

AWCH EMAIL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2003

Dear Members and new subscribers

This is the eighth email newsletter from the Association for the Welfare of Child Health (AWCH). It would be much appreciated if you could let AWCH know whether the information included in this electronic version is relevant to your needs, whether there is too much/too little information and what other topics you would like to see included on a regular basis. The contents below are under the following headings:

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AWCH ACTIVITIES

AWCH LIBRARY

There have been some changes to the AWCH Library with the resignation of the two staff designated to the unit. At the end of 2002, Jenny Laverick and Josie Fletcher, with a combined 40 years of service, resigned from their positions as AWCH Librarian and Audio-Visual Administrator respectively. Jenny and Josie have provided outstanding service to the community of students, parents and health professionals who have used the library services. AWCH wishes them well in their retirement.

All enquiries relating to AWCH Library need to be directed to AWCH National Office on 02 9633 1988 or awch@awch.com.au

CALICO DOLLS

Thanks to Sonia Driene, Vice President AWCH NSW and the Earlwood Girl Guides, the National Office now has 50 calico dolls. The Calico Doll Book, which explains how to use the dolls, and the doll are for sale through National Office @ \$7.70. You can download the publications order form from the AWCH website http://www.awch.org.au/pdfs/awch_pubs_orders.pdf

HEALTH UPDATES

ABC AND OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

CANNABIS AND DEPRESSION (Health Minutes: 27/11/2002) A seven-year study following Victorian teenagers has found that cannabis is strongly associated with future depression and anxiety in young women.

<http://abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s735782.htm>

<http://abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s734768.htm>

NEWBORN HEARING (New Dimensions - Health: 26/11/2002) Research shows that early intervention is best practice for children born with hearing disabilities. Better language and reading outcomes have been achieved where hearing aids have been fitted early. A new screening program is identifying babies with hearing disabilities in hospital neo-natal special-care units.

http://abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_health/Transcripts/s735591.htm

NEW LIBRARY TOPIC: ASTHMA

Asthma is a disease of the airways that causes difficulty breathing. Along with the UK and New Zealand, Australia has the highest incidence of asthma in the world. In most people it's not life-threatening, but it can cause a lot of misery and suffering if not treated properly. And while there is no cure for asthma, a broad range of treatment options exists, allowing most people with asthma to lead a normal life and participate in sport.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/regions/library/asthma.htm>

http://www.abc.net.au/health/regions/library/asthma_ff.htm

RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIANS - WANT TO WRITE FOR US?

If you live outside Australia's major cities and you've got a story to tell about health, illness or recovery, Health Matters wants to hear from you! We're looking for pieces of 800 to 1000 words to be published in the 'Your Stories' section of our website. It might be sad or humorous, inspiring or thoughtful, but it must be based on your own personal experience. If you're interested, e-mail us at health matters@your.abc.net.au with a 100-word summary. If we publish your story, we will pay a small fee.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/yourstories/default.htm>

BABY ULTRASOUND (New Dimensions Health: 04/02/2003)

Pregnancy ultrasounds have become so common in the last few years they're considered routine. But the scans are far from 100 per cent accurate and some doctors are worried about the unnecessary anxiety they can cause, and the un-preparedness of expectant parents for potentially bad news.

http://www.abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_health/Transcripts/s776273.htm

MEDICAL MYTHS (New Dimensions Health: 04/02/2003)

A light-hearted look at some of the medical myths that have become part of our culture. Is it OK to drink alcohol while you are taking penicillin? Can you really contract a sexually transmitted disease from a toilet seat? If children have green snot does that mean they need antibiotics, and will worms make them grind their teeth?

http://www.abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_health/Transcripts/s776185.htm

[MENINGOCOCCAL SEPTICAEMIA - WHAT OF THE SURVIVORS? \(Health Report: 03/02/2003\)](#)

Meningococcal disease has barely been out of the news in the past year. But mostly you hear about the people who die of this devastating infection - not those who survive. This is the unforgettable story of a young man who developed meningococcal septicaemia just after his 19th birthday, 18 months ago. He's just been discharged from hospital, having lost 80 per cent of his skin and both arms and legs. No-one thought he'd survive but now that he has, what does life hold?

