

# What's New?

## Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People Current Awareness Bulletin

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### From the Web

#### ADVOCACY

##### **Strengthening Participation of Children and Young People with Disability in Advocacy**

Dr. Catharine Simmons and Dr. Sally Robinson of the Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University

December 2014

Explores ways in which participation by children and young people with disability can be deepened and strengthened to support their involvement in advocacy and change-making.

[Full-text](#)

#### CHILD PROTECTION

##### **Scoping Review: Evaluations of pre-employment screening practices for child-related work that aim to prevent child sexual abuse**

Parenting Research Centre and the University of Melbourne; Commissioned by Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

February 2015

Summarises the evidence on the effectiveness of pre-employment screening practices in preventing child sexual abuse within institutions. The report found that criminal background checks are an important component of pre-employment screening and are most effective when combined with other pre-employment screening practices.

[Full-text](#)

##### **Developing the Third Action Plan (2015-2018) Driving change: engaging the community: A discussion paper**

Department of Social Services

March 2015

A series of national roundtables will reflect upon achievements to date under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 (the National Framework) and explore ideas for the

development of the Third Action Plan (2015-2018). This paper provides a starting point for conversations with key stakeholders, including children. Written submissions about the Third Action Plan are invited by 24 April 2015

[Information and Discussion Paper download](#)

## **CHILD RIGHTS**

### **Make our rights reality: a manifesto created by hundreds of young people across England**

JustRights UK

November 2014

This manifesto written by young people themselves has been developed by hundreds of young people all over England who participated in working groups, focus groups, a national survey and a youth editorial board. The development of the manifesto has been co-ordinated by Youth Access and urges the government and public bodies to do more to uphold young people's rights and improve access to advice services.

[Full-text](#)

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

### **Domestic violence in Australia: a quick guide to the issues**

Anna Dunkley, Janet Phillips; Parliamentary Library (Australia)

26 March 2015

This paper summarises a recent Parliamentary Library publication on domestic violence. It provides an overview of the prevalence, risk factors and cost of domestic violence in Australia. The term domestic violence is used to refer to 'acts of violence that occur between people who have, or have had, an intimate relationship'. Family violence is a broader term which may involve a variety of kinship and marital arrangements. It is often used in the context of, though not restricted to, violence experienced in Indigenous communities

[Full-text](#)

### **Domestic violence in Australia: interim report**

Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee

March 2015

Concerned about government funding cuts to a broad range of services essential to supporting victims of domestic violence, this report recommends the Commonwealth Government restore funding cuts from legal services, housing and homelessness services and the Department of Social Services grants program, and guarantee funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness for at least four years.

[Full-text](#)

### **Opportunities for Early Intervention: Bringing perpetrators of family violence into view**

Centre for Innovative Justice, RMIT

March 2015

The report has been lodged with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and lists a range of recommendations highlighting ways the justice system can interrupt the cycle of family violence to make perpetrators more visible.

[Full-text](#)

### **Gender, Age and the Perceived Causes, Nature and Extent of Domestic and Dating Violence in Australian Society**

Dr Jesse Cale and Associate Professor Jan Breckenridge, Gendered Violence Research Network at UNSW

March 2015

The majority of Australian young people believe domestic violence to be common in Australian society according to a survey conducted by Youth Action NSW and White Ribbon Australia. In 2014 over 3,000 young people across Australia were asked about their attitudes to Domestic, Family and Teen Dating Violence. This research forms the largest and most comprehensive survey of Australian young people's attitudes in 15 years. This report details the findings broken down by Gender and Age. A second report (see following reference) focuses on differences in response according to whether young people are at School, University or not in education.

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## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

### **What works best: Evidence-based practices to help improve NSW student performance**

NSW Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

October 2014

The paper looked at data from a student engagement and wellbeing survey of 80,000 NSW students from 220 public schools undertaken in 2013 and 2014. The survey showed that the NAPLAN reading scores for year 9 students were as much as 40 points higher in classrooms where teachers had high expectations for their students and their work. This included encouraging students to try hard, urging them to do their best work and to hand their homework in on time.

