



Anti-Poverty Week Webinar

Keeping Children Safe from Poverty

Monday 18 October 2021

TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

Presenters:

- Prof Sharon Bessell, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australia National University
- Angela Rondo, Thriving Families Nambour Community Centre

In this webinar, **Keeping Children Safe from Poverty**, we discussed:

- The multidimensional nature of child poverty – and the way that it impacts not only essential material goods, but also undermines children's opportunities now and in the future, as well as their relationships.
- Poverty from the perspective of children
- How we can work together to keep children and families safe from poverty.

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.

To help us **turn this conversation into action**, the following sheet provides links to resources and topics that were mentioned in the above webinar.

Topics covered by this webinar included:

Anti-Poverty Week:

- This webinar was organised as part of Anti-Poverty Week. See www.antipovertyweek.org.au for more about how you can support the campaign, and begin to plan for next year.
- Fast Facts - Child and Family Poverty in Australia: www.antipovertyweek.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/5.-Child-Poverty-2021-d1.pdf
- School teaching resources on Poverty and Inequality in Australia: www.antipovertyweek.org.au/resources/teaching-resources/



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- Article from The Guardian relevant to the webinar discussion:
www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/oct/18/extracurricular-activities-benefit-kids-from-poorer-families-most-but-access-a-problem-australia-study-finds

More about Prof Sharon Bessell's research:

- Prof Sharon Bessell's research *Rethinking Child Poverty*:
www.storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/73d89c4b1bee47e4954f66cf7da88c56
- View the ANU's short video *Rethinking Child Poverty in Australia*:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK6zCSbFK0c&t=21s
- A conversation piece on benefits during COVID-19:
<https://theconversation.com/australia-was-a-model-for-protecting-people-from-covid-19-and-then-we-dumped-half-a-million-people-back-into-poverty-165813>
- An child-centred analysis of the recent budget:
www.powertopersuade.org.au/blog/poverty-and-its-effects-on-school-age-children-understanding-the-consequences-of-policy-choices/20/4/2021?rq=bessell
- A piece on children's experiences of poverty:
www.policyforum.net/the-budget-misses-the-mark-on-child-poverty/

More about the Case Study: Our Community, Our Families, Our Children:

- Project was awarded the Thriving Communities Initiative Award for Queensland Child Protection Week 2021:
www.childprotectionweek.org.au/past-campaigns/2021-campaign/
- More about the work of the Nambour Community Centre:
www.nambourcc.org/thriving-families/

Other studies and resources of interest:

- *Kids in Community Study* - how different factors in our communities influence the way that children develop:
www.rch.org.au/ccch/research-projects/Kids_in_Communities_Study
- *Thriving in Adversity*:
www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/03_2015/thriving_in_adversity.pdf
- ARACY - *To have and to have not: Measuring child deprivation and opportunity in Australia*:
<https://www.aracy.org.au/publications-resources/area?command=record&id=282&cid=6>



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Framing research: NAPCAN's work is informed by the latest Australian research on how to frame communication around child wellbeing and parenting 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 here www.corestory.talentlms.com
- 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 campaigns to join:

- Everybody's Home - www.everybodyshome.com.au
- Raise The Rate - www.raisetherate.org.au
- Every Child - www.everychild.co
- Australia Together - www.australiatogether.org
- Children's Week 23 - 31 October www.childrensweek.org.au

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