

Crime Victim e-news

Information, events, research & practices for those with an interest in victims of crime.



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Victim Support Service Update

- [Stay Home Stay Safe](#)
Victim Support Service has launched this home safety package program to assist women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and want to remain in their own home.

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Children & Young People

- [Adcity Fasttrack Map](#)
Adelaide City Council (ACC)
'A quick way to find youth services in the city.' (- ACC)
- [Antisocial behaviour: An examination of individual, family, and neighbourhood factors](#)
Tara Renae McGee, Rebecca Wickes, Jonathan Corcoran, William Bor & Jake Najman, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
'The strongest predictors of adolescent antisocial behaviour are those which measure disruptions in parenting processes, poor school performance and early childhood aggression. The findings suggest that programs that aim to enhance parenting practices, including improving communication, supervision and monitoring of children, are important in reducing adolescent antisocial behaviour.' (- AIC)
- [International Social Service \(ISS\)](#)
'International Social Service Australia works across borders with those in vulnerable situations, with a special emphasis on children.' (- ISS)
- [What makes juvenile offenders different from adult offenders?](#)
Kelly Richards, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
'While a substantial proportion of crime is perpetuated by juveniles, most juveniles will 'grow out' of offending and adopt law-abiding lifestyles as they mature. This paper outlines the factors (biological, psychological and social) that make juvenile offenders different from adult offenders and that necessitate unique responses to juvenile crime.' (- AIC)

Contributions

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Crime Prevention

- [A model performance framework for community-based crime prevention](#)
Anthony Morgan & Peter Homel, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
'This report highlights the importance and value of a consultative approach to the development of performance measurement practices.' (- AIC)
- [National Disability Strategy 2010-2020](#)
Council of Australian Governments, Commonwealth of Australia, 2011
Strategy No 4 refers to the safety of people with disabilities, and refers to statistics showing that they are more likely to become victims of crime.

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Criminal Justice System

- [Community policing in Australia](#)
Judy Putt (Ed), Australian Institute of Criminology, Research and Public Policy Series, No. 111, 2010
‘Traditional crime-fighting and enforcement-oriented policing with its accompanying centralised, bureaucratic command structure has apparently given way to an inclusive philosophy based on encouraging partnerships between the police and communities in a collaborative effort to solve crime and disorder. Yet to what extent is this true in the Australian context?’ (- Jenny Fleming)
- [Good practice in women’s prisons: A literature review](#)
Dr Lorana Bartel & Antonette Gaffney, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
‘It is essential to have prison practice models that support reintegration, facilitate personal development and reduce recidivism rates. In this paper, the literature concerning examples of good practice in women’s prison systems in Australia is reviewed.’ (- AIC)
- [Public judgement on sentencing: Final results from the Tasmanian Jury Sentencing Study](#)
Kate Warner, Julia Davis, Maggie Walter, Rebecca Bradfield & Rachel Vermey, Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), 2011
‘Based upon jurors’ responses from 138 trials, the study found that more than half of the jurors surveyed suggested a more lenient sentence than the trial judge imposed.’ (- AIC)
- [Virtual courts pilot: outcome evaluation report \[UK\]](#)
Ministry of Justice Research Series (UK) Crown Copyright, 2010
‘The Virtual Court process was an initiative that was designed to deliver speed and efficiency improvements to the criminal justice system. ... In the Virtual Court pilot, a defendant would appear in a magistrates’ court for their first hearing by means of a secure video link while remaining physically located in the police station where they were charged.’ (- Ministry of Justice)

Archives

Previous issues of e-news can be found [here](#).

Domestic Violence

- [Addressing ‘the ultimate insult’: Responding to women experiencing intimate partner sexual violence](#)
Jill Duncan & Dr Deborah Western, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, 2011
A stakeholder paper outlining the occurrence of sexual violence perpetuated by partners within a relationship, and recommendations for appropriate community services.
- [General Intimate Partner Violence Statistics](#)
Rosa Campbell, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, UNSW 2011.
Fact sheet on the prevalence of domestic violence in Australia, the impact on children, help-seeking and domestic violence leading to homicide.
- [National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children](#)
Council of Australian Governments, 2011
‘The National Plan ... focuses on preventing violence by raising awareness and building respectful relationships in the next generation. The aim is to bring attitudinal and behavioural change at the cultural, institutional and individual levels, with a particular focus on young people. As well as focusing on prevention measures, the National Plan will allow women who have experienced violence to rebuild their lives as quickly as possible as part of a community-wide response. This will enable mainstream and specialist services to work together to improve their responses so that women return to full social and economic participation as soon as possible. ...The National Plan sets out six national outcomes for all governments to deliver during the next 12 years.’
- [Supporting women from CALD backgrounds who are victim/survivors of sexual violence: Challenges and opportunities for practitioners](#)
Annabelle Allimant & Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski, Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS), 2011
This paper ‘aims to raise awareness of the circumstances of refugee and immigrant women who are survivors of sexual violence as they establish new lives in Australia – the lifetime journey that may haunt them, the continuing trauma they may suffer, and the personal and systemic barriers they meet in accessing support.’ (- AIFS)

