

The Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre

invites you to its

Annual Family Law Forum



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Preparing for the new Family Law System

An opportunity for domestic violence, community legal and community service workers to hear the latest Family Law news, to meet with other workers about common issues and concerns, and to network around current Family Law developments and campaigns...

Kym Duggan - Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch

Federal Attorney General's Department

Kim will talk about impending changes to the family law system arising from the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental responsibility) Bill 2006. He will outline the major legal changes that make up the Commonwealth Government's plan for family law reform.

Louise Lamont - Family Relationship Centre (FRC) Development Section,

Federal Attorney-General's Department

Louise will talk about the service provision model coming out of the family law reforms, in particular, the Family Relationship Centres. She will outline how the FRC's will respond to cases where family violence is present.

Dr Renata Alexander - Family Law Barrister and Senior Lecturer in Law, Monash University

Renata will talk about the proposed Federal Family Law changes, particularly outlining concerns about the impact that shared time / parenting will have on women and children where there has been a history of family violence and child abuse. She will also talk about her concerns about the new Family Relationship Centres.

Andrew Bickerdike - Relationships Australia

Andrew will talk about the risks, benefits and challenges of the new Family Law System Reforms, in particular the 65 Family Relationship Centres (FRC) across Australia. These centres will provide free mediation services to separating parents. This presentation explores the risks and opportunities facing victims of family violence who undertake family mediation through the FRC's.

Date: Tuesday 13 June, 2006

Time: 9.15am - 1.00pm

Cost: \$15 GST free (free access for people with disabilities and their carers)

Venue: Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall

Swanston Street, MELBOURNE



Registrations are essential as places are limited.



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Kym Duggan

Kym is the Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch, Federal Attorney-General's Department.

Kym has worked at senior level in the Commonwealth since 1985 principally in Human Rights, Native Title and Family Law fields. He is a lawyer having worked in private practice in South Australia and the Northern Territory. For the past 5 years he has headed up the Branch that has primary responsibility for advising the Attorney-General on the Family Law Act.

Louise Lamont

Louise is the Assistant Director, Family Relationship Centre Development Section, Family Pathway Branch, Federal Attorney-General's Department.

Louise has worked in various capacities as a family violence specialist in Western Australia, and had a key role in establishing sixteen collaborative interagency regional domestic violence committees. Louise has recently been involved in the development of the Screening and Assessment Practice Framework for Family Relationship Centres. Louise has also developed best practice models for service delivery and provided domestic violence training to a range of professionals including the Judiciary across several court jurisdictions in WA.

Dr. Renata Alexander

Renata is a Barrister and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Monash University.

Renata is the author of various articles and books including "Domestic Violence in Australia: the legal response" (2002); and soon to be released "Child Abuse and Family Law" (co-authored with Professor Thea Brown).

Andrew J. Bickerdike

Andrew is the Practice Leader and Senior Researcher for Relationships Australia (Victoria)

Andrew has responsibilities for clinical practice across mediation and conciliation services throughout Victoria. He is a psychologist with experience and training in individual, marital and family therapy. Andrew has a particular interest in research and evaluation, and has undertaken a number of studies into the efficacy of mediation, couple therapy and relationship education practices.