

TIME (AEDT)	SESSIONS			
8:45am	Registration Opens			
9:25am – 9:30am	Co-Hosts Introduction to National Foster & Kinship Care Conference Melissa (Carer) & Emily Hikaiti			
9:30am – 9:40am	Welcome to Country			
9:40am – 9:55am	Official Opening Address Hon Kate Washington MP Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion (NSW)			
9:55am – 10:05am	Opening Address Renée Leigh CEO of Adopt Change including Carers for Kids NSW & Member National Foster & Kinship Care Collective			
10:05am – 10:15am	Carer Story Segment Melissa			
10:15am – 11:05am	Plenary Session 1 (Part A) Therapeutic Parenting – Strategies and Solutions Sarah Naish			
11:05AM – 11:25AM MORNING TEA BREAK				
11:25am – 12:15pm	Plenary Session 1 (Part B) Therapeutic Parenting – Strategies and Solutions Sarah Naish			
12:15pm – 12:55pm	Plenary Session Invisible risks, visible impact: the online experiences of children and young people in care Vesna Ubiparipovic eSafety Commissioner			
12:55PM – 1:30PM LUNCH BREAK				
Break Out Session	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
1:30pm – 2:10pm	Co-designing a model of care with kin carers and young people Lucy Thornton Jenny Evans <i>Key Assets Australia</i>	Empowering Carers: Practical Strategies for Supporting Children and Young People with FASD Simone McKenry <i>NOFASD Australia</i>	Lighten Up Vibes: Mindfulness & Mental Health for Carers and Children Rachael Rogan	Meet the Team – Learn more about Carers for Kids NSW Megan Chapman Francesca Fowler Tyler McLean <i>Carers for Kids NSW</i>
2:15pm – 2:55pm	When Children Leave: A Spotlight on Carers Grief and Loss Jasmine Perry <i>MacKillop Family Services</i>	Healing Through Play: Supporting Attachment in Foster Care with Theraplay Workshop Jane Rabie <i>Key Assets</i>	Big Feelings, Little Words: How Communication Challenges Can Drive Behaviour in Children and Adolescents in Care Rachel Chapman	Cultural Planning for Aboriginal Children – Practical Strategies for Carers Jason Dowie Shannon Mackie <i>Life Without Barriers</i>
2:55PM – 3:15PM AFTERNOON TEA BREAK				
3:15pm – 3:50pm	Plenary Panel Session Empowering Carers to Be Advocates for Their Children and Themselves Host: Ken Raison Panelists: TJ Thiel, Melissa, Robbie McFadyen, Bonnie Faulkner			
3:50pm – 4:30pm	From Trauma to Triumph: The Impact of Therapeutic Life Story Work on Wellbeing and Identity – includes screening of Belonging Shannon Kendrick <i>Caring with Carers</i>			
4:30pm – 4:40pm	Co-Hosts Close & Wrap-Up Carer Host Melissa			
6:00PM – 10:30PM GALA DINNER				
6pm	Arrival			
6:30pm – 10:30pm	Celebrating Carers Gala Dinner			

