

May 2026

## In this issue.

Networking Breakfast in Gladstone.

An CQFLPN/FCFCOA event for those who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Emerging Minds and National FLPN Webinar – 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Empower 2026.

Children and the family court article from “The Conversation”.

## Events

**It was a valuable morning in Gladstone at the CQFLPN Networking Breakfast with an address from Legal Aid.**



On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April attendees were treated to an instructive talk about the FASS programme from Marita Kitchener from Legal Aid.

Many thanks to the Gladstone Law and Social Services community for joining us for this event.



## Yarning with your community.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Helem Yumba hosted a yarning event in Gladstone to introduce the services of the Family Dispute Resolution team.

This event attended by local service providers who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families was an excellent opportunity to gain understanding of the value of family mediation.

For more details regarding this Programme please email the address below.

Email: [FNFDR@cqhealing.com.au](mailto:FNFDR@cqhealing.com.au)



## Save the Date. If you support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families.....

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June we are hosting members from the FCFCOA.

This free event to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9.45 for a 10am start. This event will introduce our community to the Indigenous Liaison Officer appointed to our Rockhampton Family Court. Judge Demack will also be joining us to discuss how the family court can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Register: [Strengthening family and community pathways event.](#)

Visit: [cqflpn1@catholiccarecq.com](mailto:cqflpn1@catholiccarecq.com)

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**Rockhampton - Friday 5 June 2026.**  
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Time: 9.45am Morning Tea for a 10am start. This event will conclude with lunch courtesy of the CQFLPN.

Artwork - Ngambalang Bayanulanyi  
For Our Children  
by Zoe Marjorie Fitzsimons

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We hope that you can join us for this unique and informative gathering.

Bookings are limited and registration essential.

Please register via [Strengthening Family and Community Pathways Event - Form](#)  
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# Emerging Minds in Partnership with the National Family Law Pathways Network Webinar.

Supporting infants, children and families experiencing social inequality and other challenges during parental separation webinar

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

1.00-2.30pm AEST.

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Visit: [Supporting Infants and Children during Parental Separation Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#)

## Empower 2026.

### Ending Domestic Violence Begins Here.

Date: 14-15 May.

Venue: Frenchville Sports Club.

Visit: [EMPOWER 2026 - Ending Domestic Violence Begins Here](#)

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[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR HERE](#)

Families experiencing parental separation in addition to social inequality and other challenges (such as family violence, financial stress, homelessness and racism) often experience greater pressure, which can have flow on impacts for infant and child mental health and family wellbeing. Family law professionals working alongside these families play a vital role in identifying when a family may be experiencing social inequality and other challenges. They can respond in ways that prioritise curiosity and respect to strengthen the connection and support around infants, children and families.

Hosted by the Family Law Pathways Network (FLPN), this webinar will:

- look at the impact of parental separation, social inequality and other challenges on infant and child mental health and wellbeing
- examine the importance of exploring family context and circumstances to understand strengths, hopes and challenges
- discuss practical ways family law professionals can respond to support family functioning and infant and child mental health, and family wellbeing (including a framework and conversation tools)
- provide examples of referrals and supportive referral processes that families have found helpful
- encourage attendees to contribute to collective knowledge by sharing their ideas for responding to complex child and family needs in the family law context.




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## FRSA National Conference 2026.

### Showcasing practice, evidence, impact.

Pre-Conference Workshops will be held on **Monday, 18 May 2026**. This year's National Conference will comprise four engaging [workshops](#). We're highlighting two of the workshops below. Stay tuned for more details on the remaining two workshops! *Please note all Pre-Conference Workshops are for **FRSA Members only**.*

Visit: [FRSA National Conference 2026 - FRSA](#)



## Articles

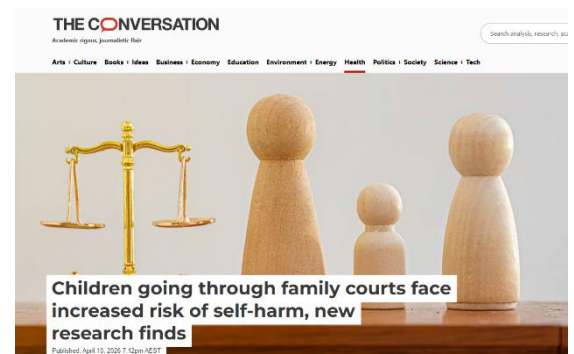
### Children going through family courts face increased risk of self-harm, new research finds.

The Conversation. (10 April 2026)

Family courts step in at some of the hardest moments in a child's life, when parents separate or when there are concerns about their safety.

We already know that children involved in care proceedings are more likely to self-harm. But most children who come into contact with family courts are there because of disputes between parents, not safeguarding concerns. Until now we have known comparatively little about these children or what happens to them after court proceedings end.

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