[Full-text](#)

### **Lessons from a flexible learning program**

George Myconos; Brotherhood of St Laurence

19 December 2014

Describes the evolution of an integrated approach to assisting disengaged young people through teaching, wellbeing and pathways support.

[Full-text](#)

### **The ABC of Gender Equality in Education: Aptitude, Behaviour, Confidence**

OECD

March 2015

This compilation of the recent data on gender differences in education presents a wealth of data, analysed from a multitude of angles. The research tries to determine why, in the 64 countries and

economies covered, 15-year-old boys are more likely than girls, on average, to be overall low achievers, and why high-performing 15-year-old girls underachieve in mathematics, science and problem solving compared to high-achieving boys. As the evidence in the report makes clear, gender disparities in school performance stem from students' attitudes towards learning and their behaviour in school, from how they choose to spend their leisure time, and from the confidence they have – or do not have – in their own abilities as students.

[Full-text](#)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Government must scrap harsh plan to deprive young people of income support for six months:**

#### **ACOSS**

Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)

March 2015

The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) has made an impassioned plea for the Australian Government to drop the proposal that young people up to 30 years of age receive no state benefits for six months at a time, should they find themselves out of work. In a strongly worded statement Cassandra Goldie, CEO of ACOSS, said such a policy would have a 'brutal impact' on people's lives.

[Full-text](#)

### **A New Start? Implications of work for the dole on mental health of unemployed young Australians**

Children and Youth Research Centre, QUT; CYRC Occasional Papers 2015/1

February 2015

Report summarises literature on unemployment, mental health and Work for the Dole programs. Drawing on research undertaken in Australia and overseas, the report identifies a link between mental health and unemployment.

[Full-text](#)

### **Growing youth employment through entrepreneurship**

Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies

Face the Facts Briefing Vol 1 No 6, February 2015

The message that the Growing Youth Employment presents is that for employment services to successfully support young people in transitioning from education to work a partnership approach is needed to assist young people to start their own businesses and to bring together all stakeholders into a partnership to develop goals, approaches, outcomes and investment strategies. The ultimate goal must be sustainable job creation and radically lower youth unemployment.

[Full-text](#)

### **Children's employment**

The Office of the Children's Guardian NSW

March 2015

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has developed a series of information resources for employers, parents and children relating to employment of people in the entertainment, exhibition, still photography, door-to-door sales and modelling industries. The Office works with employers to ensure that children employed in such industries, work in an environment where their emotional, social, physical and developmental needs are met, and they are protected from inappropriate or unreasonable demands.

[Full-text](#)

## **FAMILY & SOCIETY**

### **The IGR focuses on the old, when the future belongs to the young**

Brendan Churchill, Lisa Denny, The Conversation

6 March 2015

The 2015 Intergenerational Report misidentifies future opportunities for greater productivity and labour force participation.

[Full-text](#)

### **Landscapes of Helping: Kindliness in neighbourhoods and communities**

Meg Allen et al.; Joseph Rowntree Foundation

March 2015

This study explores informal helping - 'kindliness' in order to understand how it can be fostered in communities. The paper explores the informal giving and receiving of help in a semi-rural community located in West Yorkshire UK. It discusses the various attitudes towards helping others and requesting help, and investigates the social networks that facilitate kindliness within communities.

[Full-text](#)

### **Family characteristics and transitions, Australia, 2012-13**

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

March 2015

This release from ABS presents data on household and family composition including demographic, labour force and family types. A particular focus is families with children aged 0–17 years, including information about family structure, and children with a natural parent living elsewhere

[Full-text](#)

### **2015 Intergenerational report: Australia in 2055. Overview**

Australian Government

March 2015

Every five years, the Australian Government produces an Intergenerational Report that assesses the long-term sustainability of current government policies and how changes to Australia's population size and age profile may impact on economic growth, workforce and public finances over the next 40 years. The Intergenerational Report contains analysis of the key drivers of economic growth – population, participation and productivity – and examines what projected changes in these areas mean for our standard of living and public policy settings.

