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Using evidence to inform best practice with children, young people & families in ACT

Day 1 – Conference, 18 November 2025



Time	Details
8:00 – 8:45 am	Registration
8:45 – 9:30 am Conference Room	Welcome Welcome to Country – Ngunnawal Elder Caroline Hughes Opening address by ACU Vice Chancellor Professor Zlatko Skrbis Opening address by Executive Branch Manager for Aboriginal Service Development, ACT Government, Christopher Simpson
9:30 – 10:15 am Conference Room	Keynote: Professor Daryl Higgins Child protection: public health and the need for prevention with evidence from the Australian Child Maltreatment Study
10:15 – 11:00 am Conference Room	Keynote: Professor Sharon Goldfeld AM Radical pragmatism: can we achieve equity in child health and development in a generation
11:00 – 11:20 am	Morning tea catered
11:20 am–12:05 pm Conference Room	Keynote: Aunty Muriel Bamblett, Adjunct Professor AM Looking forward and looking back: working with and for Aboriginal children, young people and families
12:05 – 12:50 pm Conference Room	Presenter: Professor Melissa O'Donnell Utilising evidence to inform child protection policy, prevention and practice
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch catered

Enjoy lunch and see you back in the Conference Room

Welcome back from your short break			
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Keynote presenter: Corey White The watchtower and the village: preventing crisis, sustaining communities		
2:30– 3:20 pm Concurrent sessions			
2:35 – 3:20 pm	Conference Room Session 1 Adolescents and youth violence in the home Dr Hayley Boxall	Bld 300, G25 Session 2 Neurodiversity in the Australian youth justice system Dr Hayley Passmore	Bld 302, G 13 Session 3 Bridging the research-practice gap: perspectives from recent ICPS PhD studies • Lisa Fenn • Lottie Harris • Gabrielle Hunt • Dhatsayini Rattambige • Dr Ulrike Marwitz
3:20 – 3:55 pm Afternoon tea catered			
Mr Michael Pettersson, ACT Minister for Children, Youth and Families, will be joining us during this break for an informal chat			
3:55 – 4:45 pm Conference Room	Panel discussion – Re-imagining the child protection system Chair: Emeritus Professor Morag McArthur, Founding Director, ICPS • Maria Kanellopoulos, Chief Practitioner, Children Youth and Families, HCSD • Professor Daryl Higgins, Director ICPS • Jamie Crosby, CEO Families Australia • Shelley Henare, Youth Ambassador and Survivor Advocate • Megan Daley, Yerabi		
4:45 – 5:00 pm Final words & thank you			

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Day 2 – Practice Workshops, 19 November 2025

Four workshops will be delivered in parallel. The same workshops will run in the morning and repeated in the afternoon. Check the list of workshops and registered names on display to see which workshop you have chosen. If you haven't selected a workshop, add your name to the list.

Time	Concurrent morning practice workshops (repeated after lunch)
9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Workshop 1, Signadou Building 302.G.13 “Aboriginal Family Decision Making”, the original Informed Safety Network and the key to Child Safety in Australia Presenters: Mark Hudson & Philip Graham
	Workshop 2, Blackfriars Building 300.G.23 Reframing the behaviour of young people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Presenter: Dr Hayley Passmore
	Workshop 3 Blackfriars Building 300.G.25 Grievance, trauma, gender, shame and masculinity; understanding risk, invitations to collude and systems abuse Presenter: Rodney Valais
	Workshop 4, Signadou Building 302.G.44 Bringing the infant and child alive in the minds of parents, workers and the system when working with DFV: from conception onwards Presenter: Dr Wendy Bunston OAM
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch (not catered)
	Concurrent afternoon practice workshops
1:30 – 4:30 pm	Workshop 1, Signadou Building 302.G.13 “Aboriginal Family Decision Making”, the original Informed Safety Network and the key to Child Safety in Australia Presenters: Mark Hudson & Philip Graham
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4:30 – 4:45 pm	Closing, thank you and farewell