

CHILD ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

- The workshop on 18 August was well-attended and most enjoyable for all those who did come. Interestingly a few people asked me on the day whether I was employed by the APS to run the workshops. The enquirers were very surprised that the job was voluntary. I only mention this because we need a lot more volunteers (see below).
- Members are reminded of the following CAFIG workshops coming up in the near future. There are still places available in the workshop for 20 October. This promises to be a very interesting presentation.

1. **20th October 2006, 3 to 5 p.m. Using Emotional Literacy to Address Challenging Behaviour**

This seminar will be presented by psychologist, Rosa Bologna. Rosa is the former co-director of the Institute for Play Therapy and has received accredited training through Play Therapy International and the Association for Play Therapy. Rosa has held positions in the Departments of Juvenile Justice and the Attorney General's Department (Children's Court Clinic) and has worked as a psychologist in a number of non-government agencies providing services in the fields of out-of-home care, alternate education, child protection, occupational rehabilitation and immigration detention. Rosa is currently in private practice and also teaches modules in child protection to childcare students at TAFE. The seminar will explore the correlation between challenging behaviour and trauma and how clinical intervention based on emotional literacy can be effective in addressing such behaviour.

2. **24th November 2006 3 to 5 p.m. Topic to be announced**

We are still looking for a dynamic presentation for 24 November and would appreciate any suggestions, even if you are nominating yourself or a colleague to present. Topics should relate to theory or treatment issues in reference to children, adolescents and families in some way and should appeal to other members of the interest group. All suggestions will be considered, and if they are not used for November will be looked at for 2007 if the seminars are to continue.

This seminar will be followed by a brief AGM of the Interest Group and then an end of year dinner at one of the local restaurants for anyone who would like to come along. It is of great importance that we have members to attend the AGM as the interest group cannot continue without the voluntary involvement of members. Come along and have your say about how you would like the interest group to proceed and if you have a small amount of time to volunteer with helping the committee, we would greatly appreciate your help. If you would care to nominate yourself or another member as part of the committee please contact Dianne or just turn up on the day. The time requirement is not great if there are a few people to do it. This year there have been only three of us and often only two or even one. I was the only committee member present for the full day workshop, which made it quite hectic. So please volunteer a little of your time to assist.

For those who are unable to attend on the day of the workshops/AGM, I would appreciate some feedback on the following issues. These can be sent by email, fax or phone.

1. What do you expect of your membership of CAFIG?
2. What would you like the CAFIG committee to be doing to meet your needs as a member?
3. Do you want the seminar presentations to continue as they have been or do you want the group to follow some alternate or additional direction?
4. Do you prefer the shorter (2 hour) seminars monthly or do you find the half-day and full-day workshops more suited to your needs?
5. If the workshops are to continue, are there some days that are better than others for you? I know some people have let me know that Friday afternoons are not possible for them. We will have to go with the majority if the workshops are to continue, so let your preferences be known.
6. If you live in the country, are there ways in which your special needs can be met better?
7. Are there particular topics that you would like input on?
8. Are there particular speakers you have heard of and wish to see/hear present to our group?
9. Do you have any other helpful suggestions or comments (even negative feedback is helpful if it is constructive)?
10. Would you be willing to participate in person, by email or in phone consultation on the CAFIG committee?

BOOKINGS or enquiries for the above workshops should be directed to Dianne Starkey on 9636 4397 or email at [star_key @bigpond.net.au](mailto:star_key@bigpond.net.au). Registrations with payment (cheque made out to the Australian Psychological Society) should be forwarded to Dianne Starkey, Convenor, Child Adolescent and Family Interest Group, APS, at 2 Saxon Place, Wentworthville 2145.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Institute of Psychiatry will present **Patricia Crittenden**, world-renowned expert on Attachment, at a 2 day workshop titled **"Attachment and Pathways to Psychopathology: Growing up Unprotected and Uncomforted"**. This workshop will be on 26th and 27th February 2007 at the Children's Hospital Westmead. If you would like further information and a registration form, I can forward these to you by email (star_key@bigpond.net.au)

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