

## Research Seminar – 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2006

### Turning research into action: What does the literature say?

#### **Presenters: Fiona Arney and Kerry Lewig**

The move towards evidence-based practice and policy in the human services has been accompanied by an increasing recognition of the common goals and key differences between the three distinct cultures of research, policy and practice. These key differences, or 'cultural gaps', create barriers to using research evidence to develop practice interventions and policy decisions that could more effectively benefit children and families. This presentation synthesises findings from the 'research utilisation' literature which may help to close the cultural gaps and facilitate the use of research in child and family services.

#### **Biographical details**

Dr Fiona Arney is the Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia. She has extensive research experience in the fields of parenting and child and adolescent mental health. Her current work includes research into strategies to prevent and effectively respond to child abuse and neglect, and strengths-based approaches to working with families experiencing adversity.

Kerry Lewig is a Research Assistant at the Australian Centre for Child Protection, University of South Australia. She has a background in Organisational Psychology with research experience in work satisfaction, engagement, work stress and burnout in the services sector and the volunteer sector. Her current focus is on research utilisation and she has recently completed a literature review in this area.

**Date and time:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2006, 4.00pm-5.30pm (drinks and nibbles afterwards).

**Location:** BJ2-32, Bonython Jubilee Building, University of South Australia, City East Campus, Frome Road, Adelaide.

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