

AWCH EMAIL NEWSLETTER JULY 2003

Dear Members and new subscribers

This is the tenth 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:

- AWCH Activities
- Health Updates
- Services and their contact information
- Conferences/Training
- Media Releases and News
- Books/resources/reports

AWCH ACTIVITIES

AWCH Hospital Ward Grandparent Scheme

Anne Cutler, National Liaison Officer, has visited Liverpool, Gosford, St George and the Children's Hospital at Westmead Ward Grandparent Schemes. Anne talked about the Association and its services to each group, presented ward grandparent badges to newer volunteers and got general feedback on the training needs and issues that the volunteers face in their work. AWCH is planning a training and annual luncheon day for all AWCH Ward Grandparent volunteers on 26 August 2003. Topics will include confidentiality, cultural diversity, activities for children in hospital and child development.

Anne plans to visit Port Macquarie, John Hunter and Sydney Children's Hospital ward grandparent schemes over the next few months.

The Greater Metropolitan Taskforce Transition Care Generic Issues Sub Group has met on a number of occasions with AWCH attending the most recent meeting in June which developed a draft framework for the coordination of the transition of children and young people with chronic illnesses and disabilities from paediatric services to adult services. Gail Tomsic, AWCH NSW and one of the young people representatives on the sub group jointly developed a rights and responsibilities paper which has been made available for comment. Any parent or young person who would like to

be involved in this working party please contact Anne on 02 9633 1988 or <mailto:awch@awch.com.au>

AWCH is also involved in a number of strategic planning working groups:

- Review Child Health Improvement Plan South Western Sydney Area Health Services
- Parent Support Services Forum – Families First
- Quality Council Children’s Hospital at Westmead
- Child Health Advisory Group for South Western Sydney Area Health
- Health Care Complaints Consumer Consultative Committee
- Disability Action Plan Group Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Sample **Enquiries** Received at National Office

- McKusick Kaufman Syndrome
- Literature/policies on mixing children and adults together on hospital wards
- Books on road safety
- Velo Cardio Facial Syndrome
- Rights of refugee children/adoption/substitute care
- Literature re children’s hospitalisation
- anaesthesia and your child brochures
- Consumer rep for alternative care committee
- AWCH Conference Proceedings 1998
- Consumer rep for ultrasound committee
- Article on hospitalisation in Coles baby magazine
- Include AWCH as a contact in Chronic Fatigue Research Child Welfare
- Activity groups for gifted and talented 2^{1/2} year old
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder
- Play course information
- Respite care for 10 year old with parents with cancer
- Tracheo – Oesophageal Fistula Support Group
- Immunisation isolation from other children
- Support Group for global delay child
- Child Welfare
- Invitation to be part of National Agenda for Early Childhood
- Invitation to display at Paediatric Conference at Nepean Hospital, Sydney
- Child left in car during the day
- Establishing a library in a children’s hospital
- Teenage drug use
- Support for family of twins diagnosed with diabetes type 1 at aged 3
- New born baby with scabies
- AWCH Health Care Policy
- AWCH Policy Relating to the Provision of Play in Hospital
- AWCH Information and Publications
- Calico Doll and Book
- Support group for Dubowitz Syndrome
- Safety of children and staff in hospital

- Early Intervention Services for Aspergers
- Translation information for AWCH
- Play Therapy Positions in Queensland
- Counselling Services for sick children and their families
- Transition Issues booklet
- Back up documentation for not having adults in children's wards
- Support groups for ADD/ADHD
- AWCH WA
- Rights of non custodial parent to know that child was hospitalised
- Pain Management
- child protection training
- Permission to be listed as a contact for support groups

AWCH Dates for your diary

AWCH NSW AGM:	23 September 2003
Annual AGM: The National AGM	25 October 2003
AWCH Fundraiser:	26 October 2003
AWCH Family Picnic Day;	16 November 2003

HEALTH UPDATES

ABC AND OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

NEW LIBRARY TOPIC: SIDS

One of the greatest fears for any parent with a young baby is cot death, or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) - the unexplained death of a child in their sleep. Our Fact File describes the syndrome and gives simple steps to reduce the risks, and on our Library page you'll find links to ABC stories and other relevant sites.

