



The Society of Professional Social Workers
and
The APS College of Community Psychologists



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Child Abuse but were Afraid to Ask
Thursday November 25, 2010

Notre Dame Building 4, Room 301 cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle

This Workshop accrues

13 SPSW CPE Points

6 1/2 APS Points

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A Professional Development Day

for Community Psychologists, Social Workers and other Human Service Professionals

Presented by Dr. Barbara Meddin, B.A., M.S.W., Ph.D.

Do you

- work in an agency with children and their families or work/ plan to work for example in private practice where there are children and young people or families with children?
- know what child abuse is and what it isn't?
- feel confident you would know what to do if you were worried that a child or young person had been harmed or wasn't safe in their family?
- understand what WA's mandatory reporting legislation means to you as a professional, worker or a volunteer?
- appreciate what will happen in terms of confidentiality if you report?
- Know if you will be professionally liable if it turns out it's not child abuse?

If you can't answer yes to all of the above, then this workshop is for you!

This one day workshop is aimed at helping people who work or plan to work with children and young people and their families gain an understanding of what is child abuse and neglect and what it isn't. It will also assist participants to understand what their obligations are when there is concern about the safety and well being of a child. It will also provide you with the opportunity to discuss dilemmas you may face when you have concerns about a specific child/young person. It will also help you understand what legal rights and protections you have when you are concerned about a child or young person.

By the end of the workshop participants will have developed an understanding of:

- What is and isn't Child Abuse and Neglect?
- What are some of the signs that suggest a child/young person has been harmed or is at risk of harm?
- What should they do if they suspect a child/young person has been harmed or at risk of harm?
- What will happen to the professional/worker/volunteer's relationship with that child/young person or my relationship with their parents if they tell DCP or the police about their concerns?
- Know if they required to report child abuse now that mandatory reporting has come to WA and in respect to the proposed changes to mandatory reporting
- What about confidentiality? What is it, whose is it?
- What will happen if a child protection agency or the police are contacted

About the trainer

Dr. Barbara Meddin is a professional social worker who holds a Bachelor of Sociology, a Masters of Social Work, and a Ph.D. in Social Work and Political Science (Politics)

Prior to leaving government, Dr. Meddin was the Senior Professional Officer, Social Work (Principal Social Worker) for the Department for Child Protection. She originally came to Western Australia in the 1980's to assist WA to set up its state wide child protection service.

She has a long and diverse career as a social worker working in the fields of child protection, domestic violence, corrections, education, corrections and youth/juvenile services. She has worked extensively in respect to services to men, women and children and to Indigenous people. She has also been an expert witness in the Family Court, the Children's Court and the Coroner's Court.

Dr. Meddin's reputation as a trainer is recognized throughout Western Australia where she has regularly presenting training workshops to both government and non government agencies. . She is widely published both in Australia and overseas in the human services field.



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Registration Form Tax Invoice

General information: Wheelchair access available. Street parking is available at \$1.30/hour or the Collie street multistorey car park is a close and economical option

Morning & afternoon tea included.

Registrations: Fax Registrations to: 9381 7471 (no cover page required), scan and email to waybob@bekkers.com.au or Post to PO Box 156 Subiaco, WA 6904

Registrations will be acknowledged via email and a tax receipt sent when payment processed

Closing date: Friday November 19th 2010 **Cancellation policy:** No refunds of registration fee after 19th November, 2010

Enquiries: Dr. Barbara Meddin **Tel:** 0417 959 058 or email waybob@bekkers.com.au

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Fee Details

Includes Morning / Afternoon Tea and Lunch

SPSW or	
APS Community College member	\$99
Non-member	\$150
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