

Emerging Minds in partnership with the National Family Law Pathways Networks presents:

Supporting infants, children and families experiencing social inequality and other challenges during parental separation webinar

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Families experiencing parental separation in addition to social inequality and other challenges (such as family violence, financial stress, homelessness and racism) often experience greater pressure, which can have flow on impacts for infant and child mental health and family wellbeing. Family law professionals working alongside these families play a vital role in identifying when a family may be experiencing social inequality and other challenges. They can respond in ways that prioritise curiosity and respect to strengthen the connection and support around infants, children and families.

Hosted by the Family Law Pathways Network (FLPN), this webinar will:

- look at the impact of parental separation, social inequality and other challenges on infant and child mental health and wellbeing
- examine the importance of exploring family context and circumstances to understand strengths, hopes and challenges
- discuss practical ways family law professionals can respond to support family functioning and infant and child mental health, and family wellbeing (including a framework and conversation tools)
- provide examples of referrals and supportive referral processes that families have found helpful
- encourage attendees to contribute to collective knowledge by sharing their ideas for responding to complex child and family needs in the family law context.



Panellists

Mona

Mona is a parent and member of the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community. Mona has lived experience of separation and the family law system, family violence and impacts of social inequality such as racism, financial stress and services not being designed to meet the cultural needs of families.

Kirsty

Kirsty is a parent of four and passionate lived experience advocate with experiences of family violence, separation and the family law system, and homelessness. Kirsty is interested in sharing the impacts on families and how we can strive to provide better outcomes for the future.

Louise Salmon

Louise is a practitioner of 30 years working with children and families in family law and community mental health, and holds degrees in social work, child and adolescent and forensic mental health. Louise is currently in private practice as a Single Expert Witness who brings children's voices and needs, and their parents' views to the Family and Federal Circuit Court of Australia, through prepared assessments.

Facilitator

Lydia Trowse

With more than 10 years in the lived experience field, Lydia Trowse holds a rights-based, moral, ethical and professional commitment to supporting families and children with lived experience to have voice and influence in the co-production of resources, services and systems throughout Australia. She works across a wide variety of projects using collaborative and co-production processes, while supporting lived experience voices to be heard in workforce development and advocacy spaces.

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