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

ACTION VIDEO GAMES CAN BOOST COGNITIVE SKILLS (Health News: 29/05/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_866502.htm

TREATING SCHIZOPHRENIA WITHOUT MEDICATION (7.30 Report: 28/05/2003) <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2003/s866829.htm>

ANALYSIS: PUBLIC 'DUPED' BY MEDIA ON VACCINE FEAR (Health News: 26/05/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_862613.htm

POLIO STILL TAKING A TOLL IN 2003 (7.30 Report: 22/05/2003)

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2003/s861685.htm>

ABOUT A BOY (Australian Story: 26/05/03)

'About a Boy' is the 'Seven Up' style story of 15-year-old Dan Halloran. Dan's life was first documented when he was a nine-year-old growing up in a household dominated by his mother's schizophrenia. Now, on the verge of adulthood, Dan has helped write a book to try to assist other families going through similar experiences. In doing so he has kept a promise and fulfilled his mother's last wish.

<http://www.abc.net.au/austory/transcripts/s859860.htm>

INVISIBLE CHILDREN - WHEN MUMMY OR DADDY HAS THE SAD SICKNESS (All In The Mind: 25/05/2003) Small children frequently take on a carer role well before they're ready for it, and their needs remain invisible to adult mental health workers and even to other family members. Many parents are frightened to disclose that they have children for fear that they'll be taken away. What are the critical issues and efforts in Australia to put children's experiences at the fore?

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/mind/s860629.htm>

SERVICES AND THEIR CONTACT DETAILS

The Promising Practices Network (PPN) web site

<http://www.promisingpractices.net/> highlights programs and practices that credible research indicates are effective in improving outcomes for children, youth, and families.

RAND helps to improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. <http://www.rand.org/>

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, **SNAICC**, <http://www.snaicc.asn.au/> is the national non government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

<http://www.warchildren.org/> A one-hour radio documentary focusing on current events and issues involving children and military conflict.

Australian Organisations Concerned with Child Abuse Prevention. The organisations described in this list have a geographic bias to Australia. All links have been visited and chosen on the basis of their content and many are good starting points for locating other organisations concerned with child protection. [Click here for more information](#)

Queensland program for parents

Parents, Kids and Drugs is a parenting and support program for parents concerned about their son's or daughter's use of alcohol or other drugs. The five-week program provides parents with information and skills to help them manage their situation in a more positive way and is based on the harm

minimisation model. At present, the Alcohol and Drug Service is looking for service providers to deliver the program to parents in Northern Queensland. For details, contact Kristie Mammen, ph: (07) 3263 0871. (Source: Youth Affairs Network of Queensland's newsletter, 'Network Noise', March 2003.)

ABILITY ONLINE

A Canadian initiative, Ability OnLine is a free Internet community where children/youth with disabilities/illness and their parents can meet others like them, make friends from all over the world, share their hopes and fears, find role-models and mentors, and feel like they belong. Participants must register to access the main part of the site. For more information and to register visit <http://www.ablelink.org/public/default-g.htm>

ONLINE COMMUNITY DIRECTORIES **LINCS** (Local Information Network for Community Services) <http://www.datadiction.com.au/lincs/default.htm>

NSW Community Services Directory (TRI Community Exchange)
<http://www.tricomm.org.au/directory/>

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/TRAINING

Our future generations: National Indigenous Child Welfare and Development Seminar

22 - 24 July 2003

Hotel Y, 489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne

Contact Julie Sleight, ph: (03) 9482 9380 email: julie@snaicc.asn.au

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Islander Child Care, ph: (03) 9482 9380 email: julian@snaicc.asn.au

<http://www.snaicc.asn.au/>

INAUGURAL DISABILITY EXPO

The Hawkesbury Disability Forum

3 September 2003.

[Mailto:hawkesburydisability@lycos.com](mailto:hawkesburydisability@lycos.com)

<http://hawkesburydisability.tripod.com/home.htm>

MANY VOICES, MANY CHOICES - 9TH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

24 - 27 November 2003, Convention Centre South, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

<http://www.nsw.gov.au/accan2003>

[Information Evening - Adolescent Anxiety](#)

Information evening covering the following topics: Adolescent Anxiety: Strategies for Coping and Recovery and Peer Pressure in Adolescence.

[Grad Diploma/Cert in Adolescent Health & Welfare University of Melbourne](#)

Are you interested to improve your skills with Young People?

TRAINING NEWS:

<http://www.training.infoxchange.net.au>

9th World Infant Mental Health Congress

14 -17 January 2004 MELBOURNE

www.waimh.org

MEDIA RELEASES and NEWS

GOALS AGREED TO BY ALL NATIONS IN MAY 2002 ARE SLOW TO TAKE

HOLD NEW YORK, 8 May 2003 – Goals agreed to at a United Nations summit in May of 2002 have barely begun to be implemented by the nations of the world, UNICEF reported today, saying that only half of the world's governments had even taken the first step of developing a plan of action for children in their countries. UNICEF said that 105 nations had so far outlined how they intend to improve conditions for children, with nearly 90 countries still due to create or modify their action plans by the end of 2003, in keeping with the agreed timetable. [Click here for more information](#)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MEDIA RELEASE

BERRY STREET MEDIA RELEASE

Vulnerable young people will be the beneficiaries of Victoria's first dedicated mental health service for Child Protection clients. Berry Street Victoria and Austin, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), in partnership with the Victorian Child Psychiatry Training Department and La Trobe University School of Health Sciences will manage the new service.

