

WHAT WORKS FOR CHILDREN BRIDGING THE GAPS

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

29 – 30 August 2007, Canberra

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth



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Do successful models of inter-sectoral integration and collaboration exist in early childhood service delivery systems?

What do integration and collaboration mean in policy and practice?

THIS CONFERENCE WILL:

- leave you better informed about the practical applications of collaborative practice as it applies in your professional context
- provide you with new ideas about what works for children
- offer the necessary tools to assist you to develop more integrated service delivery systems.

A leading edge deliberative process will ensure real 'take out' from this conference.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference will explore both international and national models and trends in early childhood education, care and development.

- Models of integrated early childhood services
- Bridging the gap between education and care
- Early intervention and prevention in the life of the young child
- Addressing disadvantage

Facilitated deliberative group exercises will explore:

- How would you build and maintain ownership of integrated approaches
- Key issues that came out of the conference and next steps



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Professor Collette Taylor, School of Early Childhood, Centre for Learning Innovation, Queensland University of Technology.

Jane Bertrand, Toronto First Duty, Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, University of Toronto, Canada.

Jayne Meyer Tucker, National Director, Good Beginnings Australia previously University of Kent, UK.

Cathy Diggins, New Zealand Ministry for Education.

Dr Tim Moore, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Sherry Thompson, South Australian Government.

Dr Sue Gordon, AM, Magistrate, Perth Children's Court; Chairperson, National Indigenous Council.

James O'Loghlin, Entertainer, ABC TV and Radio – Dinner Guest Speaker.

WHO WILL BE AT THE CONFERENCE?

- Early childhood education and care professionals
- Family support workers
- Healthcare professionals
- Community development workers
- Child protection workers
- Government policy makers and program managers
- Researchers
- Anyone working with or for young children

The “What Works for Children” conference was instigated by Marymead Child and Family Centre as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations reflecting its commitment to advancing policy, practice and research to support positive early childhood development for all Australian children.

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TICKET PRICES (ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST)

- \$450 for 2 day conference + conference dinner
- \$380 for 2 day conference only
- \$110 for conference dinner on 29 August 2007

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