

**FREE FORUM + PANEL** with a Parent Representative, David Tobis, Lindsay Wegener (PeakCare), Aimee McVeigh (McVeigh Law), Susie Edwards (FIN, Micah Projects), Alf Davis (QATSI CPP)

# How parents and their allies changed New York City's child welfare system.

Tuesday 4 June 2019 | 9am–12.30pm

Queensland Multicultural Centre  
102 Main St, Kangaroo Point

In New York City in the 1990s, over 50,000 children were in foster care. Today, this figure is less than 9,000.

During those same years, the number of Queensland children in care grew "at an unsustainable rate" and the *Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, 2013 (Carmody)* found that "...the link between supporting families and having fewer children in the system is irrefutable."

It is five years since Carmody, 15 years since the *Protecting Children Inquiry (CMC)* and 20 years since the *Forde Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions*.

What's still missing? The re-balance of investment towards early intervention and **parents finding their voice as advocates.**

*Light morning tea will be served.*

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**At this morning forum, David Tobis tells the story of NYC's radical change.**

How parents and their allies, government and non-government, worked to improve the lives of children

and families and how together they changed a system.

**David Tobis, Ph.D.** has worked to reform child welfare systems in the U.S. and internationally over four decades. David is a sociologist specialising in child welfare, parent participation and system reform. He has worked with UNICEF and the World Bank

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