BUILDING BRIDGES OVER TROUBLED WATERS June 16 2003

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/06/15/1055615673443.html>

John Yu, a prominent Australian (and AWCH Patron) wants others who followed in his wake to enjoy the fruits of the land that gave him sanctuary, writes Tony Stephens.

TITLE: MINISTER FOR FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES - STUDY

TRACKS 10,000 TODDLERS Family and Community Services Portfolio

URL:

<http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/minfacs.nsf/2b0cec5b0d72d933ca2569e700143ed7/737b402b80246dd9ca256d5900020fff?OpenDocument>

SNIPPET: In an Australian first, the first phase of a nationwide study to track 10,000 toddlers over seven years has begun. By tracking toddlers today, Growing Up in Australia will dramatically build upon our knowledge of childhood development.

ANDREW DENTON SPEAKS TO FIONA STANLEY Australian of the Year, Professor Fiona Stanley was interviewed by Andrew Denton on his show a few weeks ago. She spoke to Andrew Denton about the importance of parents to their child's development.

<http://www.abc.net.au/enoughrope/stories/s858518.htm>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: 2004 ISPCAN Awards Announcement The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is a multidisciplinary society dedicated to supporting individuals and organisations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide. To recognise the efforts of some of the most prominent figures in the field and also members of ISPCAN, it announces the Call for Nominations for the 2004 ISPCAN Awards to be presented at the 2004 International Congress in Brisbane, Australia 19-22 September. The deadline for receipt of nomination forms is 15 July 2003. Awards Committee Chair Kim Oates, MD
25 W. 560 Geneva Road, Suite L2C, Carol Stream, IL 60188 USA
Fax: 001 630 221-1313; E-mail: ispcan@ispcan.org
Website: www.ispcan.org

WORLD DAY FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE For the third year, the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) calls on organisations worldwide to organise pertinent activities to mark World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on 19 November. Last year 149 organisations joined the international NGO coalition created to mark the Day. To help build coalitions, visit the WWSF website: <http://www.woman.ch/children/1-introduction.asp> E-mail: dignity@vtxnet.ch Website: www.woman.ch

SECURING THE FUTURE FOR MACKAY CHILDREN Mackay early childhood practitioners and community stakeholders will be given the opportunity to contribute to the development of a National Agenda for Early Childhood at today's consultation session opened by Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Larry Anthony, and Federal Member for Dawson, De-Anne Kelly. "A National Agenda for Early Childhood aims to harness the considerable investments already made by Commonwealth, State and local governments and community organisations," Mr Anthony said. Media Contact: Claire Kimball 02 6277 7240 0413 486 926
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THE DRUGINFO CLEARINGHOUSE has just released a new suite of publications <http://druginfo.adf.org.au/newsletter.asp?id=531> . The theme of the suite is local government initiatives in drug prevention and includes:
Contact Name: Rebecca May Contact E-mail: rebecca@adf.org.au Contact Phone: 03 9278 8112

TITLE: STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF MIDDLE EAR INFECTION ON LATER LANGUAGE AND LITERACY SKILLS A research study on children with a history of middle ear infection or otitis media is being conducted through MARCS Auditory Laboratories. We are looking for children 6 to 8 years with more than 4 middle ear infections prior to 4 years of age and/or grommets. Participation will take an hour. To express interest in participating

and for more details contact
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MARCS Auditory Laboratories and
School of Psychology,
University of Western Sydney.

TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT LIVING ALLOWANCE Young people face many challenges when they make the transition to living independently. This is especially true for those young people who are leaving state-supported care arrangements to begin independent life. These young people do not have family support or other support structures that can help with the challenges of such a transition. It helps young people leaving care to develop their resilience and build their capacity to overcome the difficult situations they may face when they start to live independently. [Click here for more information](#).

