

What's New?

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From the Web

CHILD PROTECTION

The Forgotten Children, the Report of the National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014

Australian Human Rights Commission

February 2015

The Inquiry considered the impact of immigration detention on the health, well-being and development of children. It reviewed changes in law, policy and practice in the treatment of children in immigration detention over the ten years since the Commission's 2004 report, A Last Resort? The report provides compelling first-hand evidence of the impact that prolonged immigration detention has on the mental and physical health of children.

[News release and Report](#)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Preventing Violence against Women and Girls with Disabilities: Integrating A Human Rights Perspective

Women With Disabilities Australia and the University of New South Wales

January 2015

A Think Piece Document for the Development of the National Framework to Prevent Violence Against Women. The paper argues that "without a grounding in a comprehensive human rights frame, current approaches to violence prevention run the risk of reinscribing the marginalisation of gendered disability violence, resulting in the inadvertent perpetuation of the systemic violence and abuse experienced by women with disabilities in a wide range of settings."

[Full-text](#)

Family Violence Special, [Q&A, ABC Television]

Monday 23 February 2015

Panellists Rose Batty, Natasha Stott Despoja, Tim Cartwright, Charlie King and Simon Santosha address the key issues including dispelling the stigma, the role of sports clubs, why women stay, needing support to leave and keeping women and children safe

[Full-text](#)

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Paving the pathway; addressing post year 10 education

Melbourne Graduate School of Education

February 2015

The secondary schooling system in NSW is failing to equip young people with the skills they need for the workplace because the school culture favours traditional academic subjects with an emphasis on entry to university, this report warns.

The report prepared for the NSW Business Chamber, found there was too much focus on university pathways, rather than the "employment logic" found in countries such as Germany and Denmark, which have a strong emphasis on apprenticeships.

[Full-text](#)

Is school reform working?

Geoff Masters

Australian Council for Educational Research, Policy Insights

December 2014

International surveys show that, despite reform efforts, there was little improvement in the performances of Australian students over the past decade. The author questions whether policy settings in school education will slow the decade-long decline in PISA literacy and numeracy levels at 15 years of age.

[Full-text](#)

Building a sustainable funding model for higher education in Australia – a way forward

Peter Noonan, Mitchell Institute

January 2015

Discusses the development of a long term, sustainable and predictable funding model for higher education.

[Full-text](#)

New South Wales Auditor-General's Report - Performance Audit : Vocational Education and Training Reform

Department of Education and Communities

January 2015

This audit assessed the effectiveness of the NSW Department of Education and Communities' framework for VET reform and whether it has the potential to achieve its objectives.

[Full-text](#)

Education Capital: Progressing Parental Engagement

ACT Education and Training Directorate

February 2015

This work brings together research undertaken by ARACY in partnership with the Education and Training Directorate, Catholic Education Office and The Association of Independent Schools. Its development involved working with and listening to ACT parents, families and the community about

what matters to them in their child's learning. Based on local, national and international evidence, the report provides a definition of what parental engagement is and the behaviours that best support learning outcomes for children. Two fact sheets, one for parents and one for teachers, are also available from the Directorate's website.

[Full-text](#)

EMPLOYMENT

The Teenage Dream Unravels: trends in youth unemployment

Brotherhood of St Laurence

March 2015

Teenagers are in the eye of the nation's jobless crisis with the unemployment rate for 15 to 19 year olds hitting 20 per cent – a level not seen since the mid-1990s. One in five unemployed Australians is a teenager in this report from national welfare agency the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Older youth are also struggling. In the cohort of young people aged 15 to 24 who are seeking employment the probability of finding a job has steadily declined since the global financial crisis (GFC), according to the report.

[Full-text](#)

Thousands of Australian students lack hope for future with only a third optimistic about landing good job, Gallup poll shows

Rebecca Barrett

ABC News, Sunday 1 March 2015

The Gallup Student Poll - Australia and New Zealand revealed that thousands of Australia's school students lack hope for the future and are not confident of getting a good job, according to a new Gallup Student Poll measuring their levels of hope, wellbeing and engagement. The Gallup Student Poll surveyed 7,300 students from years five to 12 in 31 schools across the country in an online census last September.

