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CHILD PROTECTION

Family Law Council interim report on Families with Complex Needs and the Intersection of the Family Law and Child Protection Systems
Family Law Council
June 2015
This interim report to the Attorney-General is focused on the first two terms of reference that address the prospect of having a streamlined, coherent and integrated approach to improve the overall safety of families and in particular children, while involved in the family law, child protection and family violence jurisdictions. The final report is due to the Attorney-General by 30 June 2016.
Full-text

Taking us seriously: children and young people talk about safety and institutional responses to their safety concerns; A Report for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
Moore, T., McArthur, M., Noble-Carr, D. et al.; Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University
August 2015
Report presents findings from ten focus groups with 121 children and young people conducted in a range of institutional settings, including out-of-home care, schools, youth activities and childcare centres.
Full-text

Australian children say adults needs to listen to their concerns about safety [Transcript]
Felicity Ogilvie, ABC News, The World Today
August 2015
Felicity Ogilvie interviews Dr Tim Moore, Australian Catholic University, about an ACU survey of children on what safety measures they would like to see in institutions that have been scrutinised by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
Transcript

ECONOMICS

Who pays for youth disengagement and unemployment? A case for smarter thinking and for investment
e2e: Education to Employment Working Group; Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network
July 2015
As a response to worrying levels of youth disengagement and unemployment, this paper considers youth transitions and pathways via 11 themes: policy; consultation; funding / youth specific programs; workforce strategy; partnerships; VCAL & VET; disabilities; "middle years"; abuse and trauma; and diversion.
Full-text

Triple Care Farm Baseline Social Return on Investment analysis
Social Ventures Australia
August 2015
This study reveals that Mission Australia's Triple Care Farm - a residential Alcohol and Other Drugs rehabilitation and treatment program for young people - delivers a Social Return on Investment of 3:1. This value relates both to young people, their families and the government. Social return on investment analyses such as this are useful for calculating the value of the impacts of programs, and examining the broader social and economic costs and impacts they create.
Full-text

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

'People like us': School choice, multiculturalism and segregation in Sydney
Christina Ho, University of Technology Sydney
August 2015
Discussion paper explores how Australian schools are doing in fostering a kind of everyday multiculturalism where students learn how to deal with people from different cultural backgrounds. However the author finds that in private schools that are overwhelmingly Anglo-dominated, students are not being given sufficient opportunity to develop the cross-cultural awareness and skills that can only be developed through everyday encounters and friendships with people from other backgrounds. On the other hand, in public schools, especially selective schools, where the majority Anglo population are all but absent, again, students are not exposed to the multicultural social environment they will need to engage with when they leave school.Schools are becoming more segregated in terms of both class and ethnicity.. Some elite private schools operate as virtually mono-cultural bastions of whiteness. Segregation in schools is more pronounced than neighbourhood segregation.
Full-text

Location, Vocation, Aspiration: Findings from Mission Australia's Youth Survey 2014
Mission Australia
August 2015
Mission Australia's report considers the findings of their annual youth survey in relation to the socio-economic status (SES) of the area in which people live. The survey found that young people living in low SES areas were more likely to consider getting a job as important to them and they were more likely to be concerned about bullying or emotional abuse than those from higher SES areas. Young people in low SES areas were also less likely to say that they planned to go to university or go on a gap year after school, but more likely to say they planned to enrol in TAFE or college or get an apprenticeship than other young people.
Summary and download

School Autonomy and Student Achievement: Case Studies in Australia
Professor Emeritus Brian J Caldwell; University of Melbourne
June 2015
This research formed the Australian government contribution to the International Study of School Autonomy and Learning (ISSAL) and was supported by a grant from the Department of Education and Training. The case

studies of four Australian schools aimed to provide responses to the question of how schools with a relatively high degree of autonomy used their increased authority and responsibility to make decisions that have led in explicit cause-and-effect fashion to higher levels of student achievement.
Full-text

