



How can we ensure children and young people with disability receive a fair go?

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TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

Speakers:

- Helen Connolly, South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Mary Sayers, CEO, Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA)
- Professor Sally Robinson, Professor in Disability and Community Inclusion, Flinders University
- Kay Barnard, Access and Inclusion Matters Project Officer, Youth Disability Advocacy Network (WA)

In this webinar on **Thursday 9 September 2021** we discussed:

- How do we build our communities so that children and young people with disability thrive?
- How can we empower children and young people with disability to exercise their rights and ensure their full participation and inclusion?
- How can we better listen to the voices of children and young people with disability?
- How do community attitudes towards children and young people with disability impact on safety and wellbeing?

The theme for National Child Protection Week (5 - 11 September 2021) was **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.**

But not every family has these resources. This is why we need to support every child, family and community according to their needs. This will create a healthier, fairer Australia for all children.

During the week a series of webinars was curated to explore this theme. The following sheet provides links to resources and topics that relate to the above webinar, to help us **turn this conversation into action.**





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Information relevant to this webinar includes:

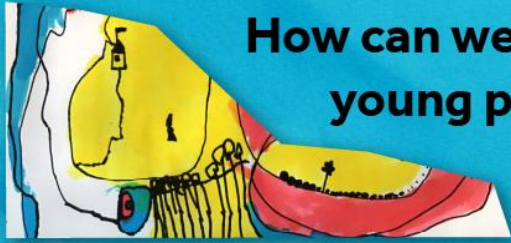
Language guide for talking about disability:

- www.pwd.org.au/resources/disability-info/language-guide

Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA)

- National Youth Disability Summit – what young people with disability said
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/240/national-youth-disability-summit-what-young-people-with-disability-said-awareness-access-and-inclusion-position-paper
- What is violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children and young people with disability?
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/98/what-is-violence-abuse-neglect-and-exploitation-of-children-and-young-people-with-disability
- How can we help keep children and young people with disability safe?
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/100/how-can-we-help-keep-children-and-young-people-with-disability-safe
- What to do when harm occurs
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/99/what-to-do-when-harm-occurs-or-you-suspect-it
- The Disability Royal Commission and how to get involved
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/101/the-disability-royal-commission-and-how-to-get-involved
- CYDA's 2021 submission to the Disability Royal Commission
www.cyda.org.au/resources/details/288/response-to-the-disability-royal-commission-s-promoting-inclusion-issues-paper
- Become a member of CYDA
www.cyda.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member
- Follow CYDA on social media:
 - www.facebook.com/CydaAu
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Related articles by Professor Sally Robinson:

- *Violence prevention and early intervention for mothers and children with disability: Building promising practice*
www.anrows.org.au/publication/violence-prevention-and-early-intervention-for-mothers-and-children-with-disability-building-promising-practice/
- *We can make better evidence for social policy by seeing participation differently*
www.evidenceandpolicyblog.co.uk/2021/06/30/we-can-make-better-evidence-for-social-policy-by-seeing-participation-differently/
- *Disability and family violence prevention: a case study on participation in evidence making*
www.ingentaconnect.com/content/tpp/ep/2021/00000017/00000002/art00008;jsessionid=46b43be9ekugl.x-ic-live-01

Portrayal of disability in the media:

- TED Talk by comedian and journalist Stella Young
www.ted.com/talks/stella_young_i_m_not_your_inspiration_thank_you_very_much
- Speech from Australian Human Rights Commission
www.humanrights.gov.au/about/news/speeches/disability-images-and-human-reality

Autism support services:

- National autism helpline 1300 308 699 www.amaze.org.au/autismconnect
- Contact the autism organisation in your state or territory or the national organisation Aspect www.autismspectrum.org.au

Framing research:

This year's National Child Protection Week theme and campaign were based on the latest Australian research on how to frame communication around child wellbeing including:

- *The Core Story for Early Childhood Development and Learning* at www.telethonkids.org.au/projects/HPER/core-story - and learn more with the eLearning module here www.corestory.talentlms.com





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- The *Reframing Parenting* project at www.parentingrc.org.au/programs/reframing-parenting
- **Passing the Message Stick** gives clear advice about how to use language to help change the story on self-determination and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people www.passingthemessagestick.org

Related child wellbeing campaigns:

- Family Matters - www.familymatters.org.au
- Everybody's Home - www.everybodyshome.com.au
- Raise The Rate - www.raisetherate.org.au
- Every Child - www.everychild.co
- Australia Together - www.australiatogether.org
- Ending Loneliness Together - www.endingloneliness.com.au

Upcoming Weeks in October:

- Anti-Poverty Week (2021 theme is focused on children) 17 - 23 October www.antipovertyweek.org.au
- Children's Week 23 - 31 October www.childrensweek.org.au

Include the voices of children in your work:

- For advice about how to include the voices of children in your work contact your State or Territory Children's Commission.
- For ideas about using art to talk to children about their communities, see NAPCAN's Art Activity page www.napcan.org.au/art-activity and watch the short video compilation of artworks at www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtudlb0oO9A&t=1s

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**Thank you for your commitment to ensuring every child
in every community has a fair go.**