[Full-text](#)

Lessons from a flexible learning program: The Brotherhood of St Laurence Community VCAL education program for young people 2010–2013

George Myconos

December 2014

Report describes the evolution of an integrated approach to assisting young people through teaching, wellbeing and pathways support in a non-school setting. The Brotherhood of St Laurence 'Community VCAL' program is a response to widespread concern about youth disengagement from secondary education. Operating in Frankston since 2010, it enables 15–18 year olds who have encountered significant challenges to undertake the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning, a course which combines classroom tuition with vocational training and work placements.

[Full-text](#)

FAMILY & SOCIETY

Childcare report: a vision of how things could be

Trisha Jha

The Drum, ABC 20 February 2015

The creation of a single childcare subsidy which prioritises lower income families would be a welcome step forward, but more needs to be done when it comes to deregulation and childcare availability.

[Full-text](#)

A new system for better employment and social outcomes – Report of the Reference Group on Welfare Reform to the Minister for Social Services: final report

Department of Social Services

February 2015

Mr Patrick McClure AO chaired the Reference Group on Welfare Reform. The review's purpose was to identify how to make Australia's welfare system fairer, more effective, coherent and sustainable and encourage people to work.

[Summary and report download](#)

Using the Family Partnership Model to engage communities

Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

January 2015

The Family Partnership Model (FPM) is an evidence-based approach to working with families that has played a central role in the inception, design, planning and delivery of 12 integrated Child and Family Centres (CFCs) in Tasmania. The authors stated aim is "to provide policy-makers, organisations and communities involved in the design, planning and delivery of services for young children and families, with an insight into the benefits and challenges involved in utilising the FPM to engage communities".

[Full-text](#)

Growing up in Australia: the longitudinal study of Australian children (LSAC): entering adolescence and becoming a young adult

Ben Edwards, Australian Institute of Family Studies.

December 2014

The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) has now produced five waves of data. Now that the K cohort children are 12-13 years old, they are being asked new questions about this time of transition, such as conflict with authority and antisocial behaviour, after-school time use and supervision, and pocket money, an important aspect in the development of financial literacy. This paper was also published in Family Matters December 2014 No. 95.

[Full-text](#)

Safe environments, parental concerns and children's unsupervised time, time outdoors, and physical activity

Chapter 8: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children Annual statistical report 2013

June 2014

This report analysed data collected from 3,825 parents of 10 to 11 year olds from the Longitudinal Study of Australian children (LSAC). It examined time use, and explored associations between children's time use and parental overprotectiveness and concerns about the neighbourhood, the influence of family socio-economic position, region of residence and the gender of the child.

The report found that while parents were rightly keen to ensure their children are safe, some parents were concerned about the safety of their neighbourhoods for children to play outside without supervision.

[Full-text](#)

Understanding the nature and significance of early childhood: new evidence and its implications

Dr. Tim Moore, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

August 2014

The paper focuses broadly on what is known about child development, how children learn and what children need.

[Full-text](#)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

That's not cricket: Junk food sponsors mentioned more than 1,000 times per match, report shows

Obesity Policy Coalition (OPC)

January 2015

A new report from the Obesity Policy Coalition (OPC) has revealed the incredibly large volume of junk food marketing in cricket broadcasts. Research revealed that more than 6.5 hours' worth of junk food ads and other promotional tactics were shown during last summer's T20, Ashes and One Day International matches.

[Full-text](#)

The Nest - What Works 4 Kids - Call for reviewers

ARACY

February 2015

The first stage of The Nest: What Works for Kids website is now complete. This development was funded by the Department of Social Services and the website provides a growing resource for practitioners, decision-makers and researchers to turn evidence into action to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. ARACY is seeking to appoint a group of colleagues to assist in reviewing the programs, practices and tools submitted for inclusion on the website. If you are interested in collaborating with ARACY as a reviewer please send an expression of interest to enquiries@aracy.org.au

[More information](#)

Healthy, Safe and Well: A Strategic Health Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2014-24

NSW Kids and Families

December 2014

NSW Kids and Families have developed a statewide strategic health plan. This Plan is the start of a 10-year process to create a truly connected and responsive health system providing world-class care for children, young people and families in NSW. The Plan provides a comprehensive planning, service and policy roadmap for NSW Health from preconception to 24 years of age, addressing the health of women and their partners during pregnancy, babies, children, young people in the context of their families and communities. The Plan will provide direction to NSW Health entities and guide the collective impact of partnerships with government and non-government organisations that have a shared responsibility for promoting the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families.

[Media release](#)

[Report](#)

The state of play in Australian place-based approaches for children: Collaborate for children: scoping project

Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute

November 2014

This report provides recommended action to accelerate place-based efforts to improve children's wellbeing and address inequalities in Australia. It is based on findings from a project funded by the

Australian Government Department of Education and conducted by the Centre for Community Child Health to examine the Australian place-based landscape.

