

## Engaging parents of children approaching adolescence

**Elly Robinson**  
**Executive Manager,  
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Elly Robinson is an adolescent health and public health specialist with extensive experience in managing projects involving multiple stakeholders and large teams.

She has managed several projects that aim to increase the use of evidence-informed practice and policy, including the establishment of a support system to build sector capacity to plan, implement and evaluate effective programs.

Elly has also led several knowledge translation and exchange projects that support the translation of evidence into user-friendly resources, including literature reviews, practice guides, web-based resources and webinars.

Elly is an experienced and established writer and author on the topics of adolescent health, welfare and parenting teenagers.

**Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**  
**Psychologist**

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists.



He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on adolescents with cancer and founded CanTeen more than 30 years ago with a group of young cancer patients.

He has worked as an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne.

Michael is the author of 13 books. He sits on the board of the Australian Psychological Society and the Family Peace Foundation. Michael is the resident parenting expert on Channel 7's *Sunrise* and the program psychologist for Channel 9's *Today Extra* as well as psychologist for the *Morning Show with Neil Mitchell* on Radio 3AW.

**Facilitator: Dan Moss**  
**Workforce  
Development Manager,  
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Dan Moss most recently worked as Assistant Director, Performance, Reporting and Evaluation at the Department for Child Protection. In this role he worked closely with the Early Intervention Research Directorate to explore the social determinants of child disadvantage and child protection involvement.

Previously, Dan worked for Uniting Communities for 15 years, as a practitioner, supervisor and senior manager in a range of services with children, parents and families dealing with the effects of family violence, child sexual abuse, mental health conditions and drug and alcohol use.

As a practitioner, Dan had a strong interest in narrative and strength-based engagement strategies with children, parent and families. Dan has recently submitted his PhD thesis which includes research on approaches to men's behaviour change programs and a creative writing component.