



CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE

NATIONAL PERMANENCY CONFERENCE 2017

PROGRAM | Day 1 Thursday 16th Nov

8:30am Registration

9:00am Welcome to Country

Aunty Millie Ingram

Introduction

Renée Carter, CEO Adopt Change

9:15am Exploring evidence based programming in the permanency continuum from prevention and reunification through adoption and post-adoptive supports in real world implementations

Dr Sylvia Rowlands, New York Foundling

10:00am Advocating for Change and for Children: Navigating the Policy Making Maze

Facilitator: Kerry Chikarovski

Panel includes: Jeremy Sammut (CIS), Mark Nixon (EY), Lisa Dibb (Queensland Alliance for Kids), Dr Jennifer Buckingham (CIS)

10:50am Meeting the Ethical Challenges of Permanency: Learning from the Past to improve the Future

Trevor Jordan, Jigsaw Queensland

11:25am Morning tea

11:55am Applying the Placement Principle and Preserving Culture

Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett, AM, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

12:30pm Search for Origins

Joel De Carteret

1:05pm Lunch

2:00pm Fighting for Permanence for Neglected Children: The English Experience of Boosting Adoption Numbers

Sir Martin Narey

2:50pm Permanency and adoption – the challenges, opportunities and improving outcomes for children

Anne King, Senior Advisor, NSW Government

3:25pm Afternoon tea and meet the speakers / networking

3:50pm Outside the Orphanage – Connections with Families and Culture

Panel: Gianna Mazzone (Lifeworks), Damon Martin (International Social Service), Leigh Mathews, Zufan Emerson (Adopt Change Ambassador)

Alternative Session (Taylor Room):

Research Gaps and Critical Areas of Enquiry in Open Adoption Studies

Amy Conley Wright, Institute of Open Adoption Studies

4:20pm The Power of One. How one decision can transform the life of a child

Eric Bailey, Adoptee, Ex-Pro NBL Player, Activational Speaker and Adopt Change Ambassador

4:55pm Closing words: MC

5:00pm Day 1 concludes

5:30pm Sunset Refreshments networking function (Limited to Sunset Refreshments ticket holders)

Includes address from Jack Thompson



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PROGRAM | Day 2 Friday 17th Nov

8:30am Registration

8:50am Welcome

8:55am Ministerial address

The Hon Pru Goward MP,
NSW Minister for Family and Community Services

9:10am National Commitment to Permanency

Senator The Hon Zed Seselja,
Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs

9:25am Update on the States and Territories Permanency Plans and Progress

Facilitator: Kerry Chikarovski

Panel: Kathryn Mandla, Principle Advisor, Families Group, Department of Social Services, The Hon Pru Goward MP (NSW), Beth Allen (VIC), Jackie Tang (WA), Kathryn Jordan (SA)

10:45am Action Learning: The role of the Adoptions Taskforce in transforming the out-of-home care adoptions process

Mark Galvin, EY and
Simone Czech, NSW Family and Community Services

11:25am Morning tea

11:45am Getting an Early Start to Learning and Life

Professor Paul Chandler

Alternative Session (Taylor Room):

Previous life experiences and vulnerabilities of children adopted from care in Australia: Implications for practice

Dr Susan Tregeagle, Barnardos

12:20pm The Impact of Impermanence and finding connections

Panel: Matthew Bambrick, Heather Baird, Brad Murphy, Julie Harcourt, Queensland Family and Child Commission

1:00pm Lunch

1:50pm Child Protection: Dual Perspectives

Karl O'Callaghan

Alternative Workshop (Taylor Room):

Lifelong relationships and a sense of belonging: Guiding principles for best practice in achieving permanency

Kathryn Mandla, Principle Advisor, Families Group,
Department of Social Services

2:10pm The French Adoption System: The ins and outs of a dual system

Sandrine Pepit

Alternative Workshop (Taylor Room):

Tough Conversations in Child Protection

Michael Hawton

2:50pm Afternoon tea

3:10pm Permanency Provides Family

Warren Mundine

3:50pm Improving Brain Health by Integrating Trauma Informed Practices with Evidence Based Neuroplasticity Interventions

Professor Selena Bartlett and Sheryl Batchelor

4:35pm Closing words: CEO and MC

4:45pm Conference Concludes