsdike , Newcastle Children’s Social Care Traditionally we have sought to learn about safeguarding children and young people by focusing on the things that went wrong and subsequently trying to put them right. This presentation outlines the use of Appreciative Inquiry in case reviews and, through case examples, explores how valuable the approach has been by moving away from blame, and enabling participants to challenge themselves, one another and the systems around them in constructive ways.
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea
3.15pm	Panel Discussion 2 – Prevention of Youth Suicide This panel will focus on the work being undertaken to review suicide deaths of young people. Information will be provided on the methodologies of reviews, emerging issues and risks, and the how the evidence base relating to youth suicide informs the development of multi-agency intervention and prevention strategies.
4.30pm	Thank you and Close of Day 1
6.30pm	Conference Dinner

Program Day 2 – Friday 7 November

8.30am	Refreshments
9.00am	Keynote Address – Child Death: The Impact of Family and Domestic Violence on Aboriginal Women, Children and Families Victoria Hovane This keynote address will focus on the impact of family and domestic violence on Aboriginal children and families. The issue of what should be examined by family and domestic violence fatality review jurisdictions and what can be learnt from these deaths will be explored. This keynote address will also consider what is making a difference in responding to family and domestic violence for Aboriginal children and families and opportunities for intervention improvements.
9.45am	Panel Discussion – Issues and Challenges for Family and Domestic Violence Fatality Review Jurisdictions and Child Protection Agencies This panel will explore the challenges and emerging issues arising in the area of family and domestic violence fatality reviews. Information will be provided on methodologies used to undertake reviews, challenges for review jurisdictions and the development of recommendations to improve responses to families and children. This panel will also consider the challenges for child protection agencies in responding to family and domestic violence and addressing perpetrator accountability in practice. Information presented by this panel will draw on the work being undertaken in New Zealand and Western Australia both in reviewing and responding to family and domestic violence.
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.15am	Workshop – Key Reflections from the Conference and Where to from here This workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on the conference presentations and consider the challenges, opportunities and next steps in making a difference to reduce and prevent child deaths and family and domestic violence fatalities. This workshop will draw together the reflections from representatives of the child death and family and domestic violence fatality review jurisdictions and child protection agencies in addition to those of the conference participants.
12:45pm	Thank you and Close of Conference Director General , Department of Child Protection and Family Support
1.00pm	Lunch

* Program subject to change

Accommodation

The Conference Secretariat, IPAA WA, have identified a number of hotels and apartments within close proximity to the Hyatt Regency Perth and information from the hotel websites is provided below. If you are a Government employee you may be eligible for Government rates. Please inform the hotel when making a booking.



Hyatt Regency Perth

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