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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010**

QUALITY HOTEL – 213-223 CUBA STREET

**WELLINGTON**

**18 | 19 JUNE | 2010**



**FOSTERING POSITIVE PATHWAYS**

Te Whāngai Ki Nga Huarahi Tika

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Projects: Strategy and Delivery



# Friday 18th June 2010

MC – Lynn Blake-Palmer

8.00am Registration Desk Open

8.45am Powhiri – Welcome everyone to the Conference

9.15am Morning Tea

9.45am

Iris Clanachan

Chief Executive NZ Family and Foster Care Federation  
National Standards for Foster Carers.

A set of best practice standards for Whanau / Foster Care. Information, training and monitoring to improve the quality of foster care.

Nicholas M??

Co-Chairman of the Federation Executive.  
Youth Horizons.

A review of the Constitution and the reasons for change.

10.15am

Hon Tariana Turia

Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector  
Minister for Disability Issues  
Associate Minister of Social Development  
Associate Minister of Health

Opening Conference Address

Tariana has been a member of Parliament since 1996 and is the current MP for Te Tai Hauauroa as well as being the co-leader of the Māori Party. She is also Minister for Disability Issues, Associate Minister of Social Development and Associate Minister of Health. She is the driving force behind Whānau Ora and is also the Māori Party spokesperson for Housing, Child Youth and Family, Women's Affairs, Senior Citizens Affairs and Children's Affairs.

10.45am

Young Peoples Pathways to Independence  
Group Presentation

11.15am Workshops – Carers Pathways through Fostering

Please select one

1. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Research  
Jill Worrall is a consultant to the NZFFCF, a Trustee of Grandparents Raising Grandparents and Youth Horizons Trust Boards. She has been a foster parent and a social worker. She is also senior lecturer and an Honorary Research Associate at Massey University.
- 2: Levels of Care  
Linda Angus, Director Care Strategy Child, Youth & Family seconded to National Office. Linda worked with the sector to develop a Care Strategy for New Zealand. With a focus on improving the systems we collectively operate under in order to achieve improved outcomes for children who have moved through the care system and their families. Linda has a Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) Monash University, Victoria Australia, and a Diploma in Business Studies from Massey University.

12.15pm Lunch

12.30pm

Allegations Support Meeting

1.15pm

Recording a Positive Pathway for Moving Forward  
Presenter – Jill Devlin Supported By Pam Pilalis, Coral and Norman Whitson

In 2006 Open Home Foundation interviewed young people who as children had spent time in foster care. One of the themes that came from those interviews was that as children they did not know for sure why they were in care and not living at home and this 'not knowing or not being exactly sure' had impacted on them in a variety of ways.

The question arose for us, 'How could we do this better?' It seemed that part of the answer came when we became aware of Andrew Turnell and Susie Essex work of 'Words and Pictures' which is a shared story approach to keeping children informed of why care and protection professionals are involved in their and their families lives.

This presentation is a story that is marked with courage and amazing collaboration from the adults who worked together to write a child's story from each of their perspectives. It is also the story of life changing outcomes for some of those adults and a seven year old child.

Jill Devlin is the National Manager of Care Services for Open Home Foundation. She has 20 years experience in working for children and their families. Over the past few years her primary emphasis has been on the ongoing development of best practice foster care within Open Home Foundation.

2.00pm Workshops – Managing Positive Pathways for Children and Young People with Difficult Behaviours

Please select one

1. Children at Risk  
Billy Graham stresses the importance of combining a healthy body with a healthy attitude and of making the very best of every opportunity. Training up to 100 young people three days a week, a large number of whom are at serious risk. He imparts the message that they can be anything they want to be if they don't break the rules. Billy Graham who left school at 14, founded the Naenae Boys' Academy and has gone on to develop a unique fitness product and is the author of a No.1 best seller, and an inspirational speaker.
2. Managing Behaviours: the Differences for Children in Care  
Ordinary parenting strategies are important, but often aren't enough for children in foster and family care. Such children need extraordinary parenting. We will look at why, discussing how attachment, trauma and other aspects of past experiences impact on children's current interactions.

Mental health diagnoses are of limited value for many children in foster and family care. We will discuss the role of diagnosis and cover some diagnoses in more detail if participants wish. There will be opportunities to share ideas and experiences, learning from one another.

John Gregson is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and a Foster Parent. Both roles have brought hard work, sadness and joy. "Through my paid work in trying to help other foster and family carers, and my own experiences as a foster parent, I have developed huge admiration for the adults who do the hard yards with some of our most disadvantaged young people."

3.15pm Afternoon Tea

3.45pm Workshops – Fostering Positive Pathways for Children and Young People with Special Needs

Please select one

1. Child Youth and Family's support for children and young people with disabilities – Pete Carter  
In early 2009, Child Youth and Family established a team of Disability Advisors to support front line Social Workers and Foster Carers to access the range of publicly funded supports available for children and young people with disabilities. These supports, predominantly provided by the health and education sectors, have often been under utilised due to limited knowledge of their availability and how to access them.

This presentation will discuss the importance of the MoU and 'Guidelines' in clarifying responsibilities between government

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agencies and ensuring equitable access to supports available for children and young people with disabilities in the custody of Child Youth and Family.

Pete Carter is currently the National Principal Advisor Child Disability, based in Wellington. Pete has a Bachelor of Social Science degree and an MBA, and is currently completing his Masters of Health Management degree.

2. Foetal Alcohol Syndrome – Lynda Mooij  
FASD is a condition that affects so many children and adults in our communities. Very little is known about it and as a result not much help is offered/given to those that are affected. Lynda would like to share some of the strategies that have helped, especially in education with affected children.

Lynda Mooij has been a foster parent for Child, Youth and Family for 19 years. During this time she has always had special needs children. In 1998 she started fostering a girl which was had diagnosed with FASD. It was at this time that she became interested in this relatively unknown condition. She is now the delegate for parents/caregivers at a national level.

**7.00pm Dinner** – At the Conference Venue

Theme: Country and Western so dust off the boots and stetsons and come in theme.

**8.00pm**

Guest Speaker – Pinkie Agnew, then dance the night away

## Saturday 19th June 2010

**9.00am**

Judge Carolyn Henwood

Judge Henwood was the first woman District Court Judge appointed to the Wellington District Court in 1988.

She is involved with youth justice and has carried out an international study on victims rights. She was appointed to the Parole Board in 2006 and is Chair of the Confidential Listening and Assistance Services as well as Chairwomen of the Henwood Trust.

**9.15am**

Prof. Gordon Harold

Professor Gordon Harold, Director of the Centre for Research on Children and Families took up the position of the Alexander McMillan Professor of Childhood Studies in October 2008. His primary research interests focus on the role of the family as a context for understanding children's normal and abnormal psychological development. Professor Harold explores the interplay between genetic and family environmental factors on children's mental health, the early origins of childhood aggression and disruptive behaviour disorders.

**10.00am Morning Tea**

**10.30am Workshops** – Creating Secure Attachments

**Please select one**

1. Secure Attachments Part 1 – Wendy Kelly  
A key step for children in care is to be able to go to a new caregiver for comfort and support when distressed, which is considered to be part of forming a secure attachment relationship. This workshop will cover what attachment is, how secure attachments are formed, how foster children's previous life experiences can affect their relationships with new caregivers and ways to talk with children about their everyday experiences to help them make sense of themselves and the people around them.

Wendy Kelly is a Clinical Psychologist and has worked in the child protection and mental health fields for over 20 years. She is doing a PhD entitled: Looking after children in care: What psychological factors affect the parent-child relationship?

2. The Fostering Family – Kids Who Care  
Sue Iiti & Barbara McElligott  
An insight into how foster families relate, the importance of a close family unit working together to provide care for someone else's children. What do our own children bring to a healthy relationship with our foster children? How can we support them while they support us in doing such extraordinary work? Hear about the research that has been carried out in other countries and what they are doing to support their foster families and their placements.

Sue Iiti and Barbara McElligott are regional liaison officers for NZFFCF.

**11.50pm Presentation by Wendy Kelly** - Research Study

**12noon Lunch**

**1.00pm**

Hon Judge David Carruthers – NZFFCF Patron

Distinguished Companion of the NZ Order of Merit

Born and raised in Pahiatua, David Carruthers graduated in 1962

from Victoria University, Wellington with an LLB and completed his LLM (Hons) in 1964.

He was appointed a Family Court Judge and Youth Court Judge in Wellington in 1985 and in 1995 appointed Principal Youth Court Judge. In 2001 Judge Carruthers was then appointed as Chief District Court Judge, a position he held until his retirement in 2005.

Appointed as Patron for the New Zealand Family and Foster Care Federation (Inc) in 2008 he continues to be an ardent supporter of the Federation in the work it does supporting foster carers in this country. He is a warm witty and engaging speaker.

**1.15pm Workshops** – Positive Pathways for Child and Young People at Risk

**Please select one**

1. Young People Share Their Stories - A Pathway to Independence  
Kokiri Marae Hauora & Social Services - Sharon Reid  
Many young people come into care with their cigarettes. We need to understand the power of addiction before we can help people to stop smoking. Smoking is NOT a choice for people once they start. Most people who smoke wish they never started and would like to stop but that is easier said than done. This workshop is for everyone and anyone who is interested in knowing more about the impact of addictions.

Sharon Reid is one of six managers of a Maori Health Provider Service.

2. Positive Attachments Part II  
Wendy Kelly

**2.15pm**

Surprise Closing Speaker

**3.00pm Conference Closure**

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## HOW TO REGISTER

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Step 3: A tax invoice will be issued upon receipt of registration. Please follow up your registration with payment. Payment must be received before the event to secure your place.

## HOW TO PAY

Our preference is for you to either direct credit or mail a crossed cheque. Registration is for named delegate only and cannot be shared.

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Register and pay by Friday 30th April to qualify for the Early Bird options

	Members	Non Members	No. Attending	Cost
Early Bird Registrations	\$165 per person	\$195 per person		
Early Bird Day Registrations	\$80 per person	\$100 per person		
Full Registrations	\$195 per person	\$240 per person		
Full Day Registration	\$90 per person	\$120 per person		
Conference Dinner	\$70 per person	\$70 per person		
			TOTAL	

### PLEASE NOTE

Please note that the day registration fee does NOT include the Conference Dinner or Accommodation.

Full registration includes conference dinner. Registration fees are inclusive of GST.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? \_\_\_\_\_

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Should you be unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcome at no extra cost. Alternatively a refund less \$50 + gst service charge per registrant will be made for cancellations in writing (letter, email or fax) up to 10 working days prior to the conference date.

Delegates are responsible for their own travel/accommodation and no compensation will be made should the conference be rescheduled or cancelled. Note: NZFFCF reserves the right to make any amendments that it may deem to be in the best interests of the conference.

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The Conference venue is located in the heart of Cuba Street, Quality Hotel, 223 Cuba Street Wellington. You may choose to stay at the Quality Hotel or the Comfort Hotel adjoining each other.

QUALITY HOTEL WELLINGTON: Single Room \$150 / Twin / DBL Room \$150

Breakfast: \$18.50 per person

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Breakfast: \$18.50 per person

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