A report on the evaluation of the Safe Schools Hub
Taddeo, CM et al.; University of South Australia
April 2015
This study by researchers from the Wellbeing Research Group, Centre for Research in Education, at the University of South Australia evaluated how successfully the Safe Schools Hub (SSH) resource provides digital resource coverage for the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF) by exploring: who uses the resource; why and how is it being used; the technical considerations such as navigability and discoverability of the website; and suggestions for future improvements.
Full-text

Roles and responsibilities in education part A: reform of the Federation White Paper issues paper 4: Child care and early childhood learning, and schools
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Australia)
23 December 2014
Issues paper examining the current arrangements put in place by governments to support our educational attainment: specifically in child care and early learning and schooling as Part A of two-part paper. Consistent with the White Paper's Terms of Reference, it considers how the current split of roles and responsibilities, and the overlap and duplication inherent in them, is contributing to pressures on the efficiency and effectiveness of our education system, and governments' capacity to deliver better services and educational outcomes.
Full-text

Transition to Secondary School; LSAC Annual Statistical Report 2014 Chapter 5
Brigit Maguire and Maggie Yu; Australian Institute of Family Studies
August 2015
This chapter is part of The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children Annual Statistical Report 2014 (released 18 August 2015). The report, Transition to secondary school was based on a study involving 2,299 children aged 11-13 years who were in their first year of secondary school in Australia.The report found 15 per cent of children and 17 per cent of parents reported experiencing some type of difficulty with children's transition to secondary school. The chapter explores the association of pre-transition factors such as socio-emotional wellbeing, temperament, academic performance, experiences in primary school, parenting style, and parental investment with post-transition difficulties.
Full-text

EMPLOYMENT

Making sense of youth transitions from education to work
Dina Bowman, Joseph Borlagdan and Sharon Bond; Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL)
August 2015
This background paper on the transition of young people from education to work outlines important changes in the labour market and the diverse kinds of programs that have been tried, but not necessarily evaluated, to address youth unemployment in Australia and overseas.
Full-text

FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Social attitudes of young people
Cabinet Office, UK
December 2014

The report explores how sustained changes in the attitudes of people in different generations lead to long-term, changes in societal attitudes. It uses surveys to see whether there are differences in the attitudes of today's young people and the attitudes of older generations when they were young to values, personal autonomy, aspirations and wellbeing.
Full-text

Volunteering - snapshot from the ABS General Social Survey

The Centre for Volunteering

July 2015

ABS survey data reveals that young people are among the most active volunteers. This publication from the Centre for Volunteering provides a snapshot of the volunteering habits of Australians from the 2014 General Social Survey, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The data revealed volunteer rates were highest for people aged 15-17 years, at 41.6 per cent.

Full-text

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Australia's welfare 2015

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

August 2015

This is the twelfth report of an annual compilation and analysis by AIHW and presents information on population factors that underpin the demand for welfare services, welfare spending and the composition of the community services workforce. This report examines the welfare of Australians through the life course, starting at childhood, then moving through youth to working age and the later years of growing older.

Full-text

The Good Childhood report 2015

The Children's Society, UK

August 2015

The results of an international survey on children's wellbeing found that children in England (aged 10 and 12) are unhappier with their school experience than in 11 other countries, ranking England 12th out of 15 countries surveyed. 38% of 10 and 12-year-olds in England have been physically bullied in the last month and half have felt excluded.

Full-text

What is happening to children and young people's risk behaviours?

UK Department of Health; Cabinet Office, UK

August 2015

In 2014 UK government published 'Social attitudes of young people' which indicated a decrease in 'risky' behaviours in children and young people. On 14th October, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Mark Walport chaired a roundtable discussion of academics, practitioners, policy officials and young people to assess the evidence, look at possible causes and what new risks could emerge. New, or previously unrecognised emerging behaviour includes a rise in self-harm and eating disorders, particularly amongst teenage girls.