[Full-text](#)

The influence of childhood circumstances on adult health

Kim Sweeny; Mitchell Institute for Health and Education Policy
September 2014

The Institute commissioned Dr Kim Sweeny of the Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies to look at what is currently known about the relationship between socio-economic disadvantage in early childhood and poor health and education outcomes in adulthood.

[Full-text](#)

National outcome measures for early childhood development—phase 2: scoping paper

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
December 2014

Presents the results of Phase 2 of the National Outcome Measures for Early Childhood Development project. It identifies potential indicators for 5 indicator topic areas (child behavioural problems, peer relationships, racism, school engagement and parenting quality/capacity).

[Full-text](#)

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Close the Gap: Progress and priorities report 2015

Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee
February 2015

Funding for, and project management of, the report was provided by Oxfam Australia. Despite modest gains, a life expectancy gap of around ten years remains for Indigenous people when compared with non-Indigenous people in Australia.

[Full-text](#)

Closing the Gap - The Prime Minister's Report 2015

Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
February 2015

This is the seventh Closing the Gap Report produced since targets were set by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008. The report shows that although there has been some improvement in education and health outcomes for Indigenous Australians, most Closing the Gap targets are not on track to be met. The Government is continuing to focus on reform of Indigenous affairs and the positive impact that this will have on the Closing the Gap targets. There is a strong emphasis on practical actions to get kids to school, adults into work, make communities safer and advancing constitutional recognition.

[Full-text](#)

Report on Government Services (ROGS); Child protection services chapter (chapter 15)

Productivity Commission
February 2015

Since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008 the number of indigenous children in care has increased by 65 per cent, according to a new report. The latest Report on Government Services (ROGS) released this week by the Productivity Commission revealed that 14,991 Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander children were in out-of-home care as of 30 June 2014 - accounting for almost 35 per cent of all children in care. -

[Full-text](#)

LAW AND JUSTICE

The young person's guide to the Children and Families Act 2014

UK Department of Education

2014

Guide for children and young people about the Children and Families Act 2014. The Act aims to: give greater support to vulnerable children and those whose parents are separating; sets out a system to help children with special educational needs and disabilities; outlines faster adoption processes; and provide help for parents to balance work and family life. Explains changes to various specific areas affecting young people, including adoption, family courts, children with special educational needs or a disability and caring for children outside of school.

[Full-text](#)

Views on Alternatives to Imprisonment: A Citizens Jury Approach

Paul Simpson et al.; Report prepared for the Lowitja Institute

December 2014

The study aimed to explore the opinions and views of a critically informed public towards how offenders should be addressed in terms of incarceration and alternatives to incarceration. The research focused on a range of non-punitive approaches to addressing offenders, including one known as Justice Reinvestment, which has gained recent attention and is touted as a possible solution to Indigenous over-representation in Australia's criminal justice system.

[Full-text](#)

MENTAL HEALTH

Investing in Need - cost effective interventions for eating disorders

Deloitte Access Economics

March 2015

In 2014, the Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to undertake a cost benefit analysis of treatment for eating disorders in Australia. The report, examines the cost-effectiveness of 'treatment as usual' versus 'optimal treatment' for eating disorders in Australia, using the prevalence trends and costing framework from the 2012 Deloitte Report Paying the Price.

[Summary and report download](#)

The Hidden Harm: Alcohol's Impact on Children and Families

Centre for Alcohol Policy Research

February 2015

The report found that 10,000 children were in the childcare protection system because their parents or carers abused alcohol and more than 1 million Australian children are adversely affected by their parents' or carers' alcohol abuse. Michael Thorn, the chief executive of the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education, says new policies are needed to tackle alcohol abuse.

[Summary and full report download](#)

Fatherhood and mental illness: A review of key issues

Rhys Price-Robertson

Australian Institute of Family Studies, CFCA Paper No. 30

February 2015

A broad overview of some of the key issues identified in the growing literature on paternal mental illness including evidence that the transition to fatherhood and the early years of childrearing are periods in which men are at a substantially increased risk of experiencing psychological distress and that fathers with a mental illness are more likely than other fathers to show low levels of parental engagement.

