



**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT  
CONFERENCE**  
29 - 30 March 2019 Perth, Australia

## 2019 Early Childhood Learning & Development Conference Friday & Saturday 29 - 30 March 2019 Crown Perth

Updated 27/3/2019

### FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2019

#### Crown Ballroom 1

Delegates Seated & Housekeeping

Welcome to Country: Mr Barry McGuire

Conference Welcome: Ms Tina Holtom, Child Australia CEO

Conference Opening: Mr Colin Pettit, Commissioner of Children & Young People

Minderoo Foundation: Ms Lorraine Thomas, Early Childhood Development

Keynote Address 1: Dr Nat Kendall-Taylor 'Common Culture & The Power Of Shared Frames'

Morning Tea and Exhibition - Crown Ballroom 2

#### Concurrent Sessions

#### Crown Ballroom 1

Chairperson: Elaine Pavlos

#### Crown Ballroom 3A

Chairperson: Natalie Gulberti

#### Crown Ballroom 3B

Chairperson: Sarah Murthy

#### Crown Ballroom 3C

Chairperson: Marcelle Psaltis-Saratsis

#### Meeting Room 2

Chairperson: Craig Stewart

#### Meeting Room 3

Chairperson: Narelle Nettelbeck

*Attachment-Based Education In  
A Tribal Setting*  
**Dr Louis Cozolino**  
[90 min]

*Hear The Voices Of 6,000 Parents: What  
Does Meaningful Engagement Look Like  
From A Family View And What Can  
Educators Do To Support Them*

**Sharon Carlson,  
Storypark**

*Enhancing The Capacity Of The Early  
Learning And Care Sector To Respond To  
Vulnerable Children And Families*

**Kim Hamilton, Goodstart Early  
Learning & Dr Kim Clark, CoLab &  
Jennifer Irvine, Research Consultant**

*Building Agency For Parents Through Early  
Intervention And Education*

**Jane Miller,  
Connecting Community for Kids**

*Creating A Future-Focused Learning  
Culture*

**Nathan Ducker, Trish Somers &  
Helen Hepworth, Penrhos College**

*Protective Education In The Early Years*  
**Holly-Ann Martin, Safe4Kids**  
[90 min]

*Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our  
Children Our Heart)*

**Dr Brad Farrant,  
Telethon Kids Institute, UWA**

*Key Factors To Making A Difference For A  
Child With ASD*

**Leanne Crawford,  
Autism Specific Early Learning & Care  
Centre**

*What Does The Concept Of Parents As First  
Teachers Mean In 2019?*

**David Zarb,  
Playgroup WA**

*Better Beginnings Family Literacy  
Program: Connecting With Your  
Community Through Local Public  
Libraries*

**Michelle Campbell,  
State Library of Western Australia**

Lunch Break and Exhibition - Crown Ballroom 2

#### Crown Ballroom 1

Child Australia Board: Mr David Ansell & Dr Karen Murcia

Keynote Address 2: Dr Louis Cozolino 'Shaping The Social Brain: How Relationships Become Flesh'

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#### Crown Ballroom 3B

Chairperson: Lynn Whiteside

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*How To Frame For Change*  
**Dr Nat Kendall-Taylor**  
[90 min]

*Learn Some Simple Meditation Tools For  
Your Classroom And How Mindfulness  
Can Benefit You Personally As Well As  
Your Students*

**Brayden Zeer, Mindfulness  
Meditation Australia**

*Beyond Compliance: Leading Pedagogical  
Change In School-Based Early Years Teams*  
**A/Prof Dee O'Connor, The University  
of Notre Dame Australia**

*Engaging Families And Communities -  
The Why And How*  
**Jennifer Chaplyn,  
Same Page Organisational  
Development Consultancy**

*Child's Play: Strategies to Meet the NQS  
Framework for ECEC Physical  
Environment Standards*  
**Dr Hayley Christian & Todd Dawson,  
PLAYCE UWA & Goodstart**

*"Why don't they go?" Unpacking The  
Complex Journey Of Families Of Children  
With Developmental Delays Through  
Early Intervention, And How We Can  
Better Support Them*  
**Belinda Cuomo, Curtin/CoLab**

*Me@3: Passport to Support Families  
With Young Children To Understand Child  
Development And Overcome Social  
Isolation*

**Megan Mitchell, Wanslea Early  
Learning & Development**

*Playful Inquiry To Enrich Children's  
Learning*

**Dr Madeleine Dobson,  
Curtin University**

*Enhanced Transition To Schools -  
Connecting Playgroups With Schools*

**Dianne Mazzucato,  
Playgroup WA**

*GoodFuture: Using Disciplined Innovation  
To Transform Early Learning And Care*  
**Keren Caple & Todd Dawson, UWA &  
Goodstart**

*The Role Of Therapeutic Playgroups In  
Targeting Children And Family Needs  
When First Referred To Early  
Intervention Services*  
**Jodie Armstrong, Curtin/CoLab**

Afternoon Tea and Exhibition - Crown Ballroom 2

#### Crown Ballroom 1

Invited Speaker: Mr David Zarb 'Do We Still Believe? Parents & Families As First Teachers In 2019 And Beyond'

Invited Speaker: Professor Caroline Fewster 'Thinking Differently About Everyday Practice: From Ordinary To Extraordinary'

Conference Wrap-Up



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Welcome

Evan Redman - Educational Experiences

**Keynote Address 3: Mr Peter Hutton** *'Leading the EdRevolution In Your ELC, School, Classroom Or System'*

**Invited Speaker: Dr Sandra Hesterman** *'A Campaign To Optimise Play-Based Learning In Western Australia'*

**Delegate Address: Hon. Simone Frances McGurk MLA BA, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services**

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Chairperson: Renee Donaldson

##### Crown Ballroom 3B

Chairperson: Melinda Noe

##### Crown Ballroom 3C

Chairperson: Natalie Gulberti

##### Meeting Room 2

Chairperson: Hans Boehm

##### Meeting Room 3

Chairperson: David Ansell

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16:05 - 16:55

16:55 - 17:25

17:25 - 17:30

*Emotional Intelligence In An Early Childhood Context*  
**Dr Justin Coulson**  
[90 min]

*Resetting Relationships: How Everyday Interactions Make The Difference For Children (And Educators)*  
**Liam McNicholas**  
[90 min]

*Building Resilience, The Role Relationships And Nature Plays In Promoting Emotional And Social Wellbeing*  
**Niki Buchan, Nature Nurture Early Intervention Project**

*Exploring The Botanical Literacies Of Educators And Children*  
**Kimberley Beasley, Murdoch University**

*"But if we're not the boss, children will walk all over us!" Supporting Educators To Work Collaboratively With Children Rather Than Creating Adult Controlled Spaces & Behaviours*  
**Narelle Nettelbeck, Child Australia**

*Watching Over Children As They Play & Explore Leads To Best Practice In Relationship Building And Learning Opportunities*  
**Connie Borg, Child Australia**

*Implementing Digital Technology In Early Childhood Settings*  
**Stephanie Jackiewicz, Wanslea Family Services**

*Spatial Thinking Through Play: Young Children's Use Of An Augmented Reality Sandbox*  
**Rhys George, Bold Park Primary School**

*An Early Years System That Works For Everyone: What Does It Look Like?*  
**Sarah Murthy & Dr Kim Clark, CoLab**  
[90 min]

##### Lunch Break and Exhibition - Crown Ballroom 2

##### Crown Ballroom 1

Delegate Address: Ms Lisa Rodgers, Director General, Department of Education

**Keynote Address 4: Dr Justin Coulson** *'Force Creates Resistance: Constructively Approaching Difficult Conversations'*

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*Taking A Stand On Education*  
**Peter Hutton**  
[90 min]

*Thinking Differently About Everyday Practice: From Room Arrangements To Carefully Planned Environments*  
**Prof Caroline Fewster**  
[90 min]

*Oh The Trauma Of It All... Working From A Trauma Informed Approach To Support The Wellbeing Of Children & Families With Holistic Care For Teams*  
**Kellie Johnson, Child Australia**

*The Faces & Facts Of Family Violence: Understanding The Dynamics To Broaden Perspectives And Provide Insight To The Complexities For Families Impacted*  
**Louise Lamont, Phoenix Support & Advocacy Service Inc**

*Growing Strong Brains: An Interactive Toolkit Used In WA With Aboriginal Parents, Caregivers, Families And Communities*  
**Kim Johnson, Ngala Community Services WA**

*Many Spokes, Same Hub: Facilitating Collaboration Among Library & Early-Childhood Services To Improve Outcomes For Children*  
**Freya Lucas, The Sector**

*Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well For Life*  
**Jodie Cunningham, Child Australia**

*Developing A Culture Of Critical Reflection: A Process Of Critical Reflection Supporting Quality Pedagogical Practice*  
**Nadia Wilson-Ali & Anthea Casey, Think Childcare Limited**

*Data To Practice - Using Data To Spur Action In Midland*  
**Rae McAllister, Midland Place-Based Work**

*Nurture Groups - Effective Early Intervention*  
**Stephen Soames, Westfield Park Primary School**

##### Afternoon Tea and Exhibition - Crown Ballroom 2

##### Crown Ballroom 1

Dispelling The Myths Panel Q&A: Liam McNicholas, Natalie Gulberti (ECRU), Rosemary Cahill (Department of Education) & Sara Hinchley (Child Australia)

**Invited Speaker: Ms Helen Creed** *'Critical Reflection: Thinking Back To Move Forward'*

Conference Closing & Prizes Drawn