Full-text

Trends in risk behaviours and negative outcomes amongst young people: data pack

UK Department of Health; UK Cabinet

September 2014

This paper looks at the trends in how a range of risk behaviours and negative outcomes have changed over time for children and young people. It also considers whether new risk behaviours could be emerging. It is based on desk research by the Cabinet Office Horizon Scanning Programme Team, informed by discussions with academics and colleagues across government.

Full-text

Establishing the connection [between alcohol and other drug use and sexual victimisation]: ANROWS State of Knowledge papers
Dr Antonia Quadara et al.
July 2015
This report explores the association between alcohol and other drug use and severity of, or vulnerability to, sexual violence and re-victimisation.
Full-text

The Australian Child Wellbeing Project: Phase Four Report
Petra Lietz, Elizabeth O'Grady, Mollie Tobin et al.
July 2015
The Australian Child Wellbeing Project (ACWP) is being conducted by a team of researchers at Flinders University of South Australia, the University of New South Wales, and the Australian Council for Educational Research. The Phase Four Report provides information on the implementation of the ACWP's main survey.
Full-text

Obesity and Body Image: two sides of the same coin or two different coins? [Presentation video]
Prof Susan Sawyer
May 2015
Professor Susan Sawyer spoke at the Generation Next 2015 Melbourne Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People seminar on 22 May 2015. Her presentation on Obesity and Body Image was heard by hundreds of teachers, counsellors and social workers who attended the seminar. Her talk was recorded and can be viewed below.
Video

Early onset of crime and delinquency among Australian children; LSAC Annual Statisitcal Report 2014 Chapter 7
Walter Forrest and Ben Edwards; Australian Institute of Family Studies
August 2015
This chapter is part of The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children Annual Statistical Report 2014 (released 18 August 2015). A key focus of the chapter was to identify children who are at risk of early-onset crime and delinquency based on their childhood behaviour and circumstances, but do not become involved in crime and delinquency in late childhood and early adolescence. The results in this chapter can be used to inform targeted programs to reduce early offending and potentially protect children, their families and their communities from the consequences of ongoing criminal and delinquent behaviour.
Full-text

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

Hearing Young Voices at the Aboriginal Power Cup 2015 [YouTube]
SA Education Dept
August 2015
About 400 young people in Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the 2015 Aboriginal Power Cup (APC) carnival from 4-6 June 2015. Students from 37 teams participated in a team painting competition which encouraged them to express their right to culture and the APC theme 'be the change you want to see' in an artwork. Better World Arts artists and staff assisted with advice and encouragement.
YouTube

Planning, Implementation and Effectiveness in Indigenous Health Reform
Margaret Kelaher, Hana Sabanovic, Camille La Brooy et al.
May 2015
The Planning, Implementation and Effectiveness in Indigenous Health Reform (PIE) project, funded by the Lowitja Institute and the Australian Research Council, carried out by the University of Melbourne, arose from

concerns by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that despite the importance of participation and investment in collaborative governance, little research focused on capturing current practice and identifying best practice is being done. This report focuses on building the evidence base around best practice based on case studies of collaborative governance in relation to the NIRA.
Full-text

"Listen To Us": Using the views of WA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to improve policy and service delivery
Commissioner for Children and Young People WA
August 2015
This report, which was tabled in the WA Parliament, details the views expressed by Aboriginal children and young people and how these views can be practically applied to improve the way agencies support their healthy development and wellbeing.
Full-text

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Speak Out
Commissioner for Children and Young People WA
August 2015
A community report that focuses on the views of the children who took part in the consultation under five key themes.
Full-text

This is Me: Aboriginal young people's stories – 12 Aboriginal children and young people tell their stories, in their own voice, about their lives and hopes for the future
Commissioner for Children and Young People WA
August 2015
Some insights revealed in consultation with the children and young people include: Many said they benefit from strong family connections and value education as a way of achieving their goals; Some of the children and young people who participated in the consultation spoke directly about health and safety concerns for themselves and their families and friends; Others spoke about the need for more cohesive communities.
Full-text