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s772352.htm>

[AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR WARNS OF LOOMING HEALTH CRISIS \(AM: 27/01/2003\)](#)

The scientist named as Australian of the Year is warning of a crisis in the health of Australia's young people. Professor Fiona Stanley, renowned specialist paediatric epidemiologist, says that a social crisis looms if there is not action to tackle children's health and behavioural problems.

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/s770446.htm>

[YOUTH SUICIDE, RISK TAKING KILLING KIDS \(The World Today: 23/01/2003\)](#)

A report tabled in NSW Parliament reveals that suicide and risk taking accounted for almost a quarter of the deaths of young people over a five-year period, and it appears the figures are fairly typical of the trends in other states and territories.

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/s768586.htm>

[URBAN ABORIGINAL CHILDREN HEALTHIER THAN THOUGHT \(Health News: 22/01/2003\)](#)

Urban Aboriginal children in Australia are healthier than their counterparts in remote areas, a new study has found.

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_767203.htm

[VACCINE FOR AUTO-IMMUNE DISEASES A POSSIBILITY \(Health News: 20/01/2003\)](#)

A vaccine for auto-immune diseases like arthritis and juvenile diabetes may be possible after the discovery by Australian scientists of a way to train the body's immune system not to attack itself.

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_765183.htm

[PEANUT ALLERGIES ON THE RISE AMONG KIDS \(PM: 19/11/2002\)](#)

Researchers have found that more and more children are developing potentially deadly peanut allergies. <http://abc.net.au/pm/s730488.htm>

[ADHD DRUG USE RATES WELCOMED BY AMA \(PM: 18/11/2002\)](#)

Some doctors say that over-prescription of drugs like Ritalin to children is a scandal, but faced with new figures showing Western Australia has the highest rate of consumption of such drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity

disorder, the Australian Medical Association says the State should actually be proud. <http://abc.net.au/pm/s729567.htm>

FIRST TIME FATHERS (Dimensions: Health: 19/11/2002)

Today, Australian men want to play a bigger role in fathering their children than has been generally the case in earlier generations. A Relationships Australia course is helping them to do this by giving advice on how father's can bond with their babies.

http://abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_health/Transcripts/s730640.htm

SERVICES AND THEIR CONTACT DETAILS

<http://www.vicparenting.com.au/> In December 2002 we launched a new publication: VPC e-News. This brief newsletter is designed to keep you up to date with VPC developments, events and products. Simply click [here](#) and enter your email address in the space provided.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/nl2002/summer.html> Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter vol.10 no.2 Summer 2002. Published by the Australian Institute of Family Studies ISSN 1447-0039 (Print); 1447-0047 (Online) Clearinghouse Coordinator : Judy Adams Newsletter compiled by Katie Kovacs

<http://www.policylibrary.com/index.html> Policy Library is a social, economic and foreign policy resource - updated daily with the latest jobs, research, and events. Policy Library members reach an audience of hundreds of thousands of policy makers, politicians, academics and students.

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/immunisation/>. Source: Victorian Government - Department of Human Services. The Immunisation Program website offers information for the public and professionals interested in immunisation. It will be an evolving site providing updated information, resources and reports as they become available. Immunisation providers will be able to download fact sheets on vaccine preventable diseases on the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule.

Best Start A Commitment to improving health, development, learning & well-being of all children across Victoria.

The new edition of the **National Public Health Partnership News** December 2002, can be accessed on: <http://www.nphp.gov.au/dec02/dec02.pdf> The earlier versions of the NPHP News can also be found on our website <http://www.nphp.gov.au/>

Medscape has created the ADHD Resource Centre, which contains a collection of the latest medical news and clinical articles on the topic, to promote a better understanding and treatment of this disorder.

Visit at

<http://www.medscape.com/pages/editorial/resourcecenters/public/adhd/rc-adhd.ov>

The Defence Special Needs Support Group provides support, information and assistance for all Australian Defence Force families who have a dependant (child, spouse or other dependant) with special needs. Fact sheets on Early Intervention, ADD/ADHD, Respite/Recreation, School Services and Equipment are available on <http://www.dsnsq.org.au/>

The PCP State Wide Health Services Directory in Victoria provides access to a current, accurate database of health and associated community support services in Victoria - [Infoxchange Australia](#).

