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A ONE DAY SYMPOSIUM



Program

Time	Session
8.30am	Registration
9.15am	Welcome to Country
	Welcome and introduction MC, Roger Sharp, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Health and Human Services
	Opening address Hon Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children, Minister for Youth Affairs
	Address Kym Peake, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
	Overview of the symposium Professor Frank Oberklaid Director, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute The Royal Children's Hospital and The University of Melbourne
	Keynote address Dr Michael Little, Fellow of the Centre for Social Policy, Dartington and Curator of the R Word <i>The R Word: How relationships make us think differently about public policy and science for children</i>
10.15am	Morning tea
	Keynote address Chris Cuthbert, Director of Development, A Better Start, UK <i>A better start: an innovative place-based approach to early childhood development</i>
	Keynote address Associate Professor Moira Inkelas, Centre for Healthier Children, Families and Communities University of California, Los Angeles <i>A learning system for improving family and community outcomes</i>
	Panel discussion with keynote presenters Facilitated by Roger Sharp, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Health and Human Services
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Concurrent workshop sessions

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1.30pm	<p>Concurrent workshop sessions</p> <p>Stream 1: Place-based approaches using data for systems improvement Facilitator: Sue West, Associate Director, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute and the Royal Children’s Hospital <i>Panel member presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor David Hogan, Data Analyst, Opportunity Child • Rob Kennedy, Principal Adviser, Vulnerable Children’s Reform Unit, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education and Training • Jane Anderson, Regional Director Gippsland, Anglicare Victoria • Bec Fry, Manager, Service Systems Innovation, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute <p>Stream 2. Using evidence to change practice Facilitator: Eleanor Williams, Assistant Director, Centre for Evaluation and Research, System Intelligence and Analytics Branch, Department of Health and Human Services <i>Panel member presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Tim Moore, Manager, Research and Policy, Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children’s Research Institute • Dr Brigid Van Wanrooy, Policy Manager, Priority Child and Family Projects, Department of Health and Human Services • Deb Tsobaris, CEO, Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare • Elly Robinson, Executive Manager, Practice Evidence and Engagement, Australian Institute of Family Studies <p>Stream 3: Addressing disadvantage using evidence and data Facilitator: Nick Beckingsale, Director, Vulnerable Children Branch, Early Childhood and School Education Group, Department of Education and Training <i>Panel member presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Stacey Fox, Acting Policy and Program Director, Mitchell Institute • Michael Coppola, Acting Director, System Intelligence and Analytics, Department of Health and Human Services • Bronwen Heathfield, Executive Director, Department and Education and Training and Sean Box, Assistant Director, Improvement and Accountability, Regional Services Group, Department and Education and Training • Kim Sykes, CEO, Bendigo Community Health Services
3.15pm	Afternoon tea
3.35pm	<p>Review: what have he heard, where are we headed</p> <p>Next steps: building on today</p>
4.00pm	Wrap-up and close

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Keynote Speakers



Dr Michael Little

Michael is Fellow of the Centre for Social Policy, Dartington and Curator of the R Word. He is an internationally recognised academic and researcher who trains doctoral students, and helps translate the research evidence to encourage policy makers, systems leaders and philanthropists to use science in order to improve children's well-being. He has extensive experience with large-scale community investment programs in the UK, Europe and the USA and an up-to-date knowledge of innovative early childhood policies and programs around the world.



Chris Cuthbert

Chris is Director of Development for the Big Lottery Fund's £215m A Better Start programme, which aims to deliver local systems transformation and improve early child development outcomes. Chris was previously Head of Strategy and Development at the NSPCC where he led a national programme of research, service design and policy development. Chris joined the NSPCC from the Cabinet Office where he was Deputy Director of the government's Social Exclusion Task Force. Chris led the cross-Whitehall review on families at risk which resulted in the government's 'Think Family' agenda. He was also the lead official on parenting and early intervention policy for the government's social exclusion action plan and was responsible for introducing a number of innovative interventions. Prior to joining the civil service, Chris worked in the private sector specialising in social and advertising research, including work on a number of major public health communications campaigns.



Associate Professor Moira Inkelas

Moira Inkelas, PhD MPH, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Fielding School of Public Health, and Assistant Director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities. Dr Inkelas studies how systems of care influence quality, access, and performance in children's health care. She focuses on practical ways of using measurement and iterative learning to help organisations in cross-sector, collective impact efforts to think, work and improve as a single system. Dr Inkelas has directed multiple quality improvement efforts in family health and wellbeing, including the re-design of services to achieve prevention and health promotion goals. She currently directs a learning network of 10 communities across the US that aims to reduce care disparities and health inequities by supporting health care, partnered with other community organisations, to address social determinants of family wellbeing outcomes. At UCLA, Dr Inkelas co-leads the implementation, improvement and dissemination initiative and the population health program of the UCLA Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI), which is supported by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) to accelerate the translation of knowledge to practice. Dr Inkelas earned her doctorate in public policy at the Rand Graduate School.

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Tram numbers 11, 12, 48, 109 stop outside the Hotel's Collin's Street entrance. Stop Number 7.

Car

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Access is via the hotel's Russell Street driveway or the carpark entrance off Flinders Lane.

Early bird rates are available. Parking costs can be found [here](#).

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