LAW AND JUSTICE

To investigate legal representation schemes for children in the US, Canada and the UK – administration, delivery and innovation
Kylie Beckhouse, 2014 Churchill Fellow
July 2015
In Australia concerns have been raised about the performance of some child representatives and oversight of these representatives, and it had been concluded that at times Australian practice falls short of community expectations. The Churchill Fellowshop enabled the author to meet with over 90 experts in nine cities throughout the US, Canada and the UK, all of whom have an involvement in the legal representation services received by children. The report drew on notable developments and initiatives taking place internationally that might inform improvements in Australia.
Full-text

Young people returning to sentenced youth justice supervision 2015
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
July 2015
The rate of return to sentenced youth justice supervision is an indicator of the effectiveness of the services provided to young people serving supervised sentences. Around 20% of those aged 10–16 when released from sentenced community-based supervision in 2012–13 returned to sentenced supervision in 6 months, and 44% returned within 12 months. The rate of return was higher for those released from sentenced detention.
Full-text

MENTAL HEALTH

Suicide and suicidal behaviour in women - issues and prevention
Suicide Prevention Australia
July 2015
A discussion of the available data and statistics relating to suicide and suicidal behaviour in women, the most relevant risk factors for women, the subpopulation groups more at-risk, the impact of cultural beliefs and attitudes about gender, and the policy environment. Findings include: the number of women aged 15 - 24 years who injured themselves so severely that they require hospital treatment has increased by more than 50 per cent since 2000; and whereas young men's suicides have reduced in number and rate since the 1997 global peak, young women's have not.
Full-text

The Mental Health of Children and Adolescents. Report on the second Australian Child and Adolescent Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing
David Lawrencek, Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Hafekost et al.; Australian Government Department of Health
August 2015
Young Minds Matter is a survey of Australian children and adolescent's health and wellbeing. The survey was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health. The survey was conducted by the Telethon Kids Institute and The University of Western Australian in partnership with Roy Morgan Research. The report on the survey found one in seven Australian four to 17 year olds had a mental health disorder, a prevalence that has remained relatively stable since the last survey was conducted in 1998. However, the survey found the types of disorders and the gender and age at which young people are most commonly experiencing them has changed. The study's chief investigator, Associate Professor David Lawrence from the Telethon Kids Institute, said the survey found fewer children and adolescents than 15 years ago now have ADHD and conduct disorder but there has been an increase in the number of adolescents with major depressive disorder.
Full-text

POLICY AND SERVICE PROVISION

Coming Together for Australia's Children conference, 24-26 June 2015, Hobart Tasmania [Presentations]
ARACY Early Years Chapter & Tasmanian Early Years Foundation
June 2015
Conference attended by researchers, policy-makers and practitioners working in professional organisations, government and non-government agencies. Focus of presentations was on collaborative efforts and programs across sectors within Australia. Presentations by keynote speakers and invited speakers, as well as oral presentations and poster presentations are available at the conference website.
Full-text

Contributing lives, thriving communities: report of the national review of mental health programmes and services
National Mental Health Commission
April 2015
The focus of the review was on assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of programmes and services in supporting individuals experiencing mental ill-health and their families and other support people to lead a contributing life and to engage productively in the community. Review provides 25 recommendations across nine strategic directions which guide a detailed implementation framework of activity over the next decade.
Full-text

Walk alongside: co-designing social initiatives with people experiencing vulnerabilities
Michela Clarkson; Victorian Council of Social Service
August 2015

Report advocates an approach to working with people experiencing vulnerabilities that stresses connecting directly with them so as to understand their world, their aspirations and the solutions that will work best for them. The report describes the value of co-design: a 'ground-up' approach to service design that begins by asking people what their needs are, and then exploring possible solutions with them.
Full-text

