

# Advances in Mental Health: Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention

## Special issue

### **Title for the Special issue**

Supporting adult behaviour change in family based interventions

### **Types of papers:**

This issue will focus on innovations in prevention and early intervention in family-based interventions aimed at supporting positive mental health among children and parents. We are looking for research articles, case studies and reviews of the literature that explore how interventions that involve parents and other carers in the family as change agents can influence the functioning of family members across diverse populations, with the aim of furthering understanