

## Programme – Minds, Minefields and Minders: Adult Mental Illness and Child Protection Issues

8.30am Registration

### First Plenary

Chairperson: Dr Anne Sved Williams

8:45am **Welcome**  
Sue Ellershaw

9:00am **Mental health and child protection: Introduction and overview**  
Dr Ros Powrie

9:20am **Child protection and mental health: Everything is not equal**  
Dr Terry Donald

9:40am **Normalisation of negative thoughts after childbirth**  
Dr Pauline Hall

10:00am **Child protection and mental health: How FamiliesSA approach mental health issues: challenges and opportunities**  
*Colleen FitzPatrick*

10:20am **The Ethicist comments 1**  
Assoc Prof Lynn Gillam

10.30am Morning tea

The faculty at Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Services invites you to attend our annual one day conference to be held at the Education Development Centre, Milner Street, Hindmarsh.

### Second Plenary

Chairperson: Dr Georgie Swift

11:00am **Child protection in the legal system**  
Snr Judge Stephen McEwen

11:30am **Infants in the child protection system: A mental health approach to assessments**  
Dr Prue McEvoy

12:00pm **Baby nobody: A play**  
(written by Fiona McDonald)  
Performed by PIMHS Staff

12.30pm **The Ethicist comments 2**  
Assoc Prof Lynn Gillam

1:00pm-2.00pm Lunch

1:30pm Music by PIMHS staff



### Afternoon Workshop

2:00pm **Difficult child protection situations and mental health in your workplace:**

*This workshop is designed to give participants an opportunity to discuss, in small groups, difficult child protection cases from their own work situation and to integrate some of the material from the first and second plenary.*

**Discussants:** Sue Ellershaw, Mary Farrington, Sharron Hollamby, Dr Prue McEvoy, Lynly Mader, Dr Ros Powrie, Neil Underwood, Mandy Seyfang, Dr Anne Sved Williams, Maria Wigley, Chris Yelland

3:15pm **Afternoon tea**

### Third Plenary

Chairperson: Dr Ros Powrie

3:30pm **Keeping the infant and parent in mind: An ethical viewpoint**  
Assoc Prof Lynn Gillam

4:15pm **Keeping going! How do we do child protection and mental health issues better after today?**  
Dr Anne Sved Williams

4:45pm Close

## The Conference

25-50% of families who come to the attention of child protection services in Australia have a mental illness.

Looked at the other way, 23% of general mental health patients have children.

Whilst many parents with mental illness can and do parent very well, in some families, particularly when there are also multiple psychosocial issues, there are very substantial adverse impacts for their offspring.

The Minds, Minefields and Minders Conference will provide an excellent range of speakers from a variety of agencies and professions who will provide differing perspectives on helping these infants and their families to those who work with infants.

We believe the Conference will continue to add information and ideas so that we can work better across our different fields.

## Helen Mayo House

Helen Mayo House is a South Australian postnatal psychiatric ward and our experience with this client group shows us that managing the many challenges requires a team and lots of interaction with other agencies, so we hope to see you there!

## Registration form

Please use the attached Registration Form to indicate your interest in this conference as numbers are limited.

## For more information

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Annual Conference  
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