

# Conferences and events

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## Care Matters: Transforming Lives— Improving Outcomes

7–9 July 2008  
Oxford, UK

The conference incorporates the 8th International Looking After Children conference, and will focus on effective policies and programs to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and young people from an international perspective. While the focus is on children in public care, the themes cover issues of significance to all children in need.

Further information: [www.lboro.ac.uk/research/cchr/Transforminglivesconference/](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/cchr/Transforminglivesconference/)

## Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) conference

9–11 July 2008  
Melbourne, Vic

The Australian Institute of Family Studies conference, “Families Through Life”, will be held in Melbourne on 9–11 July 2008. The Conference will focus on five major themes:

- Family relationships
- Children, youth and patterns of care
- Families and work
- Families and community life
- Violence and protection issues

Papers in all areas of family research and studies can be submitted for consideration for inclusion in the conference’s 3-day program (closing date for abstracts: 15 February 2008).

Further information: Australian Institute of Family Studies, [www.aifsconference08.com](http://www.aifsconference08.com)

## The 11th National Child Welfare Data and Technology Conference

21–23 July 2008  
Washington, DC

The focus of this conference is on “Making IT Work: Achieving Safety, Permanency and

Wellbeing for Youth”. The collection and use of data that influence youth in foster care, a unique subgroup of the child welfare population that is in critical need of improved outcomes, will be examined.

Further information: [www.nrccwdt.org/nrc\\_conf/pres\\_2008\\_outline.html](http://www.nrccwdt.org/nrc_conf/pres_2008_outline.html)

## Strong, Safe and Sustainable: Responding to Children, Young People and Families in a Civil Society: ACWA08

18–20 August 2008  
Sydney, NSW

The Association of Children’s Welfare Agencies invites you to attend the 2008 ACWA conference. This conference has become the most important event for the children, youth and family industry. The conference will allow delegates to network with local, interstate and international colleagues.

Further information: ACWA, [www.acwa08.com](http://www.acwa08.com)

## SACOSS Stronger Communities Conference 2008—Destination Inclusion

21–22 August 2008  
Adelaide, SA

The South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) is the peak body representing community services in SA. As part of their ongoing commitment to tackle poverty, social exclusion, economic disadvantage, deprivation and inequality, the 2008 conference aims to examine emerging issues and trends in policy and programs that may influence or inhibit a truly inclusive South Australian community.

Further information: SACOSS, [www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference/index.html](http://www.sacoss.org.au/events/conference/index.html)

**10th International Conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders—  
Sexual Violence: Preventing through Offender Treatment and Public Policy**

27–30 August 2008  
Cape Town, South Africa

The focus of this conference is the treatment of sexual offenders as a prevention strategy for gender and age-based sexual violence. Some of the many topics to be discussed will include: management of sexual offences in a context of cultural diversity, street children as victims and offenders, human trafficking, and the impact of war on sexual violence.

Further information: IATSO, [www.iatso.org/08capetown](http://www.iatso.org/08capetown)

**XVIIth ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect**

7–10 September 2008  
Hong Kong

The Congress is being organised by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) in collaboration with Against Child Abuse (ACA), Hong Kong. ISPCAN congresses provide an opportunity for professionals all over the world to meet, discuss concerns, learn from each other and support each other. Apart from stopping and preventing abuse and neglect, the theme of the XVIIth ISPCAN Congress hopes to stimulate participants to move the world “towards a caring and non-violent community”, emphasising a child’s perspective along the way.

Further information: ISPCAN, [www.ispcan.org/congress2008](http://www.ispcan.org/congress2008)

**Discovering the Common Core: Practical Frameworks for Change**

8–11 September 2008  
Edmonton, Canada

In 2008, ACWS will host the 1st World Conference of Women’s Shelters. This event will present a new opportunity for family violence workers in Alberta and around the world to learn from international experts and each other. Too often, women’s shelter work is

overlooked in discussions on family violence, when in reality they are at the forefront of dealing with this issue. This will increase the capacity of around the world to affect change in their organisations and their communities to better meet the needs of ethno-cultural, multicultural and racial communities when dealing with family violence.

Further information: [www.womenshelter.ca/](http://www.womenshelter.ca/)

**NOTA Conference 2008—Managing Sexual Abuse: From Private Pain to Public Protection**

10–12 September 2008  
Cardiff, UK

The National Organisation for Treatment of Abusers (NOTA) is committed to the prevention of sexual abuse by influencing policy and by promoting and supporting effective interventions primarily with people who sexually abuse. This will be their 18th annual conference, and will focus on the management of sexual abuse.

Further information: NOTA, [www.nota.co.uk/index.php?id=conference](http://www.nota.co.uk/index.php?id=conference)

**Children: A Nation’s Capital**

3–6 October 2008  
Canberra, ACT

The Early Childhood Australia Biennial Conference is a celebration of those who work and advocate for young children. It is a significant part of Early Childhood Australia’s history and advocacy work. The call for papers for the 2008 ECA Conference has now been released.

Further information: Early Childhood Australia, [www.eacaconference.com.au](http://www.eacaconference.com.au)

**Look at Child Abuse and Neglect Through the Lens of Prevention: 12th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect**

15–18 November 2009  
Perth, WA

**Advance notice.** This conference incorporates the 2009 ISPCAN Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.