

Working to support children and families living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder



Professor Elizabeth Elliott AM

Pediatrician, NSW

Elizabeth Elliott AM FAHMS FRSN is a Distinguished Professor in Paediatrics and Child Health in the University of Sydney's Faculty of

Medicine and Health; Consultant Paediatrician, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Westmead); a National Health and Medical Council of Australia (NHMRC) Practitioner Fellow; and a Fellow of the Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and the Royal Society of NSW.

She has been involved in clinical services, research, advocacy and policy development regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in children and alcohol use in pregnancy for over 20 years.

She Chaired the National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Technical Network convened by the Australian Government Department of Health, Heads the NSW FASD assessment clinic, and is Co-Director of FASD Research Australia - an NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence. She was Deputy Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs Working Party on FASD; and Member of committees to develop the: NHMRC Australian Alcohol guidelines (2009); WHO guidelines for identification and management of alcohol misuse during pregnancy (2014); and an International Charter for the Prevention of FASD.

She jointly led development of the Australian Guide to the diagnosis of FASD. She was clinical lead on the Lililwan project on FASD prevalence in the Fitzroy Valley and the Bigiswun follow up study, and is CI on NHMRC projects on Positive Parenting and Alcohol use in Pregnancy and two pregnancy cohorts. She leads the national FASD Hub (website) and national FASD Register.



Dr Sara McLean
Psychologist, SA

Dr Sara McLean is a registered psychologist and Adjunct Fellow at the University of South Australia.

She holds a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and has been working in the area of child and adolescent mental health since 1997.

Sara has expertise regarding the psychological issues associated with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; neurodiversity arising from early adversity; and the support needs of children with challenging behaviour living in foster and residential care.

Sara was awarded the inaugural ACU Linacre Fellowship at Oxford University in recognition of her work supporting children in care settings with high stakes behaviours.

Sara is a member of the workforce development team at Emerging Minds National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health.

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Sue Miers AM
Child and Family Partner,
Emerging Minds, SA

Sue is the founder and past Chair of the Board of the National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Australia

(NOFASD Australia).

She has been caring and supporting her now adult daughter who has FASD for the past 37 years. Sue became acutely aware of FASD as she has advocated and supported her daughter through the challenges of FASD across the lifespan.

During her time on the Board of NOFASD Sue lobbied extensively on both a state and national level to raise awareness about FASD and was an invited member of, and reported to, various national and state government agencies in Australia, as a recognised parent authority in this area. In this voluntary role Sue also provided one-on-one support to many parents /carers and individuals living with FASD and also delivered FASD presentations/workshops to foster carers, teachers, drug and alcohol workers, disability workers, mental health workers, midwives and many other community organisations throughout Australia.

She has significant expertise and knowledge around the secondary conditions which develop for people who have FASD. Sue retired from NOFASD Australia in an official capacity in 2015 but continues to provide voluntary support to the organisation in various roles.



Facilitator: Dan Moss
Workforce
Development Manager,
Emerging Minds, SA

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.

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