State of the community service sector in NSW 2015
Natasha Cortis, Megan Blaxland; Social Policy Research Centre (UNSW), Council of Social Service of New South Wales
June 2015
Based on survey data collected from leaders of 513 organisations, this report provides new information about the characteristics of not-for-profit community service organisations in NSW in 2015.
Full-text

TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE SAFETY

Digitally connected: global perspectives on youth and digital media
Sandra Cortesi, Urs Gasser (Editors); Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University
April 2015
A collection of essays with reflections from diverse perspectives on youth experiences with digital media and with focus on the Global South. It combines adult voices with written and visual contributions by young people from around the world. More than 30 academics, practitioners, government officials, tech industry representatives and activists team up with 25 youth contributors to share their views and opinions about digital technologies and the impact the Internet has on young people's lives.
Full-text

Millennial teens digital explorer
Refuel Agency
August 2015
Analysis of how the digital age impacts on 'millennial teens' aged 16-19 on a daily basis. Digital and Social Media Usage, Mobile App Usage, Technology Usage and Ownership, Income Source and Spending, Brand loyalty, media perceptions, and digital advertising are some of the topics included.
Full-text

Digital Australia Report 2016
Jeffrey E. Brand and Stewart Todhunter; Faculty of Society and Design, Bond University; Interactive Games and Education Association
July 2015
Findings include the number of households where games are played, who plays, why games are played, benefits and concerns. The report finds that video games are increasingly a whole-family activity with 90% of study participants reporting they played video games with their child.
Full-text

Media-savvy kids, teens want engaging stories on multiple devices; Consumer Intelligence Series
PricewaterhouseCoopers
August 2015
This report summarizes key findings from a 511-respondent survey conducted in May–June 2015. The survey showed that kids and teens know what they want to watch and when and where they want to watch it. Although parents are the ones pressing play, content consumption is not in slow motion for kids and teens; instead it continues to grow with each age group. PwC studied the consumer attitudes and preferences of kids and teens ages 8-18 (and a group of parents) when it came to discovering and engaging with content and who controls content in the home.
Full-text

Mobile messaging and social media 2015
Maeve Duggan; Pew Research Center
August 2015
People — particularly young people — are continually finding and adapting new ways of communicating electronically to fit their needs. Pew Research Center has asked specifically about mobile messaging apps as a separate kind of mobile activity apart from cell phone texting. According to this survey, 36% of smartphone owners report using messaging apps such as WhatsApp, Kik or iMessage, and 17% use apps that automatically delete sent messages such as Snapchat or Wickr. Usage data is presented for young adult and adult age groups including the 18-29 age group.
Full-text

Teens, Technology and Friendships
Amanda Lenhart, Aaron Smith, Monica Anderson et al.; Pew Research Center
August 2015
Video games, social media and mobile phones play an integral role in how teens meet and interact with friends. This US report explores the new contours of friendship in the digital age. It covers the results of a national survey of teens ages 13 to 17. The survey was conducted online from Sept. 25 through Oct. 9, 2014, and Feb. 10 through March 16, 2015, and 16 online and in-person focus groups with teens were conducted in April 2014 and November 2014.
Full-text

VIOLENCE

Youth Violence: Cutting to the Core [Conference Presentations, Brisbane, July 20-21, 2015]
Griffith University, Violence Research and Prevention Program
July 2015
Conference examined violence among young people from a whole-of-life and whole-of-community perspective. Questions addressed included what are its causes, correlates, and contributors? Who are the children most at risk of engaging in violence? Are some young people just born 'bad' – or does it 'take a village' to create a violent child? Is violent behaviour something young people grow out of…or do they become violent adults? What can we do to prevent youth violence?
Conference presentations

Recent journal articles

Most articles below are available in full-text via the weblink. For a copy of an article contact Barbara Glass, Information Coordinator at barbara.glass@acyp.nsw.gov.au or Ext.7294

Connect, supporting student participation [Journal issue June 2015]
Roger Holdsworth, Editor
Connect, No.213, June 2015
Articles on changing perspectives for student participation, student leadership, student voice and student agency.
Full-text