Disability Rights policy and projects is a section on the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission web site, and has lots of new content -- a range of resources and links on disability rights and discrimination issues. http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/

The Acute Care Best Practice Project is an initiative of NSW Health. The Acute Care Implementation Working Group (ACIWG) found that many common medical procedures were performed very differently from hospital to hospital. Some hospitals had innovative and effective systems in place to improve the way they did their jobs but limited opportunity to share their expertise across the state. Explore the website and notice the differences in hospital processes.

External <http://www3.health.nsw.gov.au/clinpath/>

Internal <http://internal1.health.nsw.gov.au/clinpath/>

The Opening All Options II website will be an important resource for both students and teachers, offering a wealth of information and advice on ways to assist students with learning disabilities through their tertiary study. [Click here for further information](#)

The NSW Health Care Complaints Commission was established by Parliament on 1 July 1994 to provide people with an effective means of making a complaint about health care practitioners and health care services and to have their complaints handled by an independent, accessible organisation. www.hccc.nsw.gov.au

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/TRAINING

8th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference - Children and Parenting; Family and Marriage; and Families and Society.

11-13 February 2003

<http://afrc2003.websites.net.au/>

Celebrating Three Successful Years - COMIC (Children of Mentally Ill Consumers)

18 February 2003, Glenelg Function Centre

Website: <http://www.howstat.com/comic/News.asp#crossroads>

Making the Youth Justice System Work Better

21-22 February 2003, Brisbane, Australia

<http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au> or phone Jo McDonald (07) 3238 3024
jmcdonal@legalaid.qld.gov.au

Art, Health and Design World Symposium

1-4 March 2003, Hobart Tasmania

For more information on ANAH, ph: (07) 3844 8525 or send an email to:
anah@powerup.com.au, web site: <http://www.anah.org.au>

1st Asia-Pacific Injury Prevention Conference / 6th National Conference on Injury Prevention and Control

16-18 March 2003, Perth Western Australia

(08) 9322 6662. Fax: (08) 9322 1734.

Email: conwes@congresswest.com.au.

Web: <http://www.congresswest.com.au/injury/>

Something to Say - Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment

20-23 March 2003, Sydney, Australia

<http://www.agosci2003.org/>

CONNECTIONS Empowering Children & Families through Technology and Shared Information

27-28 March 2003.

Ella Latham Lecture Theatre, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Contact Name: Vinita Chopra

Contact E-mail: vinita.chopra@rch.org.au

Contact Phone: 03 9322 5112

[Click here for more information](#)

Beyond the Rhetoric in Early Intervention – Bridging the Gap Between Education, Health and Crime Prevention

26-28 March 2003, Adelaide

conference@agd.sa.gov.au

slattery.rebecca@agd.sa.gov.au

westhorp.gill@agd.sa.gov.au

Phone: 08 8463 4098

Fax: 08 8204 9883

Website: http://www.voc.sa.gov.au/EI_Crime_Prevention/EI_Registration.asp

World Conference on Living with Learning Difficulties

2-3 Apr 2003, Edinburgh, Scotland

Mindfield, PO Box 13684, Musselburgh EH21 1YL Scotland UK. Email:
moreinfo@mind-field.org. Web: <http://www.mind-field.org>

Families and Health Care - Public Policy and Education Conference

10-11 April 2003, Washington, DC

Laura Eiklenborg - Tel: 763 781 9331 x.17. Email: laura@ncfr.org

Child Sexual Abuse: Justice Response or Alternative Resolution

1-2 May 2003, Adelaide, SA

(02) 6292 9000. Fax: (02) 6292 9002. Email: confco@austarmetro.com.au.

Web: <http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2003-abuse/>

Our Children the Future 3 - Early Childhood Conference

1-4 May 2003, Adelaide, SA

Secretariat, Department of Education, Training and Employment, GPO Box 1152, Adelaide SA 5000. Tel: (08) 8226 9548. Fax: (08) 8226 0099.