[Full-text](#)

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

### **Youth health in NSW 2014**

NSW Health

February 2015

The NSW Youth Health Policy 2011-2016: Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Vibrant Futures seeks to create better health and wellbeing for all young people aged 12 to 24 in NSW. This report describes implementation of the NSW Youth Health Policy 2011-2016, based on Youth Health reports provided by Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks from 2013 to 2014. The report also outlines NSW Kids and Families activities and resources to support policy implementation.

[Full-text](#)

### **Mapping Rural and Remote Early Childhood Intervention Therapy Services**

Maximiliane Hanft

March 2015

The report, conducted for Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) as part of an Australian National University research project, found at least 37 regions with no early intervention private sector providers in crucial areas such as psychology, speech pathology and occupational therapy. All three of these allied health services are regarded as best practice interventions for children with autism. The report concludes that the programs are failing children living in rural and remote Australia because rural families cannot access their entitlement of up to \$12,000 per child (up to age seven) to help improve their speech and behaviour before starting school.

[Full-text](#)

### **Food and beverage marketing to children in the ACT: Persistent, Pervasive, Persuasive**

Heart Foundation

March 2015

Nearly 80% of food and beverage marketing targeted at children in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) features unhealthy products, an audit by the Heart Foundation (ACT) has found. The audit, commissioned by ACT Health and conducted by the Heart Foundation in July-August 2013, encompassed 61 sites including shopping centres, supermarkets, sports venues, areas around schools and bus shelters. In audited sports venues, 86% of marketing was for unhealthy items, as was 80% in audited major shopping centres and 77% in audited supermarkets.

[Full-text](#)

### **Sugars intake for adult and children – a Guideline from the World Health Organisation**

World Health Organisation

March 2015

New guidelines released by the United Nations health agency this week recommended that adults and children worldwide reduce their daily sugar intake to boost health and stave off non-communicable diseases.

[Full-text](#)

### **Supportive Relationships and Active Skill-Building Strengthen the Foundations of Resilience**

Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University : Working Paper 13

2015

This Working Paper from the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child explains how protective factors in the social environment and highly responsive biological systems interact to produce resilience, and discusses strategies that promote healthy development in the face of significant adversity.

[Full-text](#)

### **The Australian Methylamphetamine Market**

Australian Crime Commission

March 2015

"Of all illicit drugs, the Australian Crime Commission report assessment is that methylamphetamine, and in particular the crystallised form, commonly known as 'ice', is the most dangerous and the highest risk to our nation," ACC chief executive Chris Dawson said. The report provides a national picture of Australia's ice market and outlines the role of organised crime in the supply, distribution and use of ice.

[Full-text](#)

## **Landmark report finds ice poses greatest risk to the Australian community of all illicit drugs [audio]**

ABC RN Breakfast

25 March 2015

Patrick McGorry, mental health expert and former Australian of the Year, is a member of the Ice Taskforce set up by the Victorian Government, and joins RN Breakfast's Fran Kelly for this interview with Justice Minister Michael Keenan.

[Audio](#)

## **Ice action plan**

Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria)

4 March 2015

On 4 March 2015, the Premier released Victoria's Ice Action Plan. The plan delivers a package of \$45.5 million in new funding, including: \$4.7 million in additional support for families; \$18 million to expand drug treatment services; \$4.5 million to increase forensic analysis capacity for clandestine laboratory investigations; \$15 million for new drug and booze buses; \$500,000 to establish Community Ice Action Groups. The plan has been developed on the advice of the Premier's Ice Action Taskforce and builds on the Victorian Parliament's landmark 2014 Inquiry into the supply and use of methamphetamines.

[Full-text](#)

## **Rise Above [website]**

Public Health England

March 2015

Public Health England has launched the 'Rise Above' website, created by young people for young people, it offers advice and tackles issues of concern including: relationships, alcohol, drugs, self-harm, peer pressure and mental health.

[Website](#)

## **Measuring National Well-being: Our Relationships, 2015**

UK Office for National Statistics

February 2015

This article focuses on people's relationships with both family and friends. However, these relationships do not operate in isolation, and relationships within the wider community and the workplace are also analysed. The ONS Measuring National Well-being programme aims to produce accepted and trusted measures of the well-being of the nation - how the UK as a whole is doing.

