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*Working together for
families who are
separating or have
separated*

UPCOMING EVENTS

It has been a busy time for the Family Law Pathways Network, with multiple face to face events being held across the Wide Bay region in the next few months.

Please reach out if you have any training or event ideas that could help you in your work of supporting separating families.



Court Visits BUNDABERG

Thank you to those who visited the Bundaberg courthouse when the FCFCOA attended in February. The first day gave participants the chance to see a variety of matters. Although no matters went ahead on the second day, it gave participants first hand experience of how plans can change quickly and allowed for informative conversations about court processes.



Self care for professionals

Participate in workshops or seminars focused on self care and vicarious trauma management .

Keeping it at the front of your mind helps you follow through.

FAMILY LAW REGULATIONS 2024 - FINALISED

Updates to these regulations have now been finalised, with the changes coming into effect on 1 April 2025. The Family Law Regulations 1984 will cease on that date.

The most significant updates were to Part 3 (Arbitration), Part 7 (Children) and Part 10 (International Conventions). You can view the updated regulations [HERE](#).

SELF CARE FOR FAMILY LAW PROFESSIONALS

The number of frontline professionals who experience burnout is increasing annually. This year, FLPN are hosting an event to teach attendees about vicarious trauma and self-care.

You will find self-care tips in our newsletter, and on our [Facebook page](#).

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

BAY FAMILIES

Based out of the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, Bay Families provides a range of free services for parents or carers of children and young people.

Bay Families focus on families experiencing fewer and less complex challenges, particularly those with children under 12 years old. Their program is designed to support families who need a little extra help to stay on track. Whether they are navigating parenting, managing household routines, or seeking support with everyday tasks, Bay Families is here to support.

Their experienced Family Support Workers offer a personalised case management approach to assist families in enhancing their ability to care for and nurture their children. They work with families to develop strategies that strengthen family connections, support positive development, and build resilience.



To access support, please complete the Bay Families Referral Form online or get in touch with them directly.

This program is funded by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women.



Phone: 4194 3000

Website: hbnc.com.au/bay-families

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

22 Charles St Pialba

Resource of the month

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S WELLBEING WHEN WORKING WITH SEPARATED PARENTS: WEBINAR

This AIFS webinar, created in partnership with Emerging Minds explores how practitioners can have conversations with parents that hold the child's well-being at the centre.

It is designed for professionals who encounter separated parents but don't work inside of specialist services relating to separation. This was recorded in 2023 and is available to watch anytime [HERE](#).



Clarissa Rayward Workshop

Gain a deeper understanding of how to improve the separation process for families, the benefits of collaboration and non-court dispute resolution, and how self-care supports better outcomes for everyone.



About Clarissa

Clarissa is an accredited Family Law Specialist, Director of the Brisbane Family Law Centre and author of “Splitsville”. She is the creator of the “Happy Lawyer, Happy Life” podcast and is an advocate for families and professionals navigating legal systems. She has won several awards for her work and is passionate about collaborative practice that keeps families out of the court room.

This sought after workshop will cover content relevant to professionals working with separating families in any capacity.

Details

8th May 2025

**Brothers Sports Club,
Bundaberg**

Fully catered event

9am to 4:30pm

Tickets are \$50



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NOW**

Questions? Contact Jess Bevan
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TRENT SAVILL PRESENTS

VICARIOUS TRAUMA

& SELF CARE WORKSHOP

3 APRIL 2025 - 9AM TO 12:30PM
HERVEY BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
MORNING TEA PROVIDED

This workshop explores self-care & vicarious trauma, through a neuro-science lens. Participants will better understand vicarious trauma, reflect on their own triggers, and learn evidence-based strategies for self-care.

Limited tickets available - \$50 per person

Contact Jess on 4130 7500 or
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FREE WEBINAR: Brought to you by the
National Family Law Pathways Network



Unpacking Family Law:

Reforms, Family Violence and Parental Alienation



Join us for an insightful look at recent family law reforms, how courts interpret family violence, and the legal impact of key meanings. We will also explore parental alienation, international research on reunification therapy orders, and how Australian courts compare.

About the Speaker

Dr Zoe Rathus AM is an Associate Professor at Griffith University Law School, specialising in family law, family violence, and legal definitions. She recently completed a PhD on social science and law in children's cases.

A lawyer since 1981, Zoe led the Women's Legal Service (1989–2004) and has held key advocacy roles. She received multiple awards, including Women Lawyer of the Year (2001), and the Order of Australia in 2011 for her contributions to law and social justice.

Details

24th March 2025
1pm - 2pm AEST

Replay available

Registrations



<https://www.trybooking.com/CZGWA>

THANK YOU

Thank you for being a part of the Bundaberg Family Law Pathways network. If you would like to learn more about the FLPN, watch the short video on the [National website](#).



CONTACT

To contact the Bundaberg FLPN Project Officer Jess Bevan,
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If you have been forwarded this newsletter and would like to become a member of the FLPN, please send us an email and we will add you to our network.