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Working with children and families during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak



Dr Andrew Leech
FRACGP, MBBS, BSc, DCH

General Practitioner, WA

Andrew is a general practitioner with special interest in paediatric health and mental health. He enjoys working closely with families to support them through the challenges associated with having a child with chronic illness.

More recently he has become heavily involved with Emerging Minds to improve education of other GPs and encourage a wider screening of paediatric mental health problems.

Andrew has been a RACGP fellow and later completed the diploma of child health. He is also an educator with WAGPET (a general practitioner training provider in WA) and Notre Dame Medical School.



Julianne Whyte
Social Worker, NSW

As founder and CEO of the Amaranth Foundation (2009), Julianne has worked extensively across the rural communities of the Riverina.

She graduated in nursing from St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne (1978) and completed

a Bachelor of Social Work (2003) from La Trobe University.

Julianne is a registered member of the Australian Association of Social Work (MAASW), a member of the Clinical Division of the College of Social Work (MCSW) and is an accredited Clinical Mental Health Social Worker (AMHSW).

Since 2009, Julianne and the Amaranth Foundation has received over \$1.7 million dollars for Commonwealth and philanthropic projects focussing on supporting people with advanced chronic and terminal illnesses and their families and care-giver needs.

Julianne has extensive experience in community development and education with a passion for narrative approaches to communication and personal interaction.

Julianne has held a casual lecturing and student liaison role with many Universities including Charles Sturt University, University of New England and Deakin Universities. She was the co-chair of the education committee of Oncology Social Work Australia until 2015, is a current member of the NSW Social Work Palliative Care Practice Group, where she is driving a working group looking at competency standards for social workers in End of Life (EoL) and palliative care for the Australian context. Julianne has

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established and facilitates two Mental Health Professional Networks with a focus on End of Life (EoL) care and grief and loss.

As CEO of Amaranth, Julianne provided evidence to the Senate Inquiry into palliative care in Australia and the model of social work that she is developing is referenced in the final report to government. She is now working towards obtaining her PhD and in the 2017 Australia Day Awards, received an Order of Australia Medal for her work advancing palliative care in the community. She has recently nominated for the 2017 AASW elections as a Board Member.



Nicola Palfrey
Clinical Psychologist, ACT

Nicola Palfrey is a clinical psychologist and researcher who has worked extensively with children, adolescents and adults who have experienced significant adversity and trauma.

In her current role as Director of the Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Grief & Loss Network at the Australian National University (ANU) she is responsible for developing and delivering resources, training and interventions based on the latest evidence base to support individuals and families affected by adversity and trauma.

Nicola is the ANU lead for the National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health, an initiative to support workforces identify, assess and support children under twelve who are at risk of experiencing mental illness.



Facilitator: Professor Stephen Trumble
General Practitioner, Vic

Stephen Trumble is a general practitioner and Head of Medical Education at Melbourne Medical School.

He has held a variety of roles in GP education, including directing the RACGP Training Program and editing the Australian Family Physician journal.

After working in metropolitan and rural general practice and establishing a service for people with developmental disabilities at Monash Medical Centre, his current clinical work is limited to GP locums in remote areas of the Northern Territory.