Association of Electronic Cigarette Use With Initiation of Combustible Tobacco Product Smoking in Early Adolescence
Adam M. Leventhal, David R. Strong, Matthew G. Kirkpatrick et al.
Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) 2015;314(7):700-707
New research conducted in ten high schools in Los Angeles and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association provides the first example of a longitudinal study looking at e-cigarette and tobacco use. It involved about 3,300 participants, who were 14-years-old on average when they joined the study. They were

followed up twice, after six and 12 months. The researchers found that those who said they'd tried an e-cigarette at the start of the study were also more likely to have tried smoking six months later (30.7% vs 8.1%) and 12 months later (25.2% vs 9.3%).
Full-text

Spreading of healthy mood in adolescent social networks
Hill EM, Griffiths FE, House T.
Proceedings of the Royal Society B. August 2015 Volume: 282 Issue: 1813
Researchers found that a healthy mood shared among friends can significantly improve depression. Encouraging these friendships could possibly be a method of treatment. Frances Griffiths, head of social science and systems in health at Warwick's Medical School, used data from The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health to look at more than 2,000 adolescents going to various high schools in the United States. He and a team of researchers looked to see how certain moods spread among students using a model that's used to track infectious diseases. The researchers commented that this model can also be used to track patterns of gang violence.
Full-text

The Impact of "Scary" TV and Film on Children's Internalizing Emotions: A Meta-Analysis
Laura J. Pearce, Andy P. Field
Human Communication Research, article first published online: 13 May 2015
A meta-analysis quantifies the impact of scary television and film on children's internalizing emotions (fear, anxiety, sadness, and sleep problems). Scary television has a relatively small impact on children's internalizing emotions (r?=?.18) overall, and this association was not significantly moderated by whether the televised material was factual (e.g., news) or fictional or contained violence. Children under 10 were more susceptible to scary TV. The overall result contrasts with the dramatic effects found for individual children within studies, suggesting that research is needed to unpick the factors that moderate the effect that scary television has on children.
Abstract

There is broad consensus: Media researchers agree that violent media increase aggression in children, and pediatricians and parents concur
Bushman, Brad J.; Gollwitzer, Mario; Cruz, Carlos
Psychology of Popular Media Culture, Vol 4(3), Jul 2015, 200-214. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ppm0000046
The purpose of this study was to test whether media researchers are divided on the basic question of whether violent media increase aggression in children and to compare the opinions of researchers with those of pediatricians and parents. Participants (n = 371 media psychologists and mass communication scientists, n = 92 pediatricians, n = 268 parents) completed an anonymous online survey about whether exposure to different types of violent media (i.e., comic books, Internet sites, literature, movies, music, music videos, sports, TV programs, video games) increase aggression in children, whether that effect is causal, and whether it is a major factor in real-world violence. All groups agreed that exposure to media violence can increase aggression in children (overall d = 0.49, a medium-sized effect). Ratings for violent video games and movies produced the highest level of agreement, whereas ratings for violent literature and comic books produced the lowest level of agreement. This pattern was highly consistent across all groups, indicating broad consensus on this issue. The only question on which groups differed in their opinions was whether media violence was a major factor in producing real-life violence: parents and pediatricians agreed that it was, media researchers did not agree.
Abstract

Engaging Canadian youth in conversations: Using knowledge exchange in school-based health promotion
Donna Murnaghan, Courtney Laurence, Brandi Bell, Melissa Munro-Bernard
Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement, Vol.7(1) 2014
The voice of youth is crucial to advancing solutions that contribute to effective strategies to improve youth health outcomes. The problem, however, is that youth/student voices are often overlooked, and stakeholders typically engage in decision-making without involving youth. Focus group methodology was utilised to conduct 7 focus groups with 50 students in grades 7–12 from schools in Prince Edward Island, Canada. The key themes that emerged included: (1) youth health issues such as lack of opportunities to be physically active, cost and

quality of healthy food options, and bullying; (2) facilitators and barriers to health promotion, including positive peer and adult role models, positive relationships with adults and competitiveness of school sports; and (3) lack of student voice. Findings suggest that actively engaging youth provides opportunities to understand youth perspectives on how to encourage them to make healthy choices and engage in healthy behaviours. Attention needs to be paid to inclusive knowledge exchange practices that value and integrate youth perspectives and ideas as a basis for building health promotion actions and interventions.
Full-text

