

You're invited to the
National Child Protection Week
forum

Prevention:
The key to addressing child abuse and neglect

NAPCAN has invited a panel of experts to join us in an inspiring discussion covering:

- What is meant by prevention and how it differs from early intervention
- How we create a balance between responding to child abuse and neglect and reducing demand on the child protection system
- How we support communities to play their part in protecting children

Special guest: The Hon. Susan Close MP, Minister for Education and Child Development
Presentation of the 2017 SA Play Your Part Awards

Wednesday 6th September 2017, 9:00 - 11:30am
Elder Hall, University of Adelaide
North Terrace, Adelaide

Morning tea will be provided at end of session

RSVP

Please RSVP for seating and catering by Wednesday 30th August to anne.jurisevic@adelaide.edu.au

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OUR PANELISTS



Professor Leah Bromfield

Co-Director: Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia

Professor Leah Bromfield is one of Australia's foremost child protection researchers and is Co-Director at the Australian Centre for Child Protection. She is a well-regarded research expert in issues affecting child protection systems, chronic maltreatment and cumulative harm, and has worked closely with state, national and international governments on establishing and implementing child welfare reforms, including the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children. She was also Professorial Fellow to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.



Ms Cathy Taylor

Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection South Australia

Cathy Taylor was appointed to lead the new Department for Child Protection in September, 2016. Cathy joins the department after leading the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services in Queensland as Deputy Director General, Child Family and Community Services. This role saw her lead the development and implementation of strategic policy and program initiatives – including the response to the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry 2013, and work on the Bryce Taskforce on Responses to Domestic and Family Violence of 2015.



Ms Helen Connolly

SA Children's Commissioner

Helen Connolly is the inaugural Commissioner for Children and Young People for South Australia. Appointed in April 2017 Helen has held a number of senior service delivery roles in South Australia and nationally over many years. A significant part of this work has included work with and for children. Helen approaches her work from a community participation, citizenship and rights based framework.



Ms Lesley Taylor

National Manager - Prevention Strategies, NAPCAN

Lesley Taylor founded the NT branch of NAPCAN in 2000 which she operated as a volunteer for 7 years before leaving a career in Child Protection to work full time for NAPCAN. Over the past 14 years, Lesley has delivered a range of workshops promoting the safety and wellbeing of children to thousands of people in hundreds of communities across the Territory in urban, rural and remote locations. With over 25 years experience promoting child abuse prevention initiatives, Lesley has developed a keen sense of how strong communities create safe environments for children.



Ms Leesa Waters

Deputy CEO, NAPCAN

Leesa Waters is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer at NAPCAN where she has worked for 5 years. Leesa has a 20 year background in front line child protection services; in executive management and legal services, within NSW (metropolitan and regional/remote). Leesa has extensive experience in working with children, young people, services in out-of-home care and community and program development in the Northern Territory.