

Health Cares About Family Violence Forum

Thursday 16th May 2019

Western Health would like to invite you to our 7th annual forum dedicated to identifying and responding to Family Violence in health care settings.

The theme for 2019 is: Keeping Kids Safe

Date: 16th May 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Venue- Sunshine Hospital,

Auditorium, Level 1

176 Furlong Road

St Albans

Western Centre for Health Research and Education Auditorium- Level 1

Can't find the venue?

Ask our volunteer visitor guides in the blue vests

Public parking is available at ACE Parking located across the road and next door to the Hospital. Please note that this is a private parking provider and you will need to pay by credit card for your parking.

RSVP through [Eventbrite](#): Search "Health Cares about Family Violence 2019"

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Program

9:00 am Refreshments and Registration

9:30 am Opening /Welcome to Country

9:45 am Crowd poll

10:00 am Dr Wendy Bunston -*Infant Led Practice*

11:00 am **Morning Tea Break – The Sun Bookshop Stall**

11:30 am Perinatal Mental Health Team – Supporting Children Starts with Supporting Mothers in Pregnancy

12:00 pm Elena Campbell -Responding to Adolescent Family Violence

12.30 pm **Lunch—The Sun Bookshop Stall**

1.15 pm Irene Bennetts

2.00 pm Carmel Guerra and Mehak Sheikh, Centre for Multicultural Youth -The Voice of Refugee and Migrant young people experiencing Family Violence

2:45 pm Department of Health and Human Services Child Protection Unit

3.15 pm Crowd Poll

3:30 pm Evaluation and Door Prizes

4:00 pm Finish

The Sun Bookshop in Yarraville will be holding a stall so you can purchase copies of Wendy Bunston's book and other books relating to the topic

Speakers

MC- Maria Dimopoulos: is nationally and internationally recognised as an expert specialising in the intersections of diversity, gender equality and the law. In 2008, she was appointed by the Federal government to the National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children. Maria currently sits a number of government and non government committees and is the Chairperson of the Harmony Alliance - Australia's national coalition of migrant and refugee women and a member of the National Women's Alliances. In 2017 Maria was presented with the Lifetime Achievement award by the Migration Council of Australia for her tireless devotion to Australian multiculturalism and support for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse women. She was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women and is a recipient of an Amnesty International Human Rights Award for her work on the legal needs of women from non English speaking backgrounds.

Dr Wendy Bunston

Wendy Bunston currently works as a senior clinical consultant and trainer with wb Training and Consulting as well as an associate lecturer in the Department of Community and Clinical Allied Health, La Trobe University. Wendy does research in Social Work, Infant and Child Mental Health, Family Violence and Group Work. Her award winning PhD thesis was titled; 'How Refuge provides 'refuge' to Infants: Exploring the experience of the infant in Women's Refuges.' She is currently preparing her second book with UK publisher JKP, called Supporting Vulnerable Babies and Young Children, How to Work with Complex Challenges', with co-editor with S.J. Jones due out in September this year. **Wendy will have copies of her current book ~ *Helping Babies and Children to Heal After Family Violence* ~ available for sale**

Elena Campbell

Lawyer, former political staff writer and legal consultant, Elena Campbell has worked in social and justice policy for twenty years. Now Associate Director at the Centre for Innovative Justice, Elena leads a program or research into family violence, with a particular focus on perpetrator interventions, young people's experience and use of violence. Court processes which respond to family violence and the way in which experiences of violence can propel people into criminalisation.

Carmel Guerra OAM

Carmel Guerra is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), the first organisation in Australia to work exclusively with migrant and refugee young people. Carmel is also the Chairperson of The Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia (MYAN), the national peak body representing multicultural youth issues. Carmel is recognized for her commentary on multicultural youth issues. She has served on numerous boards and committees and is currently a member of the Youth Parole Board of Victoria, the Victorian Children's Council, the Migration Council of Australia, and the Settlement Services Advisory Council. Carmel was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2016 for services to multicultural youth in Victoria and was the recipient of a Centenary Medal for services to migrant and refugee communities

Mehak Sheikh

Mehak Sheikh is a passionate, proactive and motivated young woman, who moved to Melbourne with her family in 2012. As a psychology student, Mehak is interested in behaviour and wants to work with children, young people and businesses. She has the drive to help those around her and engage with the community, which influences her to volunteer in various programs and sit on several committees that work on advocacy, community engagement and arts/events. Some of her other passions include cultural diversity, education and empowerment, health and community engagement.

Entertainment -Irene Bennetts

Irene Bennetts is an accomplished professional singer with over 35 years experience performing various bands throughout Melbourne.