[Mailto:octf@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:octf@saugov.sa.gov.au) Web: <http://www.octf.sa.edu.au>

Network Conference 2003 - Out of School Hours Care

16-18 May 2003, Sydney, NSW

(02) 9212 3244. Email network@netoosh.org.au. Web: (Network of Community Activities): <http://www.netoosh.org.au/index.html>

European Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome

18-20 May 2003, Edinburgh, Scotland

The European Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome, Department of Child Life and Health, 20 Sylvan Place, Edinburgh EH9 1UW Scotland. Tel:

1.801.627.3399. Fax: 1.801.627.3321. [Mailto:registration@dontshake.com](mailto:registration@dontshake.com)

Web: <http://www.dontshake.com>

4th International Conference on Drugs and Young People

26-28 May 2003, Wellington, NZ

Conference Secretariat, Australian Drug Foundation, PO Box 818 North Melbourne 3052. Fax: (03) 9328 3008. [Mailto:events@adf.org.au](mailto:events@adf.org.au)

Web: <http://www.adf.org.au>

4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers' Conference

15-18 June 2003, Adelaide, SA

Secretariat - SAPMEA Conventions, 68 Greenhill Road, Wayville SA 5034.

Tel: (08) 8274 6060. Fax: (08) 8274 6000. Toll Free Number 1800 674

668. [Mailto:aihw4thconf@sapmea.asn.au](mailto:aihw4thconf@sapmea.asn.au)

Web: <http://www.sapmea.asn.au>

Tresillian Family Care Centres Conference

20-21 June 2003, Homebush Bay, Sydney, NSW

Dr Catherine Fowler, Education and Research, Tresillian Family Care

Centres, McKenzie Street, Belmore NSW 2192. Tel: (02) 9787 0869. Fax: (02) 9787 0880. Email: cathrine@email.cs.nsw.gov.au.

Country Children's Services Association of NSW Conference

20-22 June 2003, Canberra, ACT

Country Children's Services Association of NSW, PO Box 118, Katoomba NSW 2780. Tel: (02) 4782 1470. Fax: (02) 4782 4425.

[Mailto:conference@ccsa-nsw.asn.au](mailto:conference@ccsa-nsw.asn.au) Web: <http://www.ccsa-nsw.asn.au>

Joined Up Services: Linking Together for Children and Families

26-28 June 2003, Dunedin, New Zealand

Children's Issues Centre, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin NZ. Tel: +64 3 479 5038. Fax: +64 3 479 5039. [Mailto:cic@otago.ac.nz](mailto:cic@otago.ac.nz)

Web: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/CIC/CIC.html>

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Association International Conference

3-6 July 2003, Penrith Panthers, Sydney, Australia

<http://www.cdlsa.us.org/?page=conf>

International Congress of Genetics

6-11 July 2003, Melbourne, Australia

www.geneticscongress2003.com

6th International Turner Syndrome Conference

10 –13 July 2003

Masonic Centre, 279 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, Australia

<http://www.turnersyndrome.org.au/events/internationalconference/index.html>

Children - The Core of Society

Australian Early Childhood Association Inc

10-13 July 2003

Hotel Grand Chancellor – Hobart

<http://www.aeca.org.au/2003Conf.html>

Europaediatrics 2003

19-22 October 2003, Prague, Czech Republic

<http://www.kenes.com/europaediatrics2003/>

9th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

24-27 November 2003, Sydney Convention Centre

Abstracts Submission www.nsw.gov.au/accan2003

Conference Secretariat childabuseconference@augment.com.au

Asthma Conference

22 - 24 February 2004, Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne

Asthma Victoria convention@optushome.com.au

Contact Phone: 03) 9326 7088 [Click here for more information](#)

MEDIA RELEASES and NEWS

Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards for 2002

The AIC recently announced the winners of these awards:

1. BADYAC Flexi School (Queensland) which provides a daytime program for young people who are not currently attending any learning institute through choice
2. CAR SAFE project (South Australia)
3. Project Samaritan (Tasmania) -- a community policing strategy involving police and Neighbourhood Watch volunteers
4. The Hillary's Youth Project Enquiry (HYPE, Western Australia), an interagency committee project formed to address antisocial behaviour during the summer holidays.