[Full-text](#)

Women and girls at risk; Evidence across the life course

Di McNeish and Sara Scott, Lankley Chase Foundation, UK

August 2014

Barrow Cadbury Trust, Lankley Chase Foundation and the Pilgrim Trust commissioned this literature review as part of their work to broaden the approach of the Corston Independent Funders' Coalition (CIFC) to look beyond criminal justice to the underlying causes of risk and disadvantage for women and girls. The review also looks at the characteristics of successful interventions.

[Summary](#)

[Report](#)

PARTICIPATION

Children, their voices and their experiences of school: what does the evidence tell us?

Dr Carol Robinson

December 2014

The report reviews research literature published since 2007 which has explored children's perceptions and experiences of primary schooling, as recounted by pupils themselves. It builds on and updates 'Children and their Primary Schools: pupils' voices' (Robinson and Fielding, 2007 and 2010), a report commissioned by the Cambridge Primary Review to survey published research on what primary pupils and former pupils think of their experiences of primary schooling.

[Full-text](#)

POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS

The cost of youth homelessness in Australia study: Snapshot Report 1: The Australian Youth Homeless Experience

Flatau, Paul et al.

February 2015

These selected findings from the first wave of data collection is the first of several reports on the findings from the Cost of Youth Homelessness in Australia study. It provides a brief account of the depth of problems that homeless young Australians experience. Conducted to better understand the experience, impact and support needs of homeless youth, Swinburne University of Technology, in partnership with University of WA, Charles Sturt University, Salvation Army, Mission Australia and Anglicare NSW, led this research project. A second report in the series will examine the economic costs of homelessness and will be launched in mid-2015.

[Full-text](#)

TECHNOLOGY

Disconnected: youth, new media, and the ethics gap [video and audio presentation]

Carrie James, Berkman Center for Internet and Society

31 January 2015

In this talk Carrie James, Lecturer on Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, explores how young people approach questionable situations online as well as more dramatic ethical dilemmas that arise in digital contexts.

[Full-text](#)

Enhancing Online Safety for Children Bill Debated in Parliament following 'Safer Internet Day'

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications

10 February 2015

[Full-text](#)

Messages of Support : A report of a pilot study investigating the role of creating positive messages in support of others who have survived traumatic experiences

Dr Emma Thomas et al.; Young and Well CRC

January 2015

The Messages of Support project explores how new information technologies can be used to provide a creative outlet to allow young people to support others who have survived a traumatic experience. A growing body of psychological theory and research suggests the potential for affirmative messages to positively affect vulnerable others, encourage broader social and community citizenship and engagement, and increase message creators' own wellbeing. At the same time, new and evolving communication technologies are increasing people's capacity to access and use affordable, efficient, and effective mechanisms to create and share rich and meaningful content.

[Full-text](#)

Recent journal articles

For a copy of any of these articles contact Barbara Glass, Information Coordinator at barbara.glass@kids.nsw.gov.au or Ext.7294

Enhancing early engagement with mental health services by young people

Burns J, Birrell E

Psychology Research and Behavior Management, November 2014

Online services, such as ReachOut.com by Inspire Foundation, Youthbeyondblue, Kids Helpline, and Lifeline Australia, and evidence-based online interventions, such as MoodGYM, are also freely available, yet a major challenge still exists in ensuring that young people receive effective evidence-based care at the right time. This article describes Australian innovation in shaping a comprehensive youth mental health system, which is informed by an evidence-based approach, dedicated advocacy and, critically, the inclusion of young people in service design, development, and ongoing evaluation to ensure that services can be continuously improved.

[Abstract, Full-text and video](#)

International Journal of Public Health Special Issue: Communication Technology, Media Use and the Health of Our Kids

Volume 60, Issue 2, February 2015

Articles include:

What difference does 'the digital' make to children's experiences of risk?/ Sonia Livingstone

Two sides of the same coin: communication technology, media use, and our kids' health/ Anna Ševčíková

Frequent electronic media communication with friends is associated with higher adolescent substance use

Online gaming and risks predict cyberbullying perpetration and victimization in adolescents

[Abstracts](#)

Cyberbullying, help-seeking and mental health in young Australians: implications for public health

Barbara A. Spears, et al.;

International Journal of Public Health, February 2015, Volume 60, Issue 2, pp 219-226

The researchers examined the relationship between young Australians' cyberbullying experiences, their help-seeking practices and associated mental well-being and social connectedness, with a view to informing national health and well-being agendas

[Abstract](#)

Socioeconomic inequalities in adolescent health 2002-2010: a time-series analysis of 34 countries participating in the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study

Frank J Elgar et al.

