

Volume 31 Number 1

2006

# Children

---

# Australia

**In this issue ...**

Sibling relationships in the care system  
Attachment, separation and contact issues

Exploring the dimensions of professionalising fostering  
Carers' perceptions of their fostering role

Can you hear me?  
The active engagement of Aboriginal children in the development  
of social policy by non-Aboriginals

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

'Mothercraft not learnt by instinct'  
An investigation of the infant welfare movement in Australia 1919-1939

# Children Australia

Volume 31 2006

*Children Australia* is a quarterly journal which aims to provide an opportunity for service providers, academics and others concerned with children, young people and families to report on their work, to raise issues and to share their views.

The views expressed in *Children Australia* are those of the authors, and are therefore not necessarily endorsed by the Editor or members of the national editorial board.

EDITOR: Dr Jennifer Lehmann  
La Trobe University

#### EDITORIAL ASSISTANT/SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Lorraine Redshaw  
c/- Oz Child: Children Australia

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006

Standard [inc GST] ..... \$71.50  
Student [inc GST] ..... \$55.00  
Overseas ..... Aus\$90.00

#### ENQUIRIES

For subscription enquiries, or to advise change of address, please contact:

Lorraine Redshaw  
Children Australia  
PO Box 1312  
South Melbourne  
Vic 3205, Australia  
Tel: [03] 9695 2200 Fax: [03] 9696 0507  
Email: lredshaw@ozchild.org.au

Information for subscribers and authors is available on the Oz Child website: [www.ozchild.org.au](http://www.ozchild.org.au)

#### GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Guidelines for those wishing to submit material to be considered for publication in *Children Australia* can be found on the inside of the back cover.

## NATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARD

### ACT

Dr Howard Bath  
Director  
The Thomas Wright Institute

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Dr Elizabeth Fernandez  
Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work  
University of New South Wales

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mrs Vicki O'Halloran  
Chief Executive Officer  
Somerville Community Services Inc.

### QUEENSLAND

Ms Chris-Maree Sultmann  
Encompass Family & Community

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dr Freda Briggs  
Emeritus Professor  
University of South Australia

### TASMANIA

Ms Scilla Sayer  
Senior Policy Officer, Child & Family Services  
Department of Health & Human Services

### VICTORIA

Professor Chris Goddard  
Director  
National Research Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse  
Monash University

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr David Vicary  
Executive Director, Office for Children and Youth

### EDITORIAL CONSULTANTS

Dr Frank Ainsworth  
Senior Principal Research Fellow (Adjunct)  
School of Social Work and Community Welfare  
James Cook University, Queensland

Associate Professor Margarita Frederico  
Director, Post-graduate Programs  
School of Social Work & Social Policy  
La Trobe University, Victoria

### OZ CHILD REPRESENTATIVE

Ms Susan Pitman  
Senior Research Officer

<h2>CONTENTS</h2>
-------------------

Editorial .....	2
Jennifer Lehmann	
Sibling relationships in the care system .....	5
Attachment, separation and contact issues	
Helen Schwenke, Susan Hudd and David Vicary	
Exploring the dimensions of professionalising fostering .....	12
Carers' perceptions of their fostering role	
Ciara Smyth and Marilyn McHugh	
Can you hear me? .....	21
The active engagement of Aboriginal children in the development	
of social policy by non-Aboriginals	
David Vicary, Judy Tennant, Tiffany Garvie and Caroline Adupa	
Book reviews .....	27
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES	
'Mothercraft not learnt by instinct' .....	31
An investigation of the infant welfare movement in Australia 1919-1939	
Rachael Kitchens	

The financial support of Oz Child: Children  
Australia is gratefully acknowledged



The financial support of the  
La Trobe University Publications  
Committee is gratefully acknowledged

