

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE – SUPPORTING SAFE AND THERAPEUTIC CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

SECTOR FORUM (ONLINE VIA ZOOM)



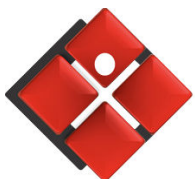
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10.30am to
12noon (QLD)

Join us as we learn more about this
important topic including:

- the prevalence of child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation with a focus on trends and issues for children in care
- the value of resources in supporting conversations with young people regarding personal safety
- gaps and opportunities for better protecting young people from, and supporting young people who experience child sexual abuse
- the SAFE Books series, free resources to support conversations about safety with young children
- reporting obligations held by carers, practitioners and organisations when a young person discloses suspected sexual abuse, including an overview of relevant supporting information and resources.



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AGENDA

10.30 (5 mins)	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Introductions and Forum Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Allsop, Director, PeakCare Queensland Inc.• Teena Ingram, Director, Child Youth and Family Queensland, Life Without Barriers
10.35 (40 mins)	Panel discussion on the prevalence and impact of child sexual exploitation and abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh, Senior Lecturer, Criminology and Justice, School of Law and Society University of the Sunshine Coast• Conrad Townson, Principal Advisor, Child Sexual Exploitation, IFYS Ltd• Carol Ronken, Director of Research, Bravehearts, and Visiting Fellow, School of Justice, Queensland University of Technology <p><i>Facilitated by: Tom Allsop</i></p>
11.15 (20mins)	The SAFE Series for younger children*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melinda Clarke, Manager, Child Safe Organisation, Life Without Barriers• Clea North, Education Consultant, Life Without Barriers
11.35 (20 mins)	Understanding reporting obligations for carers, practitioners, and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katherine Pivetta, Director, Office of the Chief Practitioner at the Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs.• Sharon Kelly, Practice Leader, Child Sexual Abuse and Manager of Practice Advice, Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs
11.55 (5 mins)	Next steps and concluding remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Allsop, Director, PeakCare Queensland Inc• Teena Ingram, Director, Child Youth and Family Queensland, Life Without Barriers

*The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) has developed the **SAFE Series** – four children's books containing personal safety messages for children that:

- Support the rights of children
- Promote the concept of children having a voice
- Help children identify the parts of their body that are private
- Help children understand their feelings
- Encourage children to think about five people they trust to help them if they feel scared, sad or upset

Life Without Barriers has received funding from the Perpetual 2022 IMPACT Philanthropy Program to provide SAFE series books and supporting resources free of charge to interested OOHCA agencies.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Tom Allsop

Director, PeakCare Queensland Inc

Tom joined PeakCare in February 2021, bringing more than 10 years' experience as a respected leader in the Human and Social Services and Information and Communication Technology sectors. As Director of PeakCare Services, Tom is responsible for leading the delivery of PeakCare's strategic priorities and ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of the organisation's operational activities. Tom is also responsible for the provision of specialist expert advice on legislative, policy, program, practice trends and issues concerning child protection and the family support sectors. As a social worker, Tom's expertise includes the intersection of child protection with related service systems including youth justice, early childhood education and care, education, health and housing.



Melinda Clarke

Manager, Child Safe Organisation, Life Without Barriers

Melinda has a breadth of experience in the government and non-government sector in child protection and out-of-home care, performing roles in service delivery, quality management, contract management, investigations, policy development and practice support. Since 2014, Melinda has led child-safe organisation work at Life Without Barriers, developing the We Put Children First child sexual abuse prevention campaign.



Teena Ingram

Director, Child Youth and Family Queensland, Life Without Barriers

With over 30 years government and NGO experience across various social sectors, Teena has a strong background in Child Protection and is passionate about improving outcomes for children and families. Teena leads a large team of managers and practitioners delivering a diverse range of child and family services throughout QLD. She is committed to empowering practitioners, families, and carers to have SAFE and therapeutic conversations with young people as a practical way to make a real difference in their lives.



Sharon Kelly

Practice Leader, Child Sexual Abuse and Manager of Practice Advice, Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs

Sharon has completed both a Masters and Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Queensland and other post graduate qualifications in Criminology and Social Administration. With over 30 years' experience working within the child protection and youth justice sector, she has developed a particular interest in working with children demonstrating harmful sexual behaviours and young people who engage in sexually offending behaviours. Sharon has a passion for the building of capacity and regularly provides training and professional development as well as having lectured at the University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology within Social Work faculties.



Clea North

Education Consultant, Life Without Barriers

Sunshine Coast based Education Consultant, Clea is a Secondary Teacher & a proud Australian First Nations woman, specializing in Trauma Informed practice with a passion for increasing the cultural capabilities of schools and improving the educational outcomes for First Nation children and young people. Working within the Life Without Barriers Education Unit, Clea helps drive the Education Strategy, supporting children and young people to build bright futures through education and learning 'Every Day, Every Way'.



Katherine Pivetta

Director, Office of the Chief Practitioner at the Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs.

Katherine holds a Master of Social Work and an Executive Masters of Public Administration. Katherine has dedicated her career to working within child protection to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and their families. Having worked across different jurisdictions, Katherine brings a contemporary understanding of child sexual abuse and exploitation and a passion for working collaboratively across the children and family sector to drive best practice approaches.



Dr Susan Rayment-McHugh

Senior Lecturer, Criminology and Justice, School of Law and Society University of the Sunshine Coast

Dr Rayment-McHugh is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Justice and Co-Leader of the Sexual Violence Research and Prevention Unit at the University of the Sunshine Coast. She has a PhD in Criminology and a Masters Degree in Psychology (Forensic). Susan is also a forensic practitioner with over 25 years' clinical experience in the sexual violence and abuse field prior to moving to an academic role. Susan's current clinical and research focus is on understanding and preventing endemic sexual violence and abuse including in Australian First Nations communities and youth serving institutions; contextual and community prevention initiatives; and on program evaluation using realist methods. She is widely consulted, and presents nationally and internationally, on prevention and intervention services. Sue is a member of UniSC's Indigenous and Transcultural Research Centre, a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, and an Associate Editor for the Journal of Sexual Aggression.



Carol Ronken

Director of Research, Bravehearts, and Visiting Fellow, School of Justice, Queensland University of Technology

Appointed in 2003, Carol is responsible for leading the program of research at Bravehearts. Carol is passionate about ensuring Bravehearts is actively involved in research, policy and legislative development that aims to prevent, respond to, and reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse and exploitation. She is a member of several working groups, including the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation Research Working Group, the Twitter Trust and Safety Council (Australia) and the Australian Child Rights Taskforce. Her professional memberships include the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Carol is also a Visiting Fellow in the School of Justice at Queensland University of Technology.



Conrad Townson

Principal Advisor, Child Sexual Exploitation, IFYS Ltd

Conrad has a strong background in child protection working as a practitioner and manager with children and young people across several settings including – harmful sexual behaviour intervention, missing children, child sexual exploitation, therapeutic residential care, family intervention and domestic violence. He is currently Principal Advisor on Child Sexual Exploitation with IFYS and overseas Project Paradigm, a national programme aimed at addressing child sexual exploitation in Australia. Alongside this he supports professional practice through external professional supervisor, consultant and trainer on child protection related issues. He sits on the board of the Australian Community Workers Association, is chair of the National Strategic Partnership on Child Sexual Exploitation, a member of the National Working Group on Responses to Victims of Child Sexual Abuse Material, a member of the National Stakeholder Working Group for the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation, and occasional peer reviewer for the Journal of Sexual Aggression.