People renovating their homes whilst living in them could be exposing their young children to **deadly lead poisoning** if they did not take precautions, it was claimed today. Archicentre, the building advisory service of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects today issued a national red alert in its Saturday Bulletin and a Health and Safety fact sheet from its website at <http://www.archicentre.com.au/media/ArchicentreLead26042003.htm>

SELECTIVE DORSAL RHIZOTOMY Today Tonight recently featured a story about a young boy, Ben Kemsley, travelling to the USA for a surgical intervention called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy. This is a neurosurgical technique being used to treat spasticity in the lower limbs. The Centre's Links page now contains a new section, Surgery, with a number of links to web pages about this technique. View it at <http://www.thespasticcentre.org.au/information/links/surgery.htm>

STUDY TO FOCUS ON YOUNG DANGEROUS DRIVERS. Researchers at Sydney's Institute for International Health are about to undertake one of the biggest-ever studies of the behaviour of young drivers -- a group twice as likely to be killed in road accidents as any other age group. http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s786452.htm

BOOKS, RESOURCES, REPORTS

CLINICAL REVIEW - CEREBRAL PALSY: WHAT PARENTS AND DOCTORS WANT TO KNOW Cerebral palsy is a physical impairment that affects the development of movement. Impairment can vary considerably and no two people with cerebral palsy are affected in exactly the same way. The problems that children and adults with cerebral palsy face, including

discrimination, are often similar. Visit the website to read the article
<http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7396/970?eaf>

IRAQ: [IRAQ SURVEY FINDS CHILD HEALTH SLIDING](#) [news]. UNICEF today released troubling findings from a rapid nutrition assessment undertaken in Baghdad, which has found that acute malnutrition rates in children under five have nearly doubled since a previous survey in February 2002. [source: UNICEF. For the full story, visit:
<http://www.unicef.org/newsline/2003/03pr34iraq.htm>]

The first e-newsletter of [INTERCAMHS](#), the International Alliance for Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Schools (INTERCAMHS), May, 2003 has been released. View at <http://www.aicafmha.net.au/enews/> - go to issue #3.09 for link.

[ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ANTIDEPRESSANT PRESCRIBING AND SUICIDE IN AUSTRALIA, 1991-2000: TREND ANALYSIS](#) Wayne D Hall, Andrea Mant, Philip B Mitchell, Valerie A Rendle, Ian B Hickie, and Peter McManus *BMJ* 2003;326 1008
<http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7397/1008?etoc>

[MENTAL HEALTH LIBRARY NEWS MAY 2003](#) Articles and papers of interest to Child and Adolescent Mental Health workers and related fields can be found at the following links:

E-journals: <http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/guide/med/menthealth/ejnl.html>

Ch & Ad Mental Health:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/guide/med/menthealth/child.html>

Consumer Info:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/guide/med/menthealth/consumer.html>

Evidence base:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/guide/med/menthealth/evidence.htm> |

Practice:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/guide/med/menthealth/guidelines.html>

[YOUNG OFFENDERS FACE GREATER RISK OF DEATH](#) Victoria's young offenders are more likely to die of drug overdose, suicide and accidents than any other group, according to research that suggests the juvenile justice system is failing children in its care.

<http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/326/7398/1064?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10>

[TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL AGENDA FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD](#). This consultation paper was prepared by the Commonwealth Task Force on Child Development, Health and Wellbeing to start discussion and debate about the development of a National Agenda for Early Childhood. The paper identifies three broad action areas for national attention:

- early child and maternal health
- early learning and care
- child-friendly communities

While the consultation paper suggests how a National Agenda for Early Childhood might enhance these action areas, it is not meant to be prescriptive. Rather it sets out goals, principles and priorities that may guide decision-makers.

The COPMI Project '[PRINCIPLES AND ACTIONS FOR PEOPLE AND SERVICES WORKING WITH CHILDREN OF PARENTS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS](#)' draft document is available for download from the AICAFMHA site at <http://www.aicafmha.net.au/> .

[CHILD RIGHTS INFORMATION NETWORK NEWSLETTER](#)
<http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/crinvol17e.pdf>

[CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS SUMMER SCHOOL OF HEALTH QUEENSLAND](#) http://www.hlth.qut.edu.au/ph/pubs/EIHSS_ver_4.pdf

[LEARNING EXPERIENCES OF CHILDREN FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES](#)
This is a preliminary examination of the experiences of students in The Smith Family's Learning for Life program compared with those of students from other socio-economic backgrounds.

[AUSTRALIAN DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK \(ADIN\)](#) (www.adin.com.au) is a portal to over 850 quality-assured Australian and international alcohol and other drug websites. ADIN is a project of the Commonwealth National Illicit Drug Strategy and managed by the Australian Drug Foundation.

[THE DRUGINFO CLEARINGHOUSE](#) (www.druginfo.adf.org.au) is an invaluable resource for those with an interest in drug prevention. This site is packed with free publications suitable for educators and their students.

