

Making children visible in work with parents



Rachael Dean
Child and Family
Partner, SA

Rachael is a mother who has had her children removed due to addiction. She turned her life around and her children are back in her care.

Rachael feels that the system often sets parents up to fail and that their policies and implementation methods are sometimes punitive in nature. Rachael feels the system is “child focused” and believes it should be more “family focused” to keep families together as often as possible.

Children aging out of or still within the state care system can often have poor outcomes and Rachael sees the importance of working with families in a rehabilitative way. Rachael believes that the system should hold child safety as their first priority and family rehabilitation as a close second. In order to achieve this, Rachael believes we should do all that we can to encourage parents to do what it takes to rehabilitate and reunite their families.



Dr Dan Moss
Workforce
Development
Manager, 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.



Clare Klapdor
Social Worker, SA

Clare Klapdor is a Social Worker and currently the Program Manager of Family Relationship and Family Law Counselling Services and Relationship Education with Centacare Catholic Family Services in Adelaide.

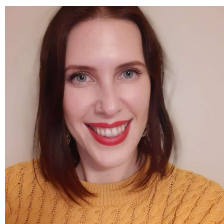
Clare spent over a decade working in New South Wales child protection related roles, including frontline Caseworker with the Department of Communities and Justice, and then Counsellor, Clinical Leader and Child Wellbeing Coordinator with Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

During this time Clare developed a passion for supervision of staff and students, which led her to leadership positions. Clare has worked as a clinical leader and manager in Family Dispute Resolution and Therapeutic Services at Relationships Australia Canberra and Region.

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Clare relocated from the NSW regional town Wagga Wagga to Adelaide in 2019. The move to the city provided an easier pathway for Clare to realise a long-time goal and commence a Graduate Diploma of Family Therapy and Systemic Theory.

Jacquie has a particular interest in practice approaches that provide innovative, empowering and non-stigmatising engagement opportunities for disadvantaged children and their families.



Facilitator: Jacquie Lee
**Communications
Officer at Emerging
Minds, SA**

Jacquie Lee is a writer, editor, and communications officer at the Emerging Minds: National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health.

Jacquie's role as editor at Emerging Minds is founded on a robust knowledge of the issues that affect infant and child mental health, and the practices that support positive and safe outcomes. Jacquie plays a lead role in liaising with internal and external authors to produce content that is evidence-based, innovative and accessible to all practitioners.

Jacquie began her career in the arts and has worked with some of South Australia's leading festivals and theatre companies including the Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Festival of Arts and Windmill Theatre Company.

After seeing the negative impact that working in the creative industries can have on mental health, she enrolled in a Graduate Diploma of Psychology with the University of New England and joined the Emerging Minds team shortly thereafter.