[Full-text](#)

## **INDIGENOUS**

### **Learning From Each Other: Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People. Youth alcohol and drug good practice guide**

Encompass Family and Community Pty Ltd

October 2014

The guide is based on input from two workshops facilitated by Dovetail in 2013, a desktop review of literature and resources, and further state-wide consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Network members during 2014. Encompass Family and Community was engaged by Dovetail to develop the written guide in collaboration with the youth AOD sector.

[Full-text](#)

### **How effective partnerships can create a better future: White Paper. Learnings from Bumps to Babes and Beyond**

Queen Elizabeth Centre (QEC) in partnership with Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS),  
March 2015

A ground breaking Victorian program has helped to reduce the risk of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children being placed in out-of-home care and helped build stronger families. The Bumps to Babes and Beyond program found that giving vulnerable mothers parenting education and support during pregnancy and during the first 18 months of their child's life improved outcomes for children during the critical early years of life.

[Full-text](#)

## **LAW AND JUSTICE**

### **Gangs and youth crime: Thirteenth report, Home Affairs**

The Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, UK  
February 2015

The Committee's report into gangs and youth crime makes a large number of recommendations including: expanding anti-gang programmes to primary schools and appointing a senior teacher in every school in areas affected by gang violence to co-ordinate anti-gang measures.

[Full-text](#)

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

### **Prevention First: A prevention and promotion framework for mental health**

Hunter Institute of Mental Health  
March 2015

This plain language document provides a new framework for strategic action to prevent mental ill-health and promote mental health and wellbeing for all Australians. It is written for a broad audience and can be used across many sectors including governments, policy makers, health and mental health workers, as well as sectors that must be part of the national solution to mental health such as children's services, education and business.

[Information and download](#)

### **Collective responsibilities, individualism, austerity and entitlements**

El Gibbs et al.; Sydney School of Public Health  
University of Sydney  
March 2015

These five shortlisted essays from the Gavin Mooney Memorial Essay Competition look at mental health from a variety of perspectives. The outright winner, "A Place to Call Home: Housing Security and Mental Health," was written by freelance writer El Gibbs.

[Full-text](#)

### **Promoting children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing: a whole school and college approach**

Public Health England; Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition  
March 2015

Public Health England has published guidance for head teachers and college principals on promoting children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing. It is based on 8 principles which include: enabling student voice to influence decisions; working with parents / carers; targeted support and appropriate referral.

[Full-text](#)

### **What works in promoting social and emotional well-being and responding to mental health problems in schools: Advice for Schools and Framework Document**

Professor Katherine Weare; National Children's Bureau UK; Partnership for Well-being and Mental Health in Schools

March 2015

The document advises schools on evidence of what works in promoting social and emotional well-being and responding to mental health problems.

[Full-text](#)

### **Future in mind: Promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing**

UK Department of Health

March 2015

The Department of Health has published their proposals for promoting, protecting and improving children's and young people's mental health and well being. Themes include: promoting resilience, prevention and early intervention. This is the government's response to work done by the Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce.

[Full-text](#)

## **PARTICIPATION**

### **Involving Children and Young People in Policy, Practice and Research**

Edited by Hugh McLaughlin; National Children's Bureau UK

December 2014

This collection of essays examines how children and young people can actively participate in the development of government policy and legislation and how professionals can involve them in their work.

[Full-text](#)

## **POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS**

### **The empty lunchbox: the experience of primary schools with students who are homeless**

Roy Martin; Hanover Welfare Services

26 March 2015

This exploratory study is the first time that the point of view of primary schools and their day-to-day experiences of dealing with student homelessness have been investigated. The overall objectives of the project were to: Explore how schools currently identify and work with primary students who are homeless; Explore how schools respond and support students and what difficulties or barriers are encountered; and Identify the most effective ways to support the learning of students who are homeless.

[Full-text](#)

### **Most homeless youth coming straight from state care: survey [audio]**

Fran Kelly, RN Breakfast, ABC Radio National

9 March 2015

New data by researchers at Swinburne University Anglicare Victoria and others shows that the majority of homeless young people in Australia have come straight out of state care.