Full details of these projects are at <http://www.aic.gov.au/avpa/2002.html>

[The Cronulla Sand Sculpting Championship 2003](#) will be held from 11 to 26 January 2003 on the Cronulla foreshore. More than 120,000 people of all ages are expected to experience the intricate beauty of these amazing sand sculptures. The current world champion sand sculptor, Kevin Crawford from the United States, will be joined by Australian and other international sculptors in creating world-class art works in sand. [Click here for more information](#)

[Wearable computers have changed the life of some students with disabilities](#) reports United Press International... [Click here for more information](#)

[CHILD PROTECTION AUSTRALIA 2001-02: FIRST NATIONAL RESULTS](#)

Health and Ageing Portfolio

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/media/2002/mr021204.html>

SNIPPET: Child protection cases include instances where children have been abused, neglected or harmed. Co-author of the report, Ms Helen Johnstone, said 20,557 children were on care or protection orders in June 2002 compared with 15,718 children in 1997.

[EXTRA FUNDING AIMS TO LOWER TRAGIC RATE OF SUICIDE FURTHER](#)

Health and Ageing Portfolio

<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2002/kp/kp02132.htm>

SNIPPET: Increasing the self confidence of young people at risk of suicide, identifying others at risk through emergency departments and counselling for drug users are among 12 Victorian projects to get an extra \$550,000 to help with suicide prevention in Victoria

[Indigenous health faces bleak future](#) – November 2002

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2002/11/20/1037697740348.html>

[AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN HEADING TOWARDS DIABETES](#)

Family and Community Services Portfolio

<http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/MinCS.nsf/b9bf24f0f06605bdca2567140011b79c/a9f2b8a51a7df5a2ca256c710006d8e9?OpenDocument>

SNIPPET: One in five Australian children are heading towards contracting diabetes Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Larry Anthony, said today. "The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released it's Diabetes: Australian Facts 2002 report

[CONGRESS SEEKS ANSWERS TO AUTISM](#) (PM: 11/11/2002)

The World Autism Congress has heard that the number of children diagnosed with autism had doubled in the past five years from one-in-one-thousand to one-in-five-hundred. <http://abc.net.au/pm/s724250.htm>

STUDY FINDS NO LINK BETWEEN MMR VACCINE AND AUTISM (TV News: 8/11/02) There has been much speculation about whether giving children the measles mumps rubella vaccine can cause autism. http://abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s722579.htm

Companion Card The purpose of the Companion Card Scheme is to assist people who have a severe or profound disability to access leisure and recreational opportunities. The Companion Card will be established in 2003. If you wish to register your interest in receiving an application form for the Companion Card Scheme, please provide your name and mailing address details by either:

Telephone: Free Call 1800 650 611 or TTY: 1800 898 888, during business hours. Completing the Online Registration of Interest Form; or by completing the attached [Registration of Interest Form \(Word, 562 KB\)](#)
[Click here for further information](#)

[Inquiry into Improving children's health and well being](#)

On 17 October 2002 the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, the Hon Larry Anthony MP, referred the following inquiry to the committee. The committee is to explore avenues for enhancing parenting capacity and child and family friendly communities in order to overcome current social problems. Have your say on this important issue at:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fca/members.htm>

FREE ACCESS TO COCHRANE LIBRARY FOR AUSTRALIANS (Science News: 21/11/2002) Access to the world's most respected online health database is now available to anyone in Australia, giving doctors and health professionals the latest information and clinical trial reviews, it was announced this week.
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_731690.htm

TITLE: SAFER FARMS FOR CHILDREN Health and Ageing Portfolio
URL: <http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2002/kp/kp02144.htm>
SNIPPET: With accidents on farms claiming the lives of around 30 children a year in Australia, the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Kay Patterson, today announced an \$887,000 grant over three years to Farm Safe Australia ...