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 2 | SATURDAY 29 NOV

TIME (AEDT)	SESSIONS			
9:00am	Registration Opens			
9:25am – 9:30am	Co-Hosts Introduction to Day 2 of National Foster & Kinship Care Conference TJ Thiel (Carer) & Lachlan Hobman			
9:30am – 9:45am	Collaborative National Work Overview Bryan Smith & Samantha Hauge National Foster & Kinship Care Collective			
9:45am – 10:45am	Plenary Keynote Session 2 It's a Jungle! Dr Brenda Heyworth			
10:45AM – 11:05AM MORNING TEA BREAK				
Break Out Session	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
11:05am – 12:25pm	Workshop: Kinship Care – Survive and Thrive Sarah Naish	Workshop: Empowering – A Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Approach to Scaffolding our Children for Success Ursula Elisara	Workshop: Growing up with BIG Emotions Dr Brenda Heyworth	Restoration – Working with Aboriginal Families Jason Dowie Shannon Mackie <i>Life Without Barriers</i>
12:25PM – 1:05PM LUNCH BREAK				
Break Out Session	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	Stream 4
1:05pm – 1:45pm		Co-designing the Foster Care Journey with Diverse Expertise and Evidence Anthony Raitman <i>Life Without Barriers</i>	Body Safe John Cardamone	Outcome of the Review of the South Australian Department for Child Protection: Family-Based Post Care Programs Belinda Trimboli Jessica Hector <i>SA Government</i>
1:50pm – 2:30pm	Workshop: Compassion Fatigue – The Route Back to Connection Sarah Naish	Delving into Disenfranchised Grief – Unpacking the Impact on Carer Wellbeing Jake Iaria <i>Foster Care Association of Victoria</i>	Exploring Advocacy for Children and Carers Carer-Led Workshop Host: Maia Murray Panelists: Ken Raison, Bryan Smith, Loren Dumbrell, Samantha Hauge, Amanda Thompson	Life of Me with ASD Christopher Smith
2:30PM – 2:45PM AFTERNOON TEA				
2:45pm – 2:55pm	Carer Story Segment TJ Thiel			
2:55pm – 3:25pm	Plenary Session Therapeutic Home-Based Care (THBC) for Teenage Boys Richard Ayoub, Naji Alam			
3:25pm – 3:45pm	Plenary Session From File to my Voice: My Journey of Lived Experience and Advocacy Sara Scott-Hitchcock			
3:45pm – 4:25pm	Youth Plenary Panel: Young People Reflections on Living in Care Host: Emily Hikaiti Panelists: Lachlan Hobman, Ruby Sait, Sara Scott-Hitchcock, Rebecca Whips			
4:25pm – 4:35pm	Plenary Session Proof in the Pudding – How My Carer Transformed My Life Rebecca Whips			
4:35PM – 4:40PM DAY 2 WRAP UP CARER HOST				

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9:00am	Registration Opens		
9:30am – 9:40am	Co-Hosts Introduction to Day 3 National Foster & Kinship Care Conference <i>Maia Murray (Carer) & Megan Chapman</i>		
9:40am – 9:55am	Opening Address <i>Minister Katrine Hildyard</i> <i>Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Minister for Women (SA)</i>		
9:55am – 10:55am	Plenary Keynote Session 3 (Part A): Understanding Ourselves, to Best Serve Our Children <i>Ursula Elisara</i>		
10:55AM – 11:15AM MORNING TEA BREAK			
11:15am – 12:15pm	Plenary Keynote Session 3 (Part B): Understanding Ourselves, to Best Serve Our Children <i>Ursula Elisara</i>		
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Plenary Session: National Foster & Kinship Care Collective <i>Renée Leigh, Bryan Smith, Amanda Thompson, Samantha Hauge, Fay Alford</i>		
12:45pm – 12:55pm	Carer Story Segment <i>Maia Murray</i>		
12:55PM – 1:25PM LUNCH BREAK			
Break Out Session	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
1:25pm – 1:55pm	Workshop: Correcting – A Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Approach to Correcting Behaviours <i>Ursula Elisara</i>	How Do I Keep Going When My Heart Keeps Breaking? <i>Danielle Murphy</i>	Bridging Lived Experience and Practice <i>Brittany Lennon</i>
2:00pm – 2:30pm		Kin Carer Support Package <i>Angela Bontea</i> <i>Emily Wiles</i> CASPA	Empowering CALD Communities with Culturally Responsive Life Story Work <i>Ghassan Noujaim</i> <i>Zena Almouiee</i> SSI
2:40pm – 2:45pm	Plenary Session: Video Address <i>Sarah Witty MP</i> <i>Member for Melbourne</i>		
2:45pm – 3:10pm	Plenary Session: Conference Reflections <i>Carer Hosts, CEO & Delegates</i>		
3:10PM DAY 3 CLOSE			

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