

Communities for Children is part of the new Family Support Program which provides prevention and early intervention programs to families with children up to 12 years, who are at risk of disadvantage and who remain disconnected from childhood services.

The initiative works towards ensuring that children have the best possible start in life by focusing on well-targeted early intervention approaches that bring about positive outcomes for young children and their families.

A key platform is the development of collaborative, integrated childhood and family support services. Partnerships with service providers and families are built around responding to community needs as determined by ongoing consultation.

This conference is being facilitated and supported by key sectors and agencies engaged in supporting vulnerable children and their families.

The Communities for Children Initiative is supported by the Australian Government.

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Children Communities Connections

Conference 2010



The Hawke Centre
UniSA City West Campus
50 North Terrace, Adelaide

November 25-26

Children Communities Connections

'Developing effective integrated place-based support for children and families.'

Conference Theme

South Australia is developing some key initiatives for families with young children that offer effective integrated services and community support. The inaugural Children Communities Connections Conference in 2008 brought together key practitioners, researchers and policy makers to further these developments.

This conference aims to equip practitioners and policy makers in some of the more challenging areas of delivering timely support to vulnerable families. There will be a strong focus on prevention, early intervention and child protection.

Conference Streams

1. Rediscovering community development
2. Integrated children and families centres – the way forward?
3. System sustainability
4. Child and family wellbeing – lessons from other cultures
5. Developing social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing in children
6. Supporting vulnerable children and their families

ABSTRACTS of up to 250 words relating to any of these streams are now invited. Please specify which stream your abstract relates to and include a brief bio of up to 50 words with your contact details.

Email abstracts to: karl.brettig@aus.salvationarmy.org

Closing date: July 31st

Further details of full conference program will be available on the **Salisbury Communities for Children's** website on: www.salisburyc4c.org.au

Confirmed Speakers

Professor Marianne Berry

Professor Marianne Berry is an international leader in child and family welfare and the new Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection. Professor Berry has extensive experience across the spectrum of child welfare policy, practice and research, with a particular interest in program and practice evaluation, family preservation and adoption.

She began her career as a social worker, working in schools, child protection services and as a policy analyst and became co-founder and Director of the Centre for Child Welfare at the University of Texas. Professor Berry has been based at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare since 1998, spearheading a number of major research projects and training contracts to improve child and family welfare policy and practice in the United States.

Professor Paula Barrett

Paula is Professor of Educational Psychology University of Queensland and director of the Pathways Health and Research Centre. She is one of Australia's leading scholars in the area of prevention of anxiety disorders in children.

Professor Margaret Sims

Margaret is currently developing training in integrated early childhood services leadership, including masters level, at the University of New England where she is professor of Early Childhood. She is highly regarded for her work in early childhood research, Designing Family Support Programs (her first book) and multicultural issues.

Mr Paul Prichard

Paul works with the Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and leads the learning and development strategy for the roll out of Child and Families Centres in Tasmania. He has a specialist interest in promoting the important role fathers play in the lives of Australian children.

Dr Elspeth McInnes

Senior Lecturer and research degree coordinator in early childhood at the University of South Australia, Elspeth is currently doing research into the effectiveness of integrated early childhood services.

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September 30th: \$195** (includes GST)

Accommodation is available at the many hotels in the North Terrace precinct adjacent to the conference venue.

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