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# Taking Care of Kids in Care: Relational & Responsive Practice for working with children in OOHC and their Families

**Children in OOHC often experience grief and loss, removal trauma, multiple placements/schools, abuse in care, profound shame, sibling disconnection, rejection and social isolation. These children often have unmet attachment needs and many unfinished developmental tasks because of what has happened to them and because of the current barriers within the system that holds responsibility for their care.**

The workshop will explore the importance of holding historical, political and cultural context of families who have generational experience with OOHC systems and look at what skills are needed to implement a relational and response based approach in talking with these families. The aim of this workshop is to increase practitioners skills in how to respond to children who experience trauma based behaviours and offers a framework with practical tools (e.g. PACE skills) for supporting caregivers looking after children in care.



## Learning Outcomes:

- Develop skills in conceptualising the function of a child's behavioural presentations.
- Develop a neurobiological informed approach for how to respond to children's trauma responses.
- Increase understanding of attachment based approaches like 'PACE' and gain skills in how to support foster carers to attune to their child's underlying needs and respond to their child's behavioural, relational emotional needs.
- Learn what is required to build a Trauma Informed Care Network and system around the child.
- Explore the skills needs to engage in relational and response based approaches in talking to families who have generational experience with child protection and OOHC systems.

**Facilitated by** Ashley Gobeil, a child and family therapist and social worker who has a Masters in Social Health & Counselling, Master of Social Work Qualifying, and an undergraduate degree in Psychology. Ashley has been working therapeutically with children and young people for the past 15 years in contexts such as childcare, youth residential care, domestic and family violence, family dispute resolution, out of home care, and victim services.

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### Date

Tuesday  
11 October 2022

### Time

9.00am - 3.00pm

### Modality

**Online via ZOOM**

### Facilitator

Ashley Gobeil

### Cost

Members: **\$72.00 + GST**  
Non-members: **\$120.00 + GST**

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