[Audio](#)

### **LGBT Youth Homelessness : UK National Scoping Exercise**

The Albert Kennedy Trust

January 2015

Report on the high risk of homelessness facing young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans (LGBT). Findings include: the top five issues which LGBT young people identified as factors in their homelessness were: family rejection, mental health problems, alcohol abuse, homophobic abuse and sexual exploitation.

[Summary and report](#)

## **TECHNOLOGY**

### **This is our world, online**

Young and Well CRC

March 2015

This is our world, online is a new resource written by a generation-leading group of young people – the Youth Brains Trust. By providing their insight they hope to provide a greater understanding of the digital world that has become a part of their everyday life, and better equip others to guide the young people in their lives through this ever-evolving territory. The online resource is supported by distribution partner Principals Australia Institute and funding partner Google.

[Full-text](#)

### **Children's television viewing research**

Australian Communications and Media Authority

March 2015

In 2014, the ACMA conducted research to help measure the ongoing importance of children's programs on television, including Children's (C) and Preschool (P) programs provided by commercial broadcasters. This research comprises two studies into children's viewing of broadcast television: a community survey of parents and carers and an analysis of children's television audiences and program ratings between 2001 and 2013. The first study, Attachment A: Children's television viewing—Community research 2014, is a survey of 954 parents and carers of children under 15, commissioned by the ACMA from Newspoll. The second study, Attachment B: Children's television viewing—Analysis of audience data 2001–13, draws on audience data provided by the industry ratings agency, OzTAM. By comparing audience data over 13 years, this study identifies the longer term changes that have occurred in children's viewing patterns.

[Overview and downloads](#)

## Recent journal articles

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

### **Yes they are listening but do they hear us?: reflections on the journey of the Barnardo's Participation Project**

Rosemary Murray

*Child care in practice* (Vol.21, No.1) January 2015 pp 78-90 Describes the Barnardo's Participation Project in Northern Ireland which seeks to develop ways of involving children and young people with disabilities in decision-making in children's services planning. Identifies factors in successful participation practice. Argues that children can tell the difference between 'tokenistic consultation' and genuine participation. Concludes with a call to policy makers and professionals to realign themselves with best practice in seeking and acting on the views of young people in issues that affect their lives.

[Full-text](#)

### **Building knowledge on adolescent health: reflections on the contribution of the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study**

Candace Currie , Aixa Y. Alemán-Díaz

*The European Journal of Public Health*, Supplement; First published online 24 March 2015

This report looking at the health and wellbeing of 11 to 15-year-olds in more than 40 countries across Europe and North America over a 16-year period suggests while there are still causes for concern, contemporary adolescents are happier and healthier than their counterparts in past generations. There is a general trend towards healthier eating and healthy lifestyles. However the report also found obesity rates either increased or remained stable at already high levels, between 2002 and 2010. A comprehensive list of references many available as full-text links is included.

[Full-text](#)

### **Longitudinal Effects of School Drug Policies on Student Marijuana Use in Washington State and Victoria, Australia**

Tracy J. Evans-Whipp et al.

*American Journal of Public Health*, online February 2015

The researchers from Murdoch Childrens Research Institute and University of Washington found that while enforcement of anti-drug policies is a key factor in whether teens use marijuana, the way schools respond to policy violators matters greatly. The data used came from the International Youth Development Study, a long-term initiative started in 2002 to examine behaviours among young people in Washington and Victoria. The two states were chosen as they are similar in size and demographics, but differ considerably in their approaches to drug use among students. Washington schools are more likely to suspend students, call police or require offenders to attend education or cessation programs, while Victoria schools emphasize a harm-reduction approach that favours counselling. The surprising finding was that suspension did not act as a deterrent, in fact quite the opposite. In contrast, counselling and abstinence-based drug policies were associated with schools showing lower likelihood of marijuana use.