Music training alters the course of adolescent auditory development

Adam T. Tierneya, Jennifer Krizmana and Nina Krausa
PNAS, August 11, 2015 vol. 112 no. 32
Research findings published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences by Northwestern University suggest that adolescents undertaking in-school music training maintained heightened neural consistency throughout high school when compared to a control group. The music training group also exhibited earlier emergence of the adult cortical response, suggesting that in-school music accelerates neurodevelopment. These changes seem to benefit literacy skills: both groups improved in phonological awareness relative to the general population, but the music training group improved more compared with the active controls.
Abstract

Attitudes and Beliefs of Nonspecialist and Specialist Trainee Health and Physical Education Teachers Toward Obese Children: Evidence for "Anti-Fat" Bias

Lynagh M, Cliff K, Morgan PJ,
Journal of School Health, Vol 85 Issue 9, September 2015; pp 595-603
Research conducted by Dr Marita Lynagh, a senior lecturer at the University of Newcastle tested 240 trainee PE teachers and non-PE trainees for both explicit bias - that is, negative views they were willing to admit - and implicit bias, using word association to see what concepts they associated with excess weight. The study found that the trainees almost expected obese children to underperform, even in things such as reasoning skills, which had nothing to do with weight.
Abstract

Alcohol Advertising in Sport and Non-Sport TV in Australia, during Children's Viewing Times

Kerry S. O'Brien et al.; School of Social Sciences, Monash University
PLoS ONE, 10(8) 2015; e0134889. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0134889
Research to estimate the amount of alcohol advertising in sport vs. non-sport programming in Australian free-to-air TV and identify children's viewing audience composition at different times of the day. Alcohol advertising and TV viewing audience data were purchased for free-to-air sport and non-sport TV in Australia for 2012. Researchers counted alcohol advertisements in sport and non-sport TV in daytime (6am-8.29pm) and evening periods (8.30pm-11.59pm) and estimated viewing audiences for children and young adults (0–4 years, 5–13 years, 14–17 years, 18–29 years). During the daytime, most of the alcohol advertising (87%) was on sport TV. In the evening, most alcohol advertising (86%) was in non-sport TV. There was little difference in the mean number of children (0–17 years) viewing TV in the evening (N = 273,989), compared with the daytime (N = 235,233). The authors found that by permitting day-time advertising in sport programs and in any programs from 8.30pm when many children are still watching TV, current regulations are not protecting children from exposure to alcohol advertising.
Full-text

Gendered Pathways From Child Abuse to Adult Crime Through Internalizing and Externalizing Behaviors in Childhood and Adolescence

Hyunzee Jung, Todd I. Herrenkohl, Jungeun Olivia Lee et al.
Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Published online August 11, 2015
Gender differences in externalizing and internalizing pathways from child abuse to adult crime were examined across four waves of an extended longitudinal study (N = 186 males and 170 females) using multiple-group structural equation modeling. Results show that child abuse was associated with both internalizing and externalizing behaviors in the elementary school years for both males and females. However, gender

differences were found such that internalizing behaviors increased the risk of adult crime for females only, and externalizing behaviors increased the risk of adult crime for males only.
Abstract

Forthcoming conferences and events

This list is cumulative
New events added since the last issue of What's New are highlighted in orange

