



# 2009 Care & Protection Conference Program

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre • 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills



## Saturday 31 October 2009

**8.45am** Conference registration

**9.30am** **Welcome and opening**  
Hon. Barbara Perry, MP

**9.45am** **Future directions for the court**  
Judge Mark Marien, President Children's Court of NSW

**10.00am** **Government response to Wood reforms - future directions**

**New notification procedures**

Cathrine Lynch, Director, Primary Health and Community Partnerships Branch, Department of Health

**Community Services approach to implementation of recommendations**

Derek Smith, Legal Services Branch, Community Services

**Implications of legislative amendments**

Esther Lawson, Barrister, Selborne Chambers  
*Chair: Elanor Canning, Legal Aid NSW, Parramatta*

**11.00am** Morning tea

**11.30am** **An analysis of different models of ADR in care jurisdictions**

**Family Group Conferencing: An analysis of contemporary models**  
Dr Nathan Harris ANU

**Lawyer assisted models of ADR: WA Legal Aid pilot**

Julie Jackson, Legal Aid WA  
*Chair: Kylie Beckhouse, Director, Family Law, Legal Aid NSW*

**12.15pm** **Culture v Attachment...and the winner is?**

Robert McLachlan, Solicitor, Ellis McLachlan  
*Chair: Nicola Callander, Legal Aid NSW, Newcastle*

**1.00pm** **Case law update**

**1.15pm** Lunch

**2.00pm** **An exploration of the outcomes of variation of care orders in the Children's Court**

Dr Patricia Hansen - ACU National University  
*Chair: Angela Jones, Legal Aid NSW, Campbelltown*

**2.30pm** **Getting the best out of a case - advocacy tips for the Children's Court**

Alex Wearne, Advocate, Legal Aid NSW  
*Chair: Karen Shea, Advocate, Legal Aid NSW*

**3.00pm** **How to successfully frame an application for clinician assessment and update on Clinic**

Mark Allerton - Director, Children's Court Clinic  
*Chair: Katarzyna Rutkowska, Advocate, Legal Aid NSW*