The Lancet 2015 February 3

The researchers examined secular trends in socioeconomic inequality in five domains of adolescent health and the association of socioeconomic inequality with national wealth and income inequality. Socioeconomic inequality was found to have increased in many domains of adolescent health. These trends coincide with unequal distribution of income between rich and poor people. Widening gaps in adolescent health could predict future inequalities in adult health and need urgent policy action.

[Abstract](#)

Obesity 2015

The Lancet Special Issue February 18, 2015

Today's food environments exploit people's biological, psychological, social, and economic vulnerabilities, making it easier for them to eat unhealthy foods. This reinforces preferences and demands for foods of poor nutritional quality, furthering the unhealthy food environments.

Regulatory actions from governments and increased efforts from industry and civil society will be necessary to break these vicious cycles. This Special Issue of the Lancet includes the following articles in full-text online: 'Strengthening of accountability systems to create healthy food environments and reduce global obesity', 'Child and adolescent obesity: part of a bigger picture', 'Mobilisation of public support for policy actions to prevent obesity', 'Smart food policies for obesity prevention'.

[Summaries and full-text](#)

Patchy progress on obesity prevention: emerging examples, entrenched barriers, and new thinking

Dr Christina A Roberto

The Lancet. Special Issue : Obesity 2015. Published online 18 February 2015

Reviews several regulatory and non-regulatory actions taken around the world to address obesity and discuss some of the reasons for the scarce and fitful progress. Additionally, the authors preview the papers in this Lancet Series, which each identify high-priority actions on key obesity issues and challenge some of the entrenched dichotomies that dominate the thinking about obesity and its

solutions. They propose a reframing of obesity that emphasises the reciprocal nature of the interaction between the environment and the individual. Today's food environments exploit people's biological, psychological, social, and economic vulnerabilities, making it easier for them to eat unhealthy foods.

[Summary and full-text](#)

E-cigarettes 'increase the risk of flu and pneumonia'

Thomas E. Sussan et al.

PLOS ONE JOURNAL, February 2015 [online article]

Using electronic cigarettes may harm the body's defences against pneumonia and flu, according to a new study. The research, which reopens the debate on the dangers and benefits of e-cigarettes, suggests the vapour produced by the devices can compromise the immune system in the lungs, leaving them more vulnerable to infection by harmful bacteria and viruses. Experts are concerned that e-cigarettes could pose risks to future generations, particularly given evidence from some countries that they are becoming more popular among young people who have never smoked.

[Full-text](#)

Sleep and use of electronic devices in adolescence: results from a large population-based study

Mari Hysing et al.

BMJ Open 2015

Adolescents spend increasingly more time on electronic devices, and sleep deficiency rising in adolescents constitutes a major public health concern. The aim of the present study was to investigate daytime screen use and use of electronic devices before bedtime in relation to sleep. A large cross-sectional population-based survey study was conducted from 2012 in Hordaland County in Norway and involved 9846 adolescents from three age cohorts aged 16–19. The main independent variables were type and frequency of electronic devices at bedtime and hours of screen-time during leisure time. Sleep variables calculated based on self-report including bedtime, rise time, time in bed, sleep duration, sleep onset latency and wake after sleep onset.

Adolescents spent a large amount of time during the day and at bedtime using electronic devices. Daytime and bedtime use of electronic devices were both related to sleep measures, with an increased risk of short sleep duration, long sleep onset latency and increased sleep deficiency. A dose–response relationship emerged between sleep duration and use of electronic devices, exemplified by the association between PC use and risk of less than 5 h of sleep (OR=2.70, 95% CI 2.14 to 3.39), and comparable lower odds for 7–8 h of sleep (OR=1.64, 95% CI 1.38 to 1.96).

Use of electronic devices is frequent in adolescence, during the day as well as at bedtime. The results demonstrate a negative relation between use of technology and sleep, suggesting that recommendations on healthy media use could include restrictions on electronic devices.