- [Victim Compensation and Domestic Violence: A National Overview](#)
Isobelle Barrett Meyering, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, Stakeholder Paper 8, 2010
A paper addressing the provision of compensation to victims of domestic violence. Access to compensation has been improved in many states. However, new legislation about the recovery of debt from perpetrators may make access difficult.
- [What factors shape community attitudes to domestic violence?](#)
Isobelle Barrett Meyering, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, 2011
A thematic review of the attitudes towards women – and men – which underpin violence within families.
- [Where Men Stand: Men's roles in ending violence against women](#)
Michael Flood, White Ribbon Day Foundation Report, 2011
'This report [considers] men's active involvement in efforts to prevent men's violence against women. What inspires men to become involved in this work? And what prevents men from taking action?' (- Michael Flood)

Editor

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Homicide

- [Child deaths from abuse and neglect in Australia](#)
Alister Lamont, National Child Protection Clearinghouse, Australian Institute of Family Studies
A resource sheet, giving facts on 'Child deaths from abuse and neglect: deaths resulting from acts of physical violence or neglect of a child, that are perpetrated by a family member or caregiver', both internationally and in each state.
- [Homicide in Australia: 2007–08 National Homicide Monitoring Program annual report](#)
Marie Virueda & Jason Payne, Australian Institute of Criminology, 2010
The rate of offending has remained similar to the previous year.

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Indigenous Crime & Justice

- [2010 Social Justice Report](#)
Mick Gooda, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission, 2011
The Commissioner's Report outlines a framework for the future of Indigenous Rights. The aims include building stronger relationships, reconciliation through changes to the Constitution and promotion of community-led development projects.
- [Reducing the unintended impacts of fines](#)
Robyn Gilbert & Mary Spiers Williams, Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse, 2011
Justice agencies are devising alternative ways to enforce laws, following the inability of some Indigenous people to pay fines.

In the Media

- [Cops take SA policing online](#)
ABC Report
- [Ex-education CEO heads anti-bullying review](#)
ABC Report
- [Jailing drink-drivers 'a preposterous idea'](#)
AdelaideNow report
- [Joint Media Release - National Plan To Reduce Violence Against Women And Children](#)
The Hon Robert McClelland, MP (Attorney General) & The Hon Kate Ellis, MP (Minister for the Status of Women)
'Minister Ellis said that under the National Plan the Australian Government would support a series of projects over the next three years to improve services for victims of domestic violence.'

Conferences

- [2nd Annual Effective Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Service Delivery: Working in partnership to improve service delivery and 'Close the Gap'](#)
12-13 April, Alice Springs
Criterion Conferences
- [AIJA Child Protection Conference: Issues and Challenges for Judicial Administration](#)
5-7 May, Brisbane
The Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration
- [2011 National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference](#)
17-19 May, Gold Coast
Global Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- [Meeting the needs of victims of crime](#)
18-19 May, Sydney
The Australian Institute of Criminology and the NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General
- [White Ribbon Every Day Conference](#)
21 May, Brisbane
Association of Women Educators
- [2011 Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum: Let's unite – stop the fight!](#)
30-31 May, Mackay
Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research
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Seminars

- [Building Skills to Respond to Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse](#)
March – September, Adelaide/Murray Bridge/Port Augusta
Relationships Australia (SA) or Centacare
- [Living Hope Suicide Bereavement Training Program](#)
1 April, Adelaide
Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement (ACBG)
Presenter: Stephanie Wilks
'The Living Hope Suicide Bereavement Training Program is designed to raise the knowledge and confidence of people who support and care for those bereaved by suicide. The training is designed for workers, volunteers and the general public.' (- ACGB)
- [Using Loss and Grief to Address Social Challenges in Aboriginal Communities](#)
1-3 & 15-17 April, Adelaide
Australian Institute for Loss and Grief
- [Equal & Different Forum: Responding to older women's experiences of family violence, sexual assault and elder abuse](#)
6 April, Melbourne
Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria and Centre Against Sexual Assault
- [Helping ill and injured children: Understanding and preventing medical traumatic stress](#)
13 April, Adelaide
Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Presenter: Dr Nancy Kassam-Adams
- [Mindfulness Courses for Professionals](#)
April – September, 2011, Adelaide
The Mindfulness Centre
- [New Directions in Trauma Mindfulness: Multimodal therapy in posttraumatic stress](#)
19-20 May, Melbourne
The Delphi Centre
Presenter: Assoc Prof. John Briere

- [Anxiety: A relational perspective](#)

31 May, Adelaide

Gestalt Therapy Australia (GTA)

'Gestalt therapy and its application to common anxiety disorders; social anxiety, generalised anxiety disorder and obsessive compulsive anxiety disorder.' (- GTA)

Presenter: Richie Robertson

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