SEPTEMBER 2015		
31 August – 6 September	All States	National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2015 (*Noted in ACYP Policy and Research Events Calender)
2 September	All States	Indigenous Literacy Day (*Noted in ACYP Policy and Research Events Calender)
4 September	All States	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards for school aged children (*Noted in ACYP Policy and Research Events Calender)
5-9 September	Melbourne, Vic	AES 15: International Evaluation Conference
6-9 September	Hobart Tas	Population Health Congress 2015
6-12 September	National, State and Territory events	National Child Protection Week
9 September	Sydney	Using eHealth to treat co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders in youth [Webinar]
9 September	Parkville Vic	Logging In: Using Technology to Improve Mental Health
10 September	National and international	World Suicide Prevention Day – coinciding with RUOK? Day in Australia
10 September	National	R U OK? Day
14 September	Canberra ACT	Theorising Digital Society
14-17 September	Perth, WA	SNAICC Conference - Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
15-17 September	Adelaide SA	National Domestic and Aboriginal Family Violence Conference
17-18 September	Melbourne, Vic	Victorian Homelessness Conference 2015
21-23 September	Prato, Italy	Young people and the law: international approaches to care, corrections and intervention
25-26 September	Melbourne Vic	Infants and Toddlers: Practice, Pedagogy & Research 2015
28-30 September	Kensington	Australian Social Policy Conference : Rights and Entitlements in Times of

	NSW	[Austerity](#)
29 September – 1 October	Sydney NSW	[Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Australia Summit 2015](#)

OCTOBER 2015		
2-4 October	Brisbane Qld	[Youth for Change conference: Creating a better future](#)
7-9 October	Gold Coast Qld	[National Indigenous Say No to Domestic Violence Conference: Focus on a Brighter Future](#)
8-10 October	Montreal, Canada	[3rd International Conference on Youth Mental Health](#)
11-17 October	National, State and Territory events	[Anti-Poverty Week 2015 (*Noted in ACYP Policy and Research Events Calender)](#)
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](#)
26-28 October	Creswick Vic	[7th Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Symposium](#)
28-30 October	Sydney NSW	[NSW Youth Work Conference – hosted by Youth Action](#)
28-30 October	Perth, WA	[National Housing Conference 2015](#)
28-31 October	Brisbane Qld	[International Life Course Conference; Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course inaugural conference](#)

NOVEMBER 2015		
4-6 November	Melbourne Vic	[Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse (ANZATSA) 7th Biennial International Research Theory & Practice Conference](#)
5-6 November	Sydney NSW	[FECCA 2015 National Biennial Conference - Multiculturalism in Action: Building a better future for all Australians](#)
6-7 November	Singapore	[Positive Schools Singapore 2015](#)
8-11 November	Sydney NSW	[IFCO 2015 World Conference: Tell Someone Who Cares: Caring for our children](#)
9-10 November	Melbourne, Vic	[Australian Long-Term Unemployment Conference](#)
10-13 November	Melbourne Vic	[NATSIEC 2015; National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education](#)

		Conference – celebrating knowledge as power
11-13 November	Melbourne Vic	Youth Health Conference 2015
19 November	Melbourne Vic	The School Counsellors & Psychologists (SCAP) Conference
20 November	Sydney NSW	Rights of the Child Consumer - Presented by the Australian Children's Commissioner in partnership with ACCM : Early bird registration now available
25 November	National, State and Territory events	White Ribbon Day : Australia's campaign to stop violence against women
25-27 November	Adelaide SA	Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference
DECEMBER 2015		
1-3 December	Cairns Qld	National Indigenous Health Conference
7-9 December	Canberra ACT	Stop Domestic Violence Conference
APRIL 2016		
12-13 April	Melbourne Vic	Think Outcomes 2016: Centre for Social Impact (CSI) and Social Impact Measurement Network Australia (SIMNA)
JULY 2016		
6-8 July	Melbourne Vic	14th Australian Institute of Family Studies conference.
SEPTEMBER 2016		
26-28 September	Melbourne Vic	International Marcé Society Biennial Scientific Conference 2016 - Frontiers in Perinatal Mental Health - looking to the future

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