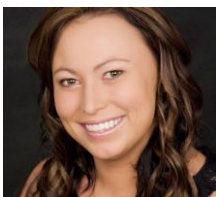


Overcoming communication challenges to engage children



Felicity Kime
Child and Family Partner,
SA

Felicity Kime is the President of Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter Inc (FISH). She is also a Peer Support Worker with FISH, supporting parents and families to navigate child protection and out-of-home care systems.

Felicity is a mother to four children who all have different needs and interests. This is quite demanding and meeting the needs of her son who is living with autism adds some interesting challenges to her life.

Her son is 6 years old and has just started school. Felicity now knows first-hand many of the difficulties in navigating systems and programs. She is committed to making sure her son's needs are met and that he is included in social activities.

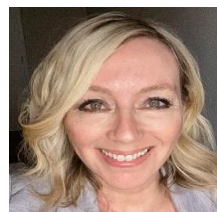


Melissa Saliba
Speech Pathologist, SA

Melissa is a Certified Practicing Speech Pathologist who brings over twelve years of clinical experience gained from the Health, Disability, Education and Youth Justice sectors, and a lived experience of a sibling who has complex disabilities.

Melissa previously worked in early intervention and having her own children prompted her to complete a masters thesis examining the link between parental responsiveness and children's language development.

Melissa currently works in both youth justice and a high school setting, applying her passion of advocating for, empowering, and improving the outcomes of children, young people and their families, particularly those from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds.



Mandy Flint
Social Worker, SA

Mandy is a Mental Health Social Worker with over seventeen years' experience in the social welfare field.

Adopting a warm and playful approach, Mandy values connection, safety and self-determination, which she views as essential in her work with children, adolescents and adults.

Mandy's practice is informed by trauma responsive practice, neuroscience and social justice. She is also interested in the somatic impacts of distress and trauma and incorporates evidence based body movement and relaxation techniques into her practice.

With extensive knowledge and experience in the impact of trauma, she is particularly passionate about supporting people to work through traumatic experiences with the use of a range of therapeutic approaches including self-compassion, Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR), mindfulness, play and creative therapies.

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Mandy is trained in EMDR Therapy and art therapy. When not at work Mandy enjoys connecting with nature, spending time with family and friends and dabbling in art based exploration.



Facilitator: Dr Dan Moss
Workforce Development
Manager at the Emerging
Minds, SA

Dan Moss has been Manager, Workforce Development at Emerging Minds for three years.

Previously he 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.

Prior to that, Dan worked for Uniting Communities for fifteen 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's PhD thesis included research on approaches to men's behaviour change programs and a creative writing component.