
RESEARCH LINKS

A range of useful resources for those undertaking research in relation to child and youth issues are provided below. Most of the sites listed provide further links to organisations that may be of interest.

Australian Childhood Foundation

The Australian Childhood Foundation is a national charity which works in a number of ways to make children's safety and welfare a priority. The Foundation's website includes a range of resources for parents, professionals and the community. The Foundation has recently established the National Research Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse at Monash University in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences to research the problem of child abuse and identify constructive solutions.

<http://www.childhood.org.au/website/default.asp>

Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies

<http://www.acys.utas.edu.au>

The Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies provides information on the complex and wide-ranging issues that affect young people today – from early adolescence to the early adult years.

<http://www.acys.utas.edu.au>

Australian Foster Care Association

AFCA is a voluntary organisation supporting and representing the voices of foster carers, their families and the children they care for throughout Australia. AFCA undertakes research in relation to foster care and publishes the results on their website.

<http://www.fostercare.org.au/index.html>

Contact email: AFCA@bigpond.com

Australian Institute of Family Studies

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is an independent statutory authority located within the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio (Australian Government). The AIFS website provides links to research, resources and an extensive range of publications about issues affecting families in Australia. It also provides a library service for further information.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/index.html>

Children's Commissioner (New Zealand)

The office is an independent authority which promotes children's and young people's wellbeing through advocacy, consultation, monitoring, research and investigation. The website provides links to statistics, information, reports, submissions and other publications.

<http://www.occ.org.nz/>

Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (Queensland)

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian is an organisation which promotes and protects the rights, interests and wellbeing of all Queenslanders under 18. The Commission is independent, and its decisions are not influenced by any Government department or other agency. Its website provides links to useful publications on child and youth issues including issues papers, fact sheets, reports and newsletters.

http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/index_flash.html

CREATE Foundation

CREATE Foundation connects and empowers children and young people in care and improves the care system through activities, programs, training and policy advice. The CREATE website contains links to research, including annual "Report Cards. Report Cards are based on CREATE surveys of children and young people in care across Australia on issues and themes relating to their care and protection.

<http://www.create.org.au>

Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA)

FACSIA is responsible for a broad range of social policies and support affecting Australian society and the living standards of Australian families. Research is an important component of the department's work. The FACSIA website includes links to a number of useful publications.

<http://www.facs.gov.au/>

Lady Gowrie

Lady Gowrie Tasmania is a member of a National Consortium, Gowrie Australia, which provides quality leadership across Australia for children's services professionals and promotes high quality early childhood programs.

Lady Gowrie Tasmania has a Library and Resource Centre in Hobart and Launceston. These facilities have a range of specialised early childhood publications to support early childhood professionals. Access to the Library and Resource Centre services is by annual membership.

<http://www.gowrie-tas.com.au>

Phone: 6230 6800 (Library and Resource Centre, Hobart)
6443 5222 (Library and Resource Centre, Launceston)

National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

NAPCAN was founded in 1987 to establish lines of communication between government departments and agencies, professionals and community groups working in child protection. It promotes a national focus on the prevention of abuse and neglect of children; establishes community advocacy for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and provides information about nurturing and protective parenting.

NAPCAN's website offers a range of resources and tools including brochures, posters and booklets as well as links to reading and research.

<http://www.napcan.org.au/index.htm>

National Child Protection Clearinghouse

The National Child Protection Clearinghouse is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. It collects, produces and distributes information and resources, conducts research, and offers specialist advice on the latest developments in child abuse prevention, child protection and associated violence.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/index.html>

National Children's and Youth Law Centre and Lawstuff

The National Children's and Youth Law Centre is an independent, non-profit organisation working for all Australians under the age of 25. The Centre publishes discussion and research papers on issues affecting children and young people. Links to these and other publications are available on the Centre's website.

The Centre also maintains a website called **Lawstuff**, which provides information and advice to children and young people about their legal rights and responsibilities.

<http://www.ncylc.org.au/>

<http://www.lawstuff.org.au/>

NSW Commission for Children and Young People

The Commission is an independent organisation that works to improve the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people. The Commission's website includes useful resources and publications including newsletters and information sheets.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/>

NSW Office of the Children's Guardian

The Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) is a government department set up to promote the best interests and rights of children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW. Its website provides links to useful publications including papers, book reviews, speeches, fact sheets and brochures.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

Office of Children and Youth Affairs and Linkzone (Tasmania)

The Office of Children and Youth Affairs is a State Government agency with a portfolio covering young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years. It aims to assist the effective development and coordination of youth policies, programs and information across the three spheres of government and relevant service providers in the youth and community sectors. The Office's website includes links to a number of useful publications including the *State of Our Youth Report* and *Young People in Tasmania*.

The Office of Children and Youth Affairs also maintains a website called linkzone. This website is a useful resource for young people in Tasmania. It provides links to a range of information available on other websites. These sites are about health, legal issues, housing, recreation, education, employment and many more youth issues. Entertainment and 'fun' sites are also included.

<http://www.youthaffairs.tas.gov.au/>

<http://www.linkzone.tas.gov.au>

Office of the Child Safety Commissioner (Victoria)

The office was established in late 2004 to provide a strong and independent voice for children, to promote their safety and wellbeing and to provide advice to the Minister for Children in Victoria. Its website includes links to publications on child and youth issues.

<http://www.ocsc.vic.gov.au/index.htm>

Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People (South Australia)

The Guardian for Children and Young People advocates for the best interests of children and young people in out of home care and advises the Minister for Families and Communities on the quality of their care. The website provides links to articles opinion papers, information papers, fact sheets, newsletters and other resources.

<http://www.gcyp.sa.gov.au/cgi-bin/wf.pl>

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (A.C.T)

The Office for Children, Youth and Family Support (Office) is an administrative unit of the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services. It works in partnership with the community to provide care and protection services to children and young people, and family and community support to meet the needs of the people of Canberra. The Office is also responsible for youth justice services and the monitoring and licensing of children's services. Its website includes discussion papers, reports and newsletters.

<http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/ocyfs/default.htm>

Stop Child Abuse

This Website is managed by the Australian Childhood Foundation, which is an independent children's charity working in a number of ways to prevent child abuse and reduce the harm it causes to children, families and the community. The website aims to give adults a better understanding about child abuse and its impact on children, families and all of us. It provides useful information and links to research for children, families and professionals.

<http://www.stopchildabuse.com.au>

UNICEF

UNICEF advocates for the protection of children's rights and aims to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF is guided in doing this by the provisions and principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This website provides useful information about the Convention and the framework of

human rights law more generally as well as links to publications on the subject of children's rights.

<http://www.unicef.com.au>

Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT)

YNOT is the peak body for the non-government youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT involves young people and service providers with identifying and responding to youth issues, developing coordinating mechanisms across the youth sector and providing advice to government and other agencies on youth issues including identifying gaps in service delivery and in developing and reviewing youth policies.

The YNOT website serves as a point of contact for individuals or organisations seeking information on the youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT also maintains a comprehensive library of publications on youth issues. The website also provides links to other groups within the YNOT network.

<http://www.ynot.org.au>