



Child Sexual Abuse & Harmful Sexual Behaviours National Conference 2024

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25 Collins St | 9am – 5pm

Day 1 – Thursday 31st October 2024

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome to Country
9.10am	Welcome <i>Nicole Artico</i> <i>Acting CEO - Kids First Australia</i>
9.30am	<i>Bryan Downie</i> <i>Executive Manager Investigations – eSafety Commissioner</i>
10.10am	Morning tea
10.40am	Responding to sibling sexual harm: An emerging concern? Sibling sexual harm has received relatively little research attention. One of the most common forms of intrafamilial sexual abuse, understanding of prevalence is hindered by a range of related issues. <i>Carol Ronken</i> <i>Director of Research – Bravehearts</i>
11.20am	We're all in this together: Progressing children's involvement in safeguarding Children understand and experience safety differently to adults. Drawing on a decade's work, this presentation shares findings and ways that children can be meaningfully engaged to inform safeguarding efforts. <i>Associate Professor Tim Moore</i> <i>Deputy Director – Institute of Child Protection Studies</i>



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12.00pm	<p>Peer sexual harassment in Australia: Findings from the Australian Child Maltreatment Study</p> <p>This presentation will provide data on peer sexual harassment during childhood in Australia. These salient findings have significant implications, with key insights discussed on the role schools, parents, and the community can play in addressing this issue.</p> <p>Gabrielle Hunt <i>PhD Candidate and Research Assistant</i> Australian Catholic University (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Ngagagee Ngulu Murrup Durra – An Aboriginal-designed project supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survivors of child sexual abuse in Victoria</p> <p>Our team will present on yarning circle knowledge-gathering, Community of Practice benefits, and survivor-led engagement principles for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child sexual abuse survivors.</p> <p>Dr Graham Gee <i>Associate Professor</i> Murdoch Children's Research Institute (Concurrent session)</p>
12.40pm	Lunch	
1.40pm	<p>Child sexual abuse prevention: What have we learned in 30 years?</p> <p>This presentation will explore the range of approaches to child sexual abuse prevention that have been the focus of policy and prevention activity over the last 30 years: from individual risk-reduction strategies, victim empowerment (protective behaviours), prevention education, perpetrator-focused interventions, situational and contextual prevention, and primary prevention from a public health approach.</p> <p>Professor Daryl Higgins <i>Director of the Institute of Child Protection Studies – Australian Catholic University</i></p>	



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<p>2.40pm</p>	<p>Acknowledging colonial scars: Transformative practices - Achieving culturally safe outcomes for children in out-of-home care</p> <p>This presentation will highlight the urgent need for First Nation-led approaches in out-of-home care, focusing on addressing the considerable abuse, exploitation, and systemic neglect being experienced by First Nations children and young people, advocating for culturally-centred practices and resilient healing strategies.</p> <p>Laura-Jane Singh <i>Founder, Therapist and Advocate First Nations Healing Practitioner</i> (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Protective behaviours education: A tool to prevent harmful sexual behaviours</p> <p>This presentation will discuss Protective Behaviours Education as an effective tool to address problematic behaviours in schools, embed respectful relationships curriculum and address child safety standards.</p> <p>Jayneen Sanders - Author and advocate</p> <p>Haylee Wesson - Prevention Leader - Kids First Australia (Concurrent session)</p>
<p>3.20pm</p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>	
<p>3.50pm</p>	<p>Pornography in the digital age</p> <p>In the digital sphere pornography is pervasive, with children as young as eight being exposed to explicit content online. How is this impacting our children and young people, and what can we do about it?</p> <p>Jackie Bateman <i>General Manager, Prevention and Recovery - Kids First Australia</i> (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Five forms of coerced 'self-produced' child sexual exploitation material</p> <p>After critically analysing 38 papers, this review identifies five forms of coerced 'self-produced' child sexual exploitation material, highlighting diverse manipulations of children faces and the need for a consistent, victim-centred approach to address this emerging form of exploitation.</p> <p>Genevieve Bloxson <i>PhD Candidate, Research Officer and Senior Advisor - University of Melbourne</i> (Concurrent session)</p>
<p>4.30pm</p>	<p>Day One Closing Remarks - Anne Hollonds - National Children's Commission</p>	