[SOMAZONE](#) (www.somazone.com.au) is a website that was developed by young people for young people. The website focuses on health issues and aims to empower young people to address their physical, emotional and social health needs in a way that is relevant, non-judgmental and anonymous.
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[THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF PARENTS WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS](#) were identified in the Mental Health Promotion and Prevention National Action Plan1 released by the National Mental Health Promotion and Prevention Working Party in January 1999. This document has been prepared as part of the COPMI Project and is currently available for Piloting.
http://www.aicafmha.net.au/copmi/project/materials/file/principles_actions_290403.pdf

[REPORT ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2003: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION UPDATE 2003](#) Contact Name: Australian Education Union - Federal Office Contact E-mail: aeu@aeufederal.org.au
Contact Phone: 03 9693 1800 [Report on Government Services 2003](#)

[HALVE CHILD POVERTY IN 10 YEARS: MAJOR ACROSS SUBMISSION](#)

In a major new study submitted to the Senate Inquiry into Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia released today, the Australian Council of Social Service calls on the Government to halve child poverty and reduce the overall level of poverty in Australia by a quarter over a 10 year period

VOLUNTEERS play an important part in helping kids grow and develop. From helping out with kids' sport and cultural activities to supporting kids who may be having a tough time, volunteers are there providing support. Without volunteers and their organisations many of the activities and services that kids need and enjoy would not be available. [Click here for more information](#)

[WOOLDOZA CARE WHEELCHAIR RUG](http://www.wooldoza.com.au/) <http://www.wooldoza.com.au/>

With winter coming, readers may be interested in a rug that has been specifically designed for people in wheelchair.

CHILD ABUSE: Fifth Edition of ISPCAN World Perspectives on Child Abuse [report]. This report offers a unique insight into the state of child maltreatment policy and practice throughout the world. For more information, contact: ISPCAN Secretariat Office

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THE 4TH QUEENSLAND NETWORK (SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN FAMILIES WHERE A PARENT IS LIVING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM NEWSLETTER can be viewed on the AICAFMHA website at <http://www.aicafmha.net.au/copmi/national/index.htm> .

CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW REPORT: This very significant report was released 26th March. It is over 700 pages in length and makes some major recommendations. At this stage the document is available for download chapter by chapter at: <http://www.dhs.sa.gov.au/childprotectionreview/cpr-report.asp>

EMERGING FINDINGS FROM THE UK'S CHILDREN'S NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK. The emerging findings and the Hospital Standards are now out. You can find both reports at <http://www.doh.gov.uk/nsf/children/gettingtherightstart.htm>

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP A CHILD WHO IS BEING BULLIED? With all the talk of bullying in schools these days, how can I tell if my patients are being bullied? And what can I do to help? <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/451381?mpid=11794>

ADOLESCENCE AND ADHD Studies have shown that over the course of the lifespan, the manifestations of ADHD may change. Medscape Psychiatry & Mental Health 8(1) 2003 <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/451241>

HELPING CHILDREN IN TIMES OF NEED: GRIEF, LOSS, SEPARATION AND DIVORCE by Judith Parker is the latest publication released by The Australian Early Childhood Association (AECA). The book talks about the normal grief reactions in children, lists books for adults and children, and provides information on where to get professional help. For more information contact Terri-Anne Simmonds at AECA on (02) 6241 6900 or email tsimmonds@aeca.org.au To purchase call 1800 356 900 (toll free) or email national@aeca.org.au Visit www.aeca.org.au for more information.

PHOTOVOICE : SEXUAL HEALTH THROUGH THE EYES OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH Photo Voice is the first book of its kind on Indigenous Australia

SCHOOL BULLYING REDUCED BY PROGRAM An anti-bullying program has successfully reduced the frequency of bullying amongst secondary school students, according to new research from the University of Melbourne.

WEBCASTS OF SPINAL FORUM of the keynote speakers to from the NSW Premier's Forum on Spinal Cord Injury & Conditions are now available on the forum's website. View them from <http://www.spinalforum.com/webcast.htm#>

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: HELPING CHILDREN WHO ARE BLIND: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH VISION PROBLEMS. <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=3447> This book provides parents, community health workers and teachers with crucial tools for helping children with visual impairments learn and grow to their fullest potential, and become vital, active community members.

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CHILD RIGHTS: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND POWER: CHARGING UP FOR A NEW CENTURY Examining children's rights from a global perspective, this book considers how children experience power, being powerful and the transformation of power relationships. For more information, contact:

Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 116 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JB, United Kingdom

Tel: 00 20 7833 2307; Fax: 00 20 7837 2917; Email: post@jkp.com

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