

SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE



The
Queen Elizabeth
Centre

THE CRITICAL
EARLY CHILDHOOD YEARS:

RETHINKING CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND STRATEGIES

8TH & 9TH NOVEMBER 2002

Copland Theatre

The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Hosted by

the QEC, an early parenting centre with an eighty year history of caring for, supporting and educating parents experiencing difficulty with the care of their infants

Conference Aims:

- To present cutting edge information on early childhood development and parenting 0-5 years
- To assist service providers in the provision of long term positive outcomes for the development and health of children and their families
- To provide a forum for interdisciplinary debate
- To present best practice models of service
- To integrate theory and practice

The QEC invites you to plan now to join delegates from Australia and overseas for an exciting two days of professional development and networking.

The conference will be of interest to:

Academics, policy makers and practitioners who work in the following areas: childcare, child protection, community and acute health services, early education, family and children's court, family oriented services, foster care, infant mental health, midwifery, paediatrics, parenting, psychology and social work.

Keynote International Speakers:

Dr Gillian Pugh, OBE.

Gillian Pugh has been Chief Executive of Coram Family in the UK since 1997. She was previously Director of the Early Childhood Unit at the National Children's Bureau. Over the past 20 years she has advised governments in the UK and overseas on: policy development for young children, coordination of services, curriculum, parental involvement and parent education and support. She has published over 30 books including *Contemporary Issues in the Early Years*, *Confident Parents*, *Confident Children*, *Preventive Work with Families* and *Training to Work in the Early Years*. Gillian was a founding member and is chair of the Parenting Education & Support Forum and a trustee of the National Family & Parenting Institute. She works in an advisory capacity with Sure Start, the National Children & Young People's Unit, and is a member of the Qualification & Curriculum Authority foundation stage curriculum working group.

Gillian is a visiting professorial fellow at the University of London Institute of Education, and a member of the Children's Task Force for London. She was a member of the Rumbold Committee on the education of children of three to five (DES 1990), of the RSA Start Right inquiry (Ball 1994) and the Audit Commission study of early education (1996). The Early Childhood Education Forum was established and chaired by Gillian (1993-1997).

Dr Kathryn Barnard, PhD.

Kathryn Barnard is Professor of Nursing and Psychology and Affiliate for the Centre for Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington. She also heads the University of Washington's Centre on Infant Mental Health and is Co-chair of Zero to Three Diagnostic Classification Task Force. Kathryn has conducted extensive research, published widely and is highly regarded internationally in the general areas of child health assessment, early intervention with at risk infants and families, and parent-child interaction. She is the author of the Nursing Child Assessment Feeding and Teaching Scales, first taught in the mid 1970's via communication technology throughout the USA on the NCAST Program. She has served on many Boards, a few of these being: Head Start, Commission on Early Learning, Preventive Intervention Research Centre for Child Health and as President of the Zero to Three Board of Directors.

The conference will include:

- International keynote addresses and international keynote workshops
- Invited papers from prominent national keynote speakers
- Concurrent workshops and papers
- Poster displays
- Conference dinner

Conference themes are:

- Care and education in early childhood
- New understandings of early childhood
- High needs families and high-risk infants
- Prevention and early intervention for parents and children: building competence



Call for Abstracts:

Deadline 30th April 2002

You are invited to submit an abstract for a paper, workshop or poster, which will specifically address the conference aims and themes. The time allocated for a paper presentation is 30 minutes, this will include 5 minutes for questions. Workshop length may be either 1.5 hours or 3 hours. Video presentations will need to be negotiated.

Posters should not exceed 1.6 x 1.6 metres.

Checklist for Abstracts:

1. In cover letter please indicate:

- Whether your abstract is for an oral presentation, workshop or poster
- Which theme your paper/workshop/poster will address
- Your audio visual requirements

2. The abstract in total (including all details) should be no more than 1 page in length.

3. The heading must include the title of your paper, followed by the names and affiliations of the authors. The name, address, telephone and e-mail of the author who will be presenting the conference paper. A brief biographical note outlining professional background/s and interest in the topic (no more than one sentence each). Where possible indicate which speaker will replace the original presenter should they be unable to present.

4. Abstract layout:

- Abstract must be typed, single spaced in English
- Left and right hand margins should not be less than 25 mm (1 inch)
- One column per page
- Headings should be 14 point Times Roman font or equivalent
- Abstract text should be 12 point Times Roman font or equivalent.

5. Abstract content should include:

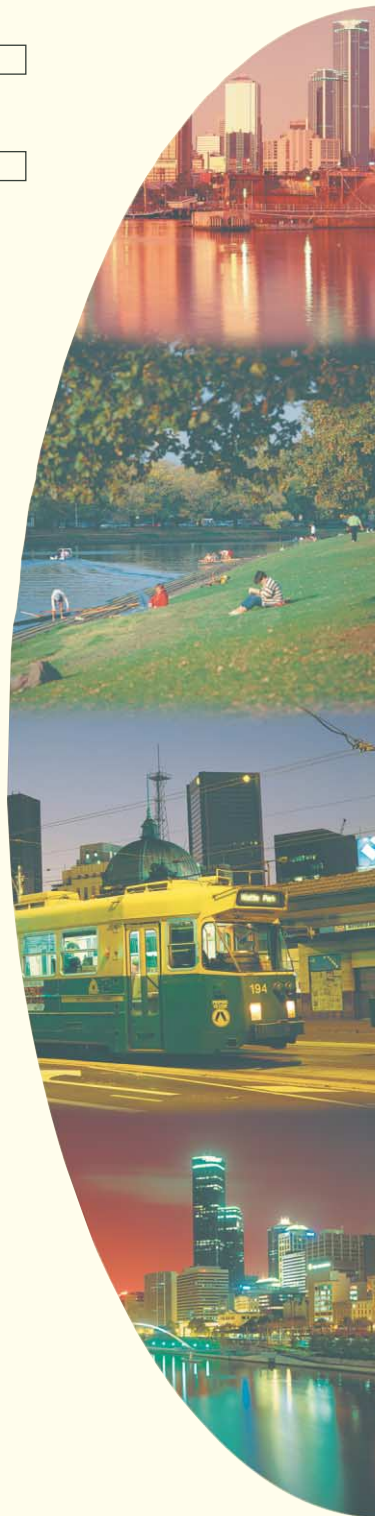
- Objective and purpose of the study/project (one sentence)
- Brief outline of the study/project, the methods used, summary of results


- A brief discussion including analysis which should validate your conclusions
- Details should be accurate, what you send the secretariat will be copied directly into the conference handbook

6. Please **post 2 hard copies plus 1 other copy via email or on diskette** of your abstract to the conference secretary by 30th April 2002. These must be Microsoft Word compatible. Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.

7. Acceptance or otherwise is at the discretion of the conference committee. The presenting author will be advised in writing of the committee decision in early June 2002.

8. All presenting authors must register for the conference however only pay the early bird fee.





For further information on full program details, registration form and accommodation options please contact

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