

Agenda

Conference | 20 May 2025 | 9.30am – 2.35pm | Webinar

This conference offers a professional development opportunity for professionals working in child death prevention, registration, review, policy, and research. Leaders in their fields will present on a range of topics to deepen our understanding of risk factors around child death and strengthen prevention strategies.

Time AEST	Presentation	Presenter/s
Welcome and Overview		
9.30-9.35	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome and introduction	Luke Twyford Principal Commissioner Queensland Family and Child Commission
Session 1: Suicide Risk Factors and Prevention, Domestic and Family Violence		
9.35–10.05	Beyond Band-Aid Solutions: Multifactorial approaches to understanding and addressing youth suicidality.	Grace Sholl Suicidologist and lived experience advocate
10.05–10.35	Study examining childhood experiences of DFV among young people who died by suicide.	Professor Silke Meyer Leneen Forde Chair in Child & Family Research Griffith University Maria Atienzar-Prieto School of Health Sciences and Social Work Griffith University
10.35-11.05	Filicides in a domestic and family violence context 2010–2018.	Dr Holly Blackmore Research Manager, Death Review Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Anna Butler Co-Chair of the Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety and Manager, Domestic Violence Review Team
15 min Break		
Session 2: Vulnerable Children and Culturally Responsive Practice		
11.20–11.50	The South Australian Aboriginal Authority is a group of leaders and thinkers from the Aboriginal community who review the deaths of Aboriginal children in South Australia. The Authority is developing a model for Aboriginal child death review and has significant experience with the benefits and challenges.	Judith Lovegrove and Sonia Waters Community Members - Oversight and Advocacy Authority for Aboriginal Infants, Children and Young People

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11.50–12.20	Report: <i>Improving the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children – a consolidation of systemic recommendations and evidence</i> . The report is the result of a collaboration between the Australian Institute of Family Studies and Anne Hollonds, National Children's Commissioner (Australian Human Rights Commission).	Commissioner Anne Hollonds National Children's Commissioner Australian Human Rights Commission
12.20-12.50 – Lunch Break (30 mins)		
Session 3: Drowning and Accident Prevention		
12.50-13.20	Findings from the review of Queensland Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) cases between 2013 – 2016.	Dr Julie McEniery Queensland Paediatric Quality Council
13.20-13.50	Restraint practices among fatally injured child passengers and the general child passenger population.	Professor Julie Brown Co-Director, Transurban Road Safety Centre at NeuRA Injury Prevention Research Centre The George Institute
13.50-14.20	Using coronial data to inform the Australian Water Safety Strategy 2030: Reflections and lessons learnt.	Stacey Pidgeon Royal Life Saving Society Australia
14.30-14.35	Close	Christopher Smith Executive Director, Queensland Family and Child Commission