[Full-text](#)

Forthcoming conferences and events

This list is cumulative

New events added since the last issue of What's New are highlighted in red

MARCH 2015		
15-19 March	Oxford, UK	International Conference on Childhood Education

17 March	Melbourne Vic	Pathways for Vulnerable Children : Reforming systems to improve service delivery & quality of care
17-20 March	Brisbane Qld	Australasian Drug and Alcohol Strategy Conference
19 March	Melbourne Vic	Innovation in Community Development
19-20 March	Philadelphia, USA	Society for Research in Child Development
19 March	Springfield SA	Australian Council on Children and the Media seminar - Guidelines for good gaming
20-21 March	Parkville, Vic	Care With Me and Create Foundation: Cultural engagement in practice
23-24 March	Sydney NSW	Dr. Bessel van der Kolk 2015: The Body Keeps the Score
25-26 March	Sydney NSW	Community Engagement Conference: Successful engagement for smarter decision making
29 March-1 April	Auckland NZ	Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
30 March-1 April	Copenhagen Denmark	Journal of Youth Studies conference: Contemporary youth, contemporary risks
APRIL 2015		
10-11 April	Sydney NSW	2015 APS Health Psychology Conference
10-19 April	National	Australian National Youth Week 2015: theme "It starts with us"
12-15 April	Scotland, UK	BASPCAN Congress 2015 : New Directions in Child Protection and Well-being
22 April	Sydney NSW	The Newpin Social Innovation conference: Breaking new ground
29-30 April	Melbourne Vic	Social Media for the Public Sector Conference 2015 in conjunction with the Strategic Communications or the Public Sector Conference
MAY 2015		
4-7 May	Athens, Greece	International Conference on Sociology
7-8 May	Melbourne Vic	Understanding & Promoting the Mental Health & Wellbeing of Young People
8-9 May	Adelaide SA	Early Childhood Australia Reconciliation Symposium
11-14 May	Cairns Qld	Creating Futures: Evidence and Creativity in Tropical and Remote Settings
18-19 May	Melbourne, Vic	2015 Child Aware Approaches conference
18-19 May	Gold Coast, Qld	Eating Disorders and Obesity conference
JUNE 2015		

4-5 June	Melbourne, Vic	5th ACFID University Network Conference : Evidence and practice in an age of inequality
10-11 June	Sydney NSW	Happiness & Its Causes
10-11 June	Ottawa Canada	Families in Canada Conference 2015
11-12 June	Sydney NSW	Positive schools – mental health and wellbeing conference – Body of Evidence (conference will also held in Brisbane, Melbourne and Fremantle)
24-26 June	Hobart, Tasmania	Registrations and calls for abstracts are now open . Coming together for Australia's Children, ARACY Early Years Chapter and the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation Call for abstracts closes 23 February 2015
24-26 June	Perth, WA	Third National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
24-26 June	Cairns, Qld	Suicide & Self-harm Prevention Conference
29-30 June	Gold Coast Qld	No2 Bullying Conference
29-30 June	Canberra ACT	Australian Youth Mentoring Conference
29-30 June	Newcastle NSW	RYDON Youth Conference – Inspiring, practical and inventive approaches to working with & engaging young people
JULY 2015		
5-9 July	Perth WA	International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology
6-8 July	Sydney NSW	24th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills' – Youth; Pathways; Skills
8-10 July	Brisbane NSW	Crime, Justice and Social Democracy Conference
8-11 July	Wellington NZ	Australasian Human Development Association Conference - Growing Healthy Young People, Children and Families
19-20 July	Albany WA	Building capacity – growing our children together
24 July	Sydney NSW	The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People - Generation Next
26-29 July	Hobart Tas	National Suicide Prevention Conference
AUGUST 2015		
12-14 August	Surfers Paradise Qld	International Mental Health Conference
25-28 August	Canberra ACT	The Mental Health Services (MHS) Conference 2015: Translating best practice into reality
SEPTEMBER 2015		
6-9 September	Hobart Tas	Population Health Congress 2015

6-12 September	National, State and Territory events	National Child Protection Week
14-17 September	Perth, WA	SNAICC Conference - Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
17-18 September	Melbourne, Vic	Victorian Homelessness Conference 2015
28-30 September	Kensington NSW	Australian Social Policy Conference : Rights and Entitlements in Times of Austerity
OCTOBER 2015		
7-9 October	Gold Coast Qld	National Indigenous Say No to Domestic Violence Conference: Focus on a Brighter Future
20 October	Canberra ACT	Children's Week Council of Australia Inc. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 25 years on : Australia's children yesterday today tomorrow
24 Oct-1 Nov	National, State and Territory events	2015 Children's Week
28-30 October	Perth, WA	National Housing Conference 2015
NOVEMBER 2015		
9-10 November	Melbourne, Vic	Australian Long-Term Unemployment Conference
25 November	National, State and Territory events	White Ribbon Day : Australia's campaign to stop violence against women

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