BOOKS, RESOURCES, REPORTS

[AWCH Library Database](#)

The AWCH Library's collection includes both *consumer health information and academic literature*, from national and international sources. The collection specialises in the psycho-social care of children, for example:

- Basic medical information on specific childhood illnesses or conditions
- Preparation of children for hospitalisation, and the effects of hospitalisation,
- The importance of play and the facilities required
- Children with special needs
- Parents as partners in care with the health professional
- Psycho-social care and non-medical needs of children in health care
- Paediatric ward design and facilities
- Paediatric nursing and pain management
- Preparation for invasive or painful procedures
- and many other topics

The AWCH Library Database is online at <http://www.tdm.com.au/awch.htm>

[Rural kids more 'at risk' than city kids](#). Geographical mapping of deaths of kids aged 0-17 years in NSW has revealed that rural children are more 'at risk' of fatalities than children in more populated areas.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/exchange/12/ruralrisk.html>

[First-aid management of minor burns in children: a prospective study of children presenting to the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney](#)

This study shows that there is a need to educate parents and health professionals regarding appropriate first aid for burns.

[E-lixir of e-health?](#) It's fantastically convenient. The web can lead you to an enormous diversity of resources: from medical dictionaries and scientific journals through to snake-oil sellers, virtual hospitals, and e-mail discussion groups for the world's rarest diseases.

[Would you use them?!!!](#) A research project by students in the Faculty of the Built Environment at New South Wales University recently confirmed what children and young people have been telling the Commission; that school toilets can be unclean, unsafe and unhygienic.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/exchange/12/schooltoi.html>

Reporting back. Each year the Commission publishes two [Annual Reports](#). One is written for an adult audience and the second is written especially for young people. Both reports are tabled in Parliament.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/exchange/12/annualreports.html>

[Understanding changes to the law about physical punishment of children](#)

Follow the link below to access copies of brochures in English and other languages, a guide to research about physical punishment and useful links about positive parenting. <http://www.parenting.nsw.gov.au/limits>

[The Inquiry into the best means of assisting children and young people with no one to turn to](#) spoke with over 700 children, young people,

parents, carers and people that work with or on behalf of young people to find out:

- * who kids get help from
- * how they go about getting that help
- * why they feel comfortable about it
- * what would make it easier for kids with problems to get help.

You can read the report of the Inquiry by visiting www.kids.nsw.gov.au/publications/reports.html

[A Time to Invest](#) in Australia's most disadvantaged children, young people and their families paints a picture of how we might establish opportunities to empower and enrich Australia's families and children. A PDF version can be downloaded [here](#) or <http://www.acwa.asn.au/CAFWAA/TimeToInvest.html>

The Commission for Children and Young People NSW have produced the '[Ask the children](#)' series to make kids' views on different topics available to the public and decision makers. Through this series we want to let people know what kids' views are and the changes they want to see in important areas of their lives Follow the links to find out kids' views

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/ask/>

[The Start of Good Health](#) provides a guide for people working within the health system to better address the health care needs of children. It brings together current knowledge of the health needs of children and their parents in NSW. Priorities and strategies for addressing these needs are identified.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health-public-affairs/publications/childhealth/index.html>

www.youngmedia.org.au Australia's best source of up-to-date information about media and children, for parents and caregivers, professionals, students and researchers.

The November 2002 Issue of [The Australian E Journal for the Advancement of Mental Health](#) is available at:

<http://auseinet.flinders.edu.au/journal/vol1iss3/index.php>

The third newsletter of the Building Strong Families: Insights from Research series, "The Influence of Parents on Children's Thoughts, Feelings, and Behaviors," is now available at:

<http://www.search-institute.org/families/InfluenceofParents.pdf>

Preventing child abuse in Australia: some preliminary findings from a national audit of prevention programs.' Paper presented at [Family Futures: Issues in Research and Policy](#), 7th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference Sydney, July 2000. [Paper](#)

[Longitudinal risk and protective factors for adolescent substance use](#). Paper presented to Life-Course Perspectives on Health and Wellbeing Conference, Brisbane, 2001. [Power Point Presentation \(75K, 24 slides\)](#)

[Patterns and precursors of teenage antisocial behaviour](#). Paper presented to 16th Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference, Brisbane, October 2002. [Power Point Presentation \(728K, 22 slides\)](#)

[Researching post-separation parent-child contact. Where next?](#) Paper presented to National Family Law Conference, Canberra, August 2002. [Power Point Presentation \(1258K, 32 slides and notes\)](#)