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8.30am	Registration	
9.00am	<p style="text-align: center;">Grace Tame Survivor, Activist, Author Q&A session</p> <p>Grace is a survivor of child sexual abuse, author, columnist, campaigner and advocate for fellow survivors. She is the founder of The Grace Tame Foundation (GTF), a not-for-profit organisation which creates and funds initiatives to prevent, disrupt and respond to child sexual abuse.</p>	
10.10am	Morning tea	
10.40am	<p>An outcomes framework for young people engaging in harmful sexual behaviour</p> <p>The presentation will define an outcomes framework and review best practices from the literature for this client group. Shureeka will present the outcomes framework developed at Kids First Australia, and Karla will discuss the ongoing research collaboration with Swinburne University.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shureeka Alves – Manager, Therapeutic Services - Kids First Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karla Dubaniewicz – Doctoral Candidate (Clinical and Forensic Psychology) Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science Swinburne University (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Bridging systems: Enhancing support for young people with disability engaging in harmful sexual behaviour</p> <p>Through the use of a case study, this presentation will provide practitioners with skills to support young people with disabilities engaging in harmful sexual behaviours, emphasising evidence-based, trauma-integrated interventions with a systemic framework.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maddison Murphy Team Leader, Sexually Abusive Behaviour Treatment Service The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre (Concurrent session)</p>



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11.20am	<p>Pathways to onset of harmful sexual behaviour: How do we intervene earlier?</p> <p>This presentation sets out the ten pathways to onset of harmful sexual behaviour and discusses the Worried About Sex And Pornography Project (WASAPP) online early intervention service for children and young people worried about their sexual thoughts and behaviours.</p> <p>Gemma McKibbin – Research Fellow The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Georgia Naldrett - Clinical Manager – Stop It Now! Australia – Jesuit Social Services (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Shame: It's time we talk</p> <p>This presentation examines difficulties, themes and emotions that come from shame, and explores the use of practical tools of how to work with shame without shaming the person.</p> <p>Michael Derby Manager of Practice and Development The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre (Concurrent session)</p>
12.00pm	<p>Australian police responses to children displaying harmful sexual behaviours (HSB)</p> <p>Rachel will discuss Australian Police attitudes and responses to HSB as well as exploring the influences on the use of police discretion when considering therapeutic diversions as a response to HSB.</p> <p>Rachel Lever Research Assistant The University of Melbourne (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>It's on us, not them: Businesses uniting to protect children</p> <p>What do Westpac, TikTok, IGH Hotels, TBWA, and GPT Group have in common? They've united in the On Us Coalition to collectively safeguard children – join us to find out how!</p> <p>Phil Doorgachurn General Manager – Strategic Safeguarding Children Initiatives Australian Childhood Foundation (Concurrent session)</p>
12.40pm	Lunch	



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1.40pm	<p>Amplifying the voices of HSB victim-survivors about their service needs</p> <p>This presentation discusses emerging evidence about HSB survivors' experiences and needs of the service system, including insights from the AVA Victim-Survivor Working Group about enhancing service provision across the sector.</p> <p><i>Jacqueline Kuruppu</i> <i>Research Assistant</i> <i>The University of Melbourne</i> (Concurrent session)</p>	<p>Preventing online harms against children and young people</p> <p>eSafety highlights current trends in online harms against children and young people, particularly grooming and child sexual abuse online. Learn about protective strategies and how to report online harm.</p> <p><i>Lauren Elston</i> <i>Senior Education Advisor</i> <i>eSafety Commissioner</i> (Concurrent session)</p>
2.20pm	<p>Panel discussion Prevention of misogynistic behaviours</p> <p>Panelists: Karen Flanagan, Principal Advisor Child Protection – Save the Children (Further panelists to be announced.)</p>	
3.20pm	<p>Conference closing remarks National Action Plan</p>	