



## FOLLOW-UP RESOURCE SHEET:

### NAPCAN's Anti-Poverty Week Webinar 2022

Poverty & Keeping Children Safe

Thursday 20 October 2022

The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) in conversation with:

- Dr Brid Featherstone, Professor of Social Work, University of Huddersfield, UK
- Professor Ilan Katz, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW Sydney
- Claudia Lennon, Director of Practice & Impact Management, Benevolent Society
- Facilitated by Rani Kumar, Deputy CEO, NAPCAN

As one of the wealthiest countries in the world, it's just not right that 1 in 6 of our children grow up in poverty. We know that poverty affects far too many Australian children and families, diminishing their lives now and in the future.

This webinar provided insight into how:

- poverty and inequality impact the context in which child abuse and neglect occurs;
- poverty is responded to by different systems; and
- we can all ask for programs and policies to better support families and keep children safe.

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

To watch the webinar recording go to <https://www.napcan.org.au/video-resources/>

### Topics covered in the webinar included:

#### Anti-Poverty Week:

- The webinar was organised as part of Anti-Poverty Week. See [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://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: <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/APW-Child-and-Family-Poverty-Fast-Fact-2022..pdf>
- School teaching resources on Poverty and Inequality in Australia: [www.antipovertyweek.org.au/resources/teaching-resources/](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/resources/teaching-resources/)
- Recent media coverage of poverty <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/news-2/latest-news/>





### **Professor Brigid Featherstone, University of Huddersfield, UK**

- You can find out more about the work of Brid or contact her via this link: <https://pure.hud.ac.uk/en/persons/brid-featherstone>
- Link to the Child Welfare Inequalities Project: [https://pure.hud.ac.uk/ws/files/21398145/CWIP\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](https://pure.hud.ac.uk/ws/files/21398145/CWIP_Final_Report.pdf)
- Find out more about the 'social model' mentioned by Brid <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1468017320907483>

### **Professor Ilan Katz, UNSW**

- You can find out more about the work of Ilan or contact him here: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/staff/ilan-katz>
- Link to the *Kids in Communities Study (KiCS)* mentioned in the webinar. It shows how different community factors - physical environment, social environment, socio-economic factors, access to services, and governance - influence the way children develop. [https://www.rch.org.au/ccch/research-projects/Kids\\_in\\_Communities\\_Study/](https://www.rch.org.au/ccch/research-projects/Kids_in_Communities_Study/)
- Link to the ACOSS report released on Friday 14 October 2022. ACOSS (the Australian Council of Social Service) has partnered with UNSW Sydney to undertake a research and impact collaboration to sharpen the national focus on poverty and inequality in Australia. <https://povertyandinequality.acoss.org.au/poverty/one-in-eight-people-in-australia-are-living-in-poverty/>

### **Claudia Lennon, Director of Practice and Impact Management, The Benevolent Society**

- You can connect with Claudia via LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/claudia-lennon-844916161/>
- The Benevolent Society has developed a first-of-its-kind Early Years Impact Measurement Framework and has successfully used it to collect preliminary data from its Early Years Places in Queensland. <https://www.benevolent.org.au/get-involved/early-years-places-impact-measurement-framework>
- Resilient Families: <https://www.benevolent.org.au/about-us/innovative-approaches/social-benefit-bond/social-benefit-bond>

### **Videos from Professor Sharon Bessell, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU:**

- *We Need to Talk about Poverty* was played at the end of the webinar - it showcases the experiences of children and puts forward 5 steps we can take immediately to end child poverty. YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/tEPd46QtLhM>
- *Child-Centred Wellbeing* is a video about high-level indications that Australia will move towards a wellbeing budget and how we need to end poverty, especially child poverty, in order to build wellbeing for all. YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/WBZ8L\\_PZIoM](https://youtu.be/WBZ8L_PZIoM)

### **Other links of interest:**

- National Children's Commissioner, Anne Hollonds, consultation report *Keeping Kids Safe and Well - Your Voices* <https://humanrights.gov.au/safeandwell>
- Poverty Proofing the School Day <https://www.beem.org.uk/Services/5103>
- Contextual Safeguarding <https://www.contextualsafeguarding.org.uk/about-us/>
- *Thriving in Adversity* report [www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/03\\_2015/thriving\\_in\\_adversity.pdf](http://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/03_2015/thriving_in_adversity.pdf)



- How we talk about poverty matters. This research from the UK may be of interest to some of you in understanding ways to talk about poverty that reduce stigma and showing that this is a community issue with real solutions.  
<https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/framing-toolkit-talking-about-poverty>
- Also see this framing summary created for Anti-Poverty Week  
<https://antipovertyweek.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/June2022APWHow-We-Talk-about-Poverty-In-Australia.pdf>
- Tune into the Big Ideas, ABC Radio National Podcast *Alleviating Child Poverty* featuring Natalie Lewis, Queensland Family and Child Commissioner; Dr Sharon Bessell, ANU; Cath Bartolo, YFS, Logan & audience questions including from young people.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/alleviating-child-poverty/id164330831?i=1000583278078>

### Children's Week (22 - 30 October)

- Note that this year's Children's Week theme is based on Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: "All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development." This year's theme is particularly relevant with Anti-Poverty Week highlighting that 1 in 6 children in Australia grows up in poverty. As a signatory of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Australia needs to commit to eliminating child poverty as a matter of urgency. To get involved with Children's Week in your state or territory and use it as an opportunity to continue the conversation about child poverty, go to <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

### For more information, contact:

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