

Volume 29 Number 2

2004

Children

Australia

In this issue ...

Professional credibility and public trust in those working with young people

The place of social justice in strengths-based social work

Moving out from the state parental home

A comparison of leaving care policies in Victoria and New South Wales

The importance of fathers in building stronger families

Learning together about the needs of parents with a mental illness and their children

The implementation of the Mums' and Dads' Practice Research Project

Children Australia

Volume 29 2004

Children Australia is a quarterly journal which aims to provide an opportunity for service providers, academics and others concerned with children and families to report on their work, to raise issues and to share their views.

The opinions expressed in *Children Australia* are those of its contributors, and are therefore not necessarily endorsed by the Editor or members of the editorial board.

EDITOR: Lloyd Owen

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT/SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Lorraine Redshaw

c/- Oz Child: Children Australia

NATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARD

ACT

Dr Howard Bath
Director
The Thomas Wright Institute

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dr Elizabeth Fernandez
Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work
University of New South Wales

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mrs Vicki O'Halloran
Chief Executive Officer
Somerville Community Services Inc

QUEENSLAND

Ms Chris-Maree Sultmann
Encompass Family & Community

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dr Freda Briggs
Emeritus Professor
University of South Australia

TASMANIA

Ms Scilla Sayer
Senior Policy Officer
Division of Children and Families
Department of Health & Human Services

VICTORIA

Dr Chris Goddard
Interim Director
National Research Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse
Monash University

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr David Vicary
Executive Director
Office for Children and Youth

EDITORIAL CONSULTANTS

Dr Frank Ainsworth
Research Scholar and Lecturer [Adjunct]
School of International Community & Cultural Studies
Edith Cowan University

Associate Professor Margarita Frederico
Director, Post-graduate Programs
School of Social Work & Social Policy
La Trobe University

OZ CHILD REPRESENTATIVE

Ms Susan Pitman
Senior Research Officer

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2004

Standard [inc GST] \$66.00
Student [inc GST] \$55.00
Overseas Aus\$85.00

ENQUIRIES

For subscription enquiries, or to advise change of address, please contact:
Lorraine Redshaw, Children Australia
PO Box 1312, South Melbourne, Vic 3205, Australia
Tel: [03] 9695 2200 Fax: [03] 9696 0507
Email: l.redshaw@ozchild.com.au

CONTENTS

Editorial	2
Dr Jennifer Lehmann, Guest Editor	
Professional credibility and public trust in those working with young people	5
Judith Bessant	
The place of social justice in strengths-based social work.....	14
Elizabeth C. Reimer and Dianne Nixon	
Moving out from the state parental home	20
A comparison of leaving care policies in Victoria and New South Wales Philip Mendes and Badal Moslehuddin	
The importance of fathers in building stronger families	30
Joe Fleming	
Learning together about the needs of parents with	35
a mental illness and their children The implementation of the Mums' and Dads' Practice Research Project Carmel Alakus	
Book review.....	41
Training: A short story.....	42
Jennifer Lehmann	



The financial support of
Oz Child: Children Australia
is gratefully acknowledged

The financial support of the
La Trobe University Publications
Committee is gratefully acknowledged

