

Child Protection & the Law

Legal Professional Development Training Day – [click here to register](#)

Friday 1st September 2023 at the State Library of SA, Adelaide

PROGRAM

Time	Topic	Content	Presenter
9:00am - 10:00am	Care and Protection in Practice	Judge Eldridge will explore ways in which the legislation protects children and young people, including Voluntary Custody Agreements, Family Group Conference, orders made by the Youth Court and how to contest these	Judge Penny Eldridge <i>Judge of the Youth Court of South Australia</i>
10:00am - 11:00am	Listening to children and young people's experiences within the child protection system	Helen will present findings of a report into how child protection systems must place greater weight on understanding and valuing the voices and participation of children and young people in decision-making. This includes a participant Q&A session	Helen Connolly <i>Commissioner for Children and Young People</i>
11:00am - 11:30am	Rest break		
11:30am - 12:30pm	Preparing your Carers for SACAT	Vanessa will look at practical assistance in case preparation for those working in this unfamiliar jurisdiction	Vanessa Lindsay <i>Barrister, The Consortium</i>
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch		
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Child protection and the Coroner's Court	Estelle will examine recent decisions from the Coroners Court relevant to child protection	Estelle Frawley <i>Barrister, Carrington Chambers</i>
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Family Law Act 1975 and the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017	Denise will present the 'best interests of the child' under the Family Law Act and the Care and Protection Legislation	Denise Rieniets <i>Principal, Denise M Rieniets & Associates</i>
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Translating Best Interests of an Aboriginal child: Decolonising child protection law and practice	Amy will share the approach taken in a PhD project at the Australian Centre for Child Protection (UniSA) to examine the position of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle in the Australian legal system. Led by Aboriginal women from disciplines of law and social science, and with industry partners, the research has engaged Elders and community members with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal practitioners in law and social work across the child protection system in SA	Amy Cleland <i>Aboriginal Strategy and Engagement Lead/Program Director: Social Science (Human Services)/PhD Candidate, UniSA; Justice & Society Academic Unit – Australian Centre for Child Protection</i>
4:30pm onwards	End of program drinks <i>Drinks supported by JusticeNet "connecting social need to legal skill"</i>		

