Lessons learnt from place-based initiatives: Early Years Seminar Series

Join us for a full-day seminar, presented by the Centre for Community Child Health and the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, to explore lessons learnt from place-based initiatives.

The day’s keynote speaker, Naomi Eisenstadt, will commence the seminar with a discussion on The English Experience. Drawing on her experience with Sure Start and other initiatives, Naomi will talk about what is meant by ‘place’, the opportunities and challenges of collaboration and integration, and the lessons she has learnt along the way.

Date: Thursday 13 August 2015, 9.30am – 3.30pm (registration from 9.00am)
Venue: The Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

Attendees will also see presentations that set the scene on place-based initiatives across Australia, with a focus on Victorian Area Partnerships. Later, we will welcome representatives from the Tasmanian Child and Family Centres, Go Goldfields and Doveton College to share their knowledge on the key features of these Australian place-based initiatives, and their major strengths and challenges.

There will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions following each practice example presentation, before Naomi is invited back to provide comments in response to the Australian presentations.

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Keynote speaker: Naomi Eisenstadt

After a long career in the NGO sector, Naomi Eisenstadt became the first Director of the Sure Start Unit in 1999. The Unit was responsible for delivering the government’s commitment to free nursery education places for all three and four year olds, the national childcare strategy, and programmes aiming to reduce the gap in outcomes between children living in disadvantaged areas and the wider child population.

After Sure Start, Naomi spent three years as the Director of the Social Exclusion Task Force working across government to identify and promote policies to address the needs of traditionally excluded groups. Naomi is currently an honorary research fellow at the Department of Education, University of Oxford where she advises on the policy implications of research findings. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Open University in 2002 and became a Companion of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) in 2005.

About the Early Years Seminar Series

Delivered by the Centre for Community Child Health, the Early Years Seminar Series supports early years professionals in their work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and their families through working with communities. Subscribe to Professional Development News to receive news about upcoming seminars www.rch.org.au/ccch/pd_news
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| 9.30 – 9.40am | Introduction and welcome
Sue West, Associate Director, Centre for Community Child Health |
| 9.40 – 10.40am| The English Experience
Naomi Eisenstadt, Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Education, University of Oxford & Independent Advisor on Poverty and Inequality to the Scottish Government |
| 10.40 – 11.00am| Morning tea |
| 11.00 – 11.30am| The current state of play in Australia
Sue West, Associate Director, Centre for Community Child Health |
| 11.30am - 12.15pm| Victorian area-based partnerships
Simon Booth, Director, Vulnerable Children's Reform Unit
Strategy and Analytics Division, Department of Health & Human Services |
| 12.15 – 1.00pm| Lunch |
| 1.00 – 1.40pm | Tasmanian Child and Family Centres
- Features, Challenges and strengths, and Key lessons
Paul Prichard, Training & Development Manager, Centre for Community Child Health |
| 1.40 – 2.20pm | Go Goldfields
- Features, Challenges and strengths, and Key lessons
Sharon Fraser, General Manager, Go Goldfields, Central Goldfields Shire Council |
| 2.20 – 3.00pm | Doveton College
- Features, Challenges and strengths, and Key lessons
Shannon Newman, Director, Comspec Services |
| 3.00 – 3.15pm | Naomi Eisenstadt will respond to the Australian experience |
| 3.15 – 3.30pm | Closing address
Sue West, Associate Director, Centre for Community Child Health |
| 3.30pm        | Close |