



Tasmanian Pathways Network News

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What's On...

Meet the Judges

In Hobart, you will have the opportunity to hear from Judge Baker of the federal circuit court, Justice Benjamin from the Family Court, and Registrar Weidmann, along with Family Consultant Louise Salmon. There will be an information session at the Edward Braddon Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 39-41 Davey Street, Hobart in courtroom 1 on the second level, a light lunch, tea and coffee will be available in the foyer before the session kicks off at 1pm.

In Launceston, The Honourable Judge Terry McGuire has made time to meet with Pathways members on August 2nd at 4pm. We will be providing coffee and cake at Sweet Brew, 93 George St. His Honour will talk to you about what he does, and will be available to answer your questions.

In Burnie on the 16th August, we will be providing afternoon tea for Pathways members at the Burnie Club at 4pm. Judge McGuire will be taking questions and providing you with information about his role as Federal Circuit Judge on the North-West Coast.

We have had a lot of interest in these events, so please follow these links to secure your space ASAP

[HOBART](#)

[LAUNCESTON](#)

[BURNIE](#)

Please send your question or a topic suggestion for any of our guest speakers to alonah@reltas.com.au.

Media

The new [Family Relationships Online](#) website has been launched. Please follow this [link](#) to access information that may be helpful for practitioners and clients.

Violence against women as an issue has taken centre stage in the media, especially since the horrendous rape and murder of Melbourne comedian Eurydice Dixon. An exchange in the Senate between two of our elected reps, as reported [HERE](#), is disquieting to say the least.

Developmental differences in children who have experienced adversity

Emerging research suggests that childhood maltreatment may be related to four areas of developmental difference; which increase vulnerability to developing mental health and behavioural concerns.

This series of practice guides and accompanying webinar are intended for professionals (psychologists, mental-health social workers, therapeutic specialists) supporting vulnerable children and families who may have developmental differences.

These developmental differences include changes in the effectiveness of executive functioning and emotional regulation; and changes in the processing of social information related to social threat and social reward. Each guide addresses one of the developmental differences and provides suggestions for supporting children who are school age or older.

The latest research from Australian Institute of Family Studies on the effect of adversity on childhood development is now available [HERE](#).



Sector Issues



Working with vulnerable people card

This is an important factor in gaining work in the social services sector. For information on the different jurisdiction's prerequisites for working with children, please follow this [LINK](#)



Engender
Equality

SHE family violence service is changing its name.

SHE (Support, Help and Empowerment) has operated as a not-for-profit specialist family violence service since 1989. We are proud of the work we have done and continue to do in Tasmania.

As you would be aware, over the past few years, family violence has received growing attention in the mainstream media, as well as from community campaigns and in government policy. There has been an increased focus on primary prevention as an important activity to reduce family violence. In addition, family violence has shifted to now be considered a *whole of community issue*. We are now expected to see men who have been subjected to violent and abusive behaviours and we are seeing diverse communities wanting to be a part of primary prevention efforts.

To reflect this changing landscape, we have adopted the new name, Engender Equality (Engender for short). The name, Engender Equality, promotes the need to address the primary drivers of family violence. The graphic device of the logo suggests movement and progress. The colours speak to the existing SHE logo, a logo that we honour for the strong history that has forged an evolution of family violence responses in Tasmania. The new name does not affect the current service provision or frameworks.



Ageing Without Fear – Elder Abuse as Family Violence

One of the key results of the 2016 Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence was the recognition of elder abuse as family violence. Nevertheless, the Royal Commission acknowledged that older people have specific needs within the family violence sector.

As the reforms continue to progress within Victoria and nationally, gaps remain on how best to integrate older people into family violence.



In order to build understanding between the two sectors, Seniors Rights Victoria has produced a suite of discussion papers on elder abuse as family violence, elder abuse and gender and preventing elder abuse. Please follow this [LINK](#) to access the discussion papers.

The next REAL women's group program will commence on **Thursday 26th July (10am – 12.15pm).**

Responsible Emotional Awareness for Living This group program, based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, offers women the opportunity to explore the place of anger in their life; reduce the suffering that anger may have caused themselves and others, and will enable them to recognise the struggle for control of their emotions.

There are limited places in the group, so please refer clients early to avoid disappointment.

All participants are asked to attend an interview to assess their needs and suitability of the group.

Please contact Ruth or Anne on 6278 1660 to make an appointment for an assessment interview.

REAL Women's Group

REAL is
Responsible Emotional Awareness
for Living

Nine group sessions for women to help with:

- Strong emotions,
- Anger in your life,
- Reducing the suffering anger causes,
- Recognising the struggle involved in controlling anger.



New group starting on July 26, 2018. Register by July 12 on 6278 1660.



CatholicCare
for everyone
www.catholiccarenetworks.org.au

At CatholicCare, 35 Tower Road, New Town.
For women only. Free.
To find out more, call us on
6278 1660
or catholiccare.hobart@aohtas.org.au

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The Pathways Services Directory

Update your details – if any of your contact details have changed in the past 12 months, could you please send updated details to the Pathways Officer [email](#) so that we can update our database.

If you have colleagues or know of newcomers to your workplace who are not members of the Family Law Pathways network, please direct them to our [Website](#) for free membership sign-up

Judgments on Family Court website have been updated **June 2018**

First Instance Judgments at the following link:

<http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/fi-judgments/>

Full Court (Appeals) Judgments have been updated **May 31, 2018** at the following link:

http://www.familycourt.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/fcoaweb/judgments/full-court-judgments

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