IN THE ABC SHOP - [Coping with Grief](#) by Mal and Dianne McKissock
A small, but powerful book that describes the grief process, what one can expect during one's grief process. It describes normal grief, managing anniversaries and special dates, physical and emotional reactions, the funeral, gender differences in grief, children and grief, sexuality and grief, consequences of bereavement, support teams, self-help, and community education. (Paperback: \$10.95)

<http://abcshop.com.au/browse/category.asp?categoryid=29>

Recent Transcripts and Audio – Radio National [Child Protection and the Courts](#) - Under Australia's Federal system of government - Family Law is a Commonwealth Jurisdiction. And Child Protection belongs to the states and territories. A nice, neat division? No in reality - there's a big cross over - and sometimes kids fall between the cracks and don't get protection from either system.

[Trends in Long Day Care Services for Children in Australia, 1991-99](#)
[Children's Services Series](#) provides comprehensive information on Commonwealth supported long day care services (long day care centres and family day care services) during the 1990s - a period in which there was enormous growth in the number of service providers and in children using these services.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm?type=detail&id=8107>

[AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION - DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW PUBLICATION ON HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY](#)

The Commission is pleased to support the release of a new publication on improving access in the design and building of houses. Welcome is the first comprehensive Australian guide to designing accessible homes. For more information and how to order the book, go to

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/buildings/welcome.htm

IN THE ABC SHOP - [A Paediatrician in Your Pocket](#) by Dr Melvyn Polon
An easy-to-read, straightforward guide to what is normal, how parents can manage simple health problems and when they should be concerned. (Paperback Book \$14.95)

<http://shop.abc.net.au/browse/product.asp?productid=157972>

[Well Being how to get the best treatment from your doctor](#)

By Merylyn Walton

Founding Commissioner for the Health Care Complaints Commission

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The November edition of the [Kids Help Line Newsletter](#) looks at the Essence of Emotional Despair in Young People, an update on the NSW Drug and Alcohol Project, its impact in the Hunter region, and the ongoing promotional campaign being run throughout the coming months.

<http://www.kidshelp.com.au/research/newsletters.html>

Family Research Newsletter <http://www2.psy.uq.edu.au/family/ANews3-2002.html>

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/obesitysummit/> Almost one in four NSW children is overweight or obese. The NSW Childhood Obesity Summit was held on September 10, 11 & 12 at NSW Parliament House. The Summit brought together health experts, parliamentary representatives, industry, parents, teachers and children to develop practical solutions to the problem of childhood obesity. Issues discussed included food sales and advertising, exercise, community and school programs and education campaigns. You are invited to make a [submission](#) in response to the resolutions outlined in the [Communiqué](#).

The first in a [new series of reports](#) from the Australian Institute of Criminology shows that both the number of Indigenous juveniles in custody and the rate of incarceration of Indigenous young people are considerably higher than the number and rate for non-Indigenous people. Although the number of Indigenous juveniles in detention has declined from an average of 506 in 1995 to 343 in 2001, Indigenous juveniles are still 17 times more likely to be in Australian detention facilities than are non-Indigenous young people. The full report is available on the AIC web site:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tbp/tbp001.html>

UNICEF: At the Special Session on Children on 10 May 2002, the General Assembly adopted an ambitious agenda for children for the current decade, entitled "A World Fit for Children." The document's Declaration and Plan of Action call on Member States to complete the unfinished business of the 1990

World Summit for Children, and to address other goals, strategies and actions for children in the context of the Millennium Declaration.

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PARENTS THOUGHTS SOUGHT FOR CONTRIBUTION TO BOOK ABOUT PARENTING A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES.

Mickey Cole is researching a book he is writing on parenting a child with disabilities. The book will be an eclectic mix of thoughts, advice, ideas, stories, recipes, poems experiences that can include how to deal with doctors and specialists, the education system and authorities. Comments on stress, relationships, feelings, humorous and non-humorous things, the good the bad and the ugly! It will be a book filled with thoughts from Australian mothers, fathers and close family members of children with disabilities. Any contribution is welcome not only from mums but also dads, partners, siblings, grandparents and close friends. The senders will need to include a contact mailing address so they can be contacted should their contribution be eventually published.

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