



It takes a village to raise a parent...

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PROFESSOR ROSS HOMEL, AO, PhD, FASSA, FANZSOC is Foundation Professor of Criminology at Griffith University. He is a highly cited social scientist having published approximately 200 books, papers, and high impact government reports. He has won many awards for his research on the prevention of crime, violence and injuries and the promotion of positive development for children and young people in socially disadvantaged communities. These include the 2010 Sellin-Glueck Award from the American Society of Criminology. In 2008 he was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia “for service to education, particularly in the field of criminology, through research into the causes of crime, early intervention and prevention methods.”



SARAH DAVIS-ROE is a Social Worker with a Masters of Mental Health (Infant). She is currently working with the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health on the Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Early Years Project. Sarah brings with her a passion and commitment to prevention and early intervention in the mental health sector, preferring to be at the top of the cliff rather than in the ambulance at the bottom. She has worked across a range of sectors including mental health, child protection and sexual assault. Sarah strives to create opportunities to support the development of an integrated, collaborative, and holistic early years’ service system that optimises the mental health and wellbeing of infants and young children along with their family, kin and carers recognising the benefits not only for this generation but future generations to come



DR MANDY KIENHUIS has over 15 years’ experience as a psychology researcher, in the areas of clinical psychology, developmental transitions, and parenting, and is passionate about promoting positive adjustment in children and supporting parents and families. Prior to her recent return to the Parenting Research Centre (PRC), Mandy has worked in clinical roles and academic settings. PRC helps children thrive by driving new and better ways to support families in their parenting. As a Research Specialist with the PRC, Mandy is leading the Parenting Today in Victoria survey. which is the most comprehensive look at the concerns, needs and behaviours of Victorian parents ever conducted. Funded by the Victorian Government, the survey was established to provide a rigorous and credible snapshot of how Victorians are faring in their parenting roles. Data has been collected in 2016 and 2019 and will be collected again in 2022.



DR PAUL PRICHARD is Manager, Training and Development of Policy Equity and Translation at the Centre for Community Child Health at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. For more than 25 years, Paul has been pursuing better lives for the children, youth, adults and families he has worked with. Paul’s career has spanned primary teaching, youth work, residential care, and the coordination, development and management of family support, parenting and volunteer interventions. He has extensive practice experience working with families experiencing complex needs including homeless youth, prisoners and their families, and families under statutory interventions.

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