[Media Release](#)

[Abstract](#)

### **New Directions in Cyberbullying Research**

Sheri Bauman & Amy Bellmore

*Journal of School Violence*, Special issue 'New Directions in Cyberbullying Research' 2015, 14:1, 1-10

An overview of this special issue of the Journal of School Violence. A rationale for the need for new directions in cyberbullying research is presented, as well as a brief overview of the state of scholarship on this topic. A brief outline of the articles included in this special issue of Journal of School Violence, with a focus on how they address novel questions and use innovative methods to answer those questions.

[Full-text](#)

[Abstracts and selected full-text of articles in this issue](#)

### **Corporal Punishment, Maternal Warmth, and Child Adjustment: A Longitudinal Study in Eight Countries**

Jennifer E. Lansford et al.

*Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 2014, 43:4, 670-685

Two key tasks facing parents across cultures are managing children's behaviors (and misbehaviors) and conveying love and affection. Previous research has found that corporal punishment generally is related to worse child adjustment, whereas parental warmth is related to better child adjustment. This study examined whether the association between corporal punishment and child adjustment problems (anxiety and aggression) is moderated by maternal warmth in a diverse set of countries that vary in a number of sociodemographic and psychological ways. . The research found that childhood anxiety and aggression can increase rather than diminish when parents are warm with their child post-punishment. Researchers interviewed more than 1000 children and their mothers from eight countries. "In general, parental love rarely completely repairs the damage, even when physical punishment is relatively slight," wrote researcher Jennifer Lansford.

[Full-text](#)

### **Adolescents' Media Exposure May Increase Their Cyberbullying Behavior: A Longitudinal Study**

Anouk H. den Hamer et al

*Journal of Adolescent Health*, February 2015 Volume 56, Issue 2, Pages 203–208

This study examines the long-term effects of media exposure herein and whether boys and girls differ in this respect. Results of mixed-model analyses showed that higher levels of exposure to media with antisocial and risk behavior content significantly contributed to higher initial rates of cyberbullying behavior. Moreover, an increase in exposure to antisocial media content was significantly related to an increase in cyberbullying behavior over time. For both boys and girls, higher exposure to antisocial and risk behavior media content increases cyberbullying behavior over time though more clearly for boys than for girls.

[Abstract](#)

### **Emerging Adults' Responses to Active Mediation of Pornography During Adolescence**

Eric E Rasmussen, Rebecca R. Ortiz & Shawna R. White

*Journal of Children and Media*; published online 13 January 2015

Concern about the influence of pornography on adolescents and emerging adults is growing due to widespread access to pornography. Past research shows that parent-child conversations about media content can alter the extent and effects of exposure to media content. This study, therefore, explored the predictors of negative active mediation of pornography—parent-child conversations that are critical of pornography—as well as the relationship between negative active mediation delivered during adolescence and emerging adults' pornography use, attitudes about pornography, and self-esteem of those whose sexual partner regularly views pornography. Results revealed that the inverse relationship between negative active mediation and emerging adults' pornography use was mediated by attitudes about pornography and that active mediation protected the self-esteem of those whose sexual partner regularly views pornography.

[Full-text](#)

### **Patterns and trends in sources of information about sex among young people in Britain: evidence from three National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles**

Lifestyles

Clare Tanton et al.

*BMJ Open*, Vol.5 Issue 3 published online 05 March 2015

Over the past 20 years, young people have increasingly identified school lessons as their main source of information about sex, although they continue to report needing more information on a broad range of topics. Cross-sectional probability sample surveys were conducted. 3869 men and women aged 16–24 years, were interviewed during 2010–2012 for the third National Survey of Sexual Attitudes & Lifestyles (Natsal-3), and were compared with 16–24 year-olds in Natsal-1 (1990–1991; 792 men and women) and Natsal-2 (1999–2001; 2673 men and women). The findings support the expressed need for improved sex and relationships education in schools alongside greater involvement of parents and health professionals.

[Full-text](#)

### **Associations between source of information about sex and sexual health outcomes in Britain: findings from the third National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal-3)**

Wendy Macdowall et al.

*BMJ Open*, Vol.5 Issue 3 published online 05 March 2015

Researchers examined variation in source of information about sexual matters by sociodemographic factors, and associations with sexual behaviours and outcomes in 3408 men and women, aged 17–24 years, interviewed from 2010–2012 for third National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles. Gaining information mainly from school was associated with lower reporting of a range of negative sexual health outcomes, particularly among women. Gaining information mainly from a parent was associated with some of these, but fewer cited parents as a primary source. The findings emphasise the benefit of school and parents providing information about sexual matters and argue for a stronger focus on the needs of men. Gaining information mainly from school was associated with lower reporting of a range of negative sexual health outcomes, particularly among women. Gaining information mainly from a parent was associated with some of these, but fewer cited parents as a primary source. The findings emphasise the benefit of school and parents providing information about sexual matters and argue for a stronger focus on the needs of men.

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### **Child maltreatment and deliberate self-harm: a negative binomial hurdle model for explanatory constructs.**

Ashley M. Arens, et al.

*Child maltreatment* (Vol.19, No.3-4) August-November 2014 pp 168-177 Reports on a study testing a model of mechanisms linking child maltreatment history with likelihood and frequency of deliberate self-harm (DSH) in a sample of 641 college students. Found that a history of child maltreatment had a strong positive direct association with both likelihood and frequency of DSH. Looks at the mediating effects of negative urgency, distress tolerance, sense of control, and desire for control. Found that child maltreatment was positively associated with negative urgency, and inversely associated with distress tolerance and sense of control. Negative urgency was positively associated with DSH likelihood and frequency.

[Abstract](#)

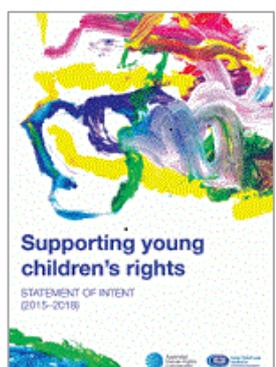
### **On the relationship between commercial sexual exploitation/prostitution, substance dependency, and delinquency in youthful offenders.**

Joan A. Reid and Alex R. Piquero

*Child maltreatment* (Vol.19, No.3-4) August-November 2014 pp 247-260 Examines links between commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and drug involvement and delinquency during adolescence and young adulthood (14-19-years-old). Based on longitudinal data of 114 young women, findings include a general sequential pattern of the ages of onset with substance abuse and drug selling occurring prior to CSE. Concludes that protecting sexually exploited young people may be complicated by their co-occurring involvement in offending behaviour and that youth justice professionals should be trained to identify sexual exploitation.

[Abstract](#)

## New resources in CCYP library

	<p><b>Supporting young children’s rights : statement of intent (2015-2018)</b></p> <p>Australian Human Rights Commission Early Childhood Australia</p> <p>2015</p> <p><a href="#">More information</a> Document displayed on table in ACYP research area</p>
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## Forthcoming conferences and events

**This list is cumulative**

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

APRIL 2015		
10 April	Canberra ACT	<a href="#">Fiona Stanley Forum 2015 'Inspired and Engaged Learners - A Conversation' and ARACY AGM (10.30-12pm) : NOTE: Live streaming will be available – no registration required</a>
10-11 April	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">2015 APS Health Psychology Conference</a>
10-19 April	National	<a href="#">Australian National Youth Week 2015: theme “It starts with us”</a>
12-15 April	Scotland, UK	<a href="#">BASPCAN Congress 2015 : New Directions in Child Protection and Well-being</a>
22 April	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">The Newpin Social Innovation conference: Breaking new ground</a>
29-30 April	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">Protecting Children &amp; Youth Online: Implementing lasting cybersafety at your school</a>
29-30 April	Melbourne Vic	<a href="#">Social Media for the Public Sector Conference 2015 in conjunction with the Strategic Communications or the Public Sector Conference</a>

<b>MAY 2015</b>		
4-7 May	Athens, Greece	<a href="#">International Conference on Sociology</a>
7-8 May	Melbourne Vic	<a href="#">Understanding &amp; Promoting the Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing of Young People</a>
8-9 May	Adelaide SA	<a href="#">Early Childhood Australia Reconciliation Symposium</a>
11-14 May	Cairns Qld	<a href="#">Creating Futures: Evidence and Creativity in Tropical and Remote Settings</a>
18-19 May	Melbourne, Vic	<a href="#">2015 Child Aware Approaches conference</a>
18-19 May	Gold Coast, Qld	<a href="#">Eating Disorders and Obesity conference</a>
<b>JUNE 2015</b>		
4-5 June	Melbourne, Vic	<a href="#">5th ACFID University Network Conference : Evidence and practice in an age of inequality</a>
10-11 June	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">Happiness &amp; Its Causes</a>
10-11 June	Ottawa Canada	<a href="#">Families in Canada Conference 2015</a>
11-12 June	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">Positive schools – mental health and wellbeing conference – Body of Evidence (conference will also held in Brisbane, Melbourne and Fremantle)</a>
17 June	London UK	<a href="#">How safe are our children? National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children conference 2015</a>
24-26 June	Hobart, Tasmania	<a href="#">Registrations and calls for abstracts are now open. Coming together for Australia's Children, ARACY Early Years Chapter and the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation</a> <a href="#">Call for abstracts closes 23 February 2015</a>
24-26 June	Perth, WA	<a href="#">Third National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect</a>
24-26 June	Cairns, Qld	<a href="#">Suicide &amp; Self-harm Prevention Conference</a>
25-26 June	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">ACOSS National Conference: Advancing the Common Good</a>
29-30 June	Gold Coast Qld	<a href="#">No2 Bullying Conference</a>
29-30 June	Canberra ACT	<a href="#">Australian Youth Mentoring Conference</a>
29-30 June	Newcastle NSW	<a href="#">RYDON Youth Conference – Inspiring, practical and inventive approaches to working with &amp; engaging young people</a>
<b>JULY 2015</b>		
5-9 July	Perth WA	<a href="#">International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology</a>
6-8 July	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">24th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills' – Youth; Pathways; Skills</a>
8-10 July	Brisbane NSW	<a href="#">Crime, Justice and Social Democracy Conference</a>

8-11 July	Wellington NZ	<a href="#">Australasian Human Development Association Conference - Growing Healthy Young People, Children and Families</a>
19-20 July	Albany WA	<a href="#">Building capacity – growing our children together</a>
24 July	Sydney NSW	<a href="#">The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People - Generation Next</a>
26-29 July	Hobart Tas	<a href="#">National Suicide Prevention Conference</a>
29-30 July	Melbourne Vic	<a href="#">Community Work 2015 : Working together for the community</a>
<b>AUGUST 2015</b>		
12-14 August	Surfers Paradise Qld	<a href="#">International Mental Health Conference</a>
25-28 August	Canberra ACT	<a href="#">The Mental Health Services (MHS) Conference 2015: Translating best practice into reality</a>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>		
6-9 September	Hobart Tas	<a href="#">Population Health Congress 2015</a>
6-12 September	National, State and Territory events	<a href="#">National Child Protection Week</a>
14-17 September	Perth, WA	<a href="#">SNAICC Conference - Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care</a>
17-18 September	Melbourne, Vic	<a href="#">Victorian Homelessness Conference 2015</a>
28-30 September	Kensington NSW	<a href="#">Australian Social Policy Conference : Rights and Entitlements in Times of Austerity</a>
<b>OCTOBER 2015</b>		
2-4 October	Brisbane Qld	<a href="#">Youth for Change conference: Creating a better future</a>
7-9 October	Gold Coast Qld	<a href="#">National Indigenous Say No to Domestic Violence Conference: Focus on a Brighter Future</a>
20 October	Canberra ACT	<a href="#">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</a>
24 Oct-1 Nov	National, State and Territory events	<a href="#">2015 Children's Week</a>
28-30 October	Perth, WA	<a href="#">National Housing Conference 2015</a>
<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>		
4-6 November	Melbourne Vic	<a href="#">Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse (ANZATSA) 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Research Theory &amp; Practice</a>

		<u><a href="#">Conference</a></u>
9-10 November	Melbourne, Vic	<u><a href="#">Australian Long-Term Unemployment Conference</a></u>
25 November	National, State and Territory events	<u><a href="#">White Ribbon Day : Australia's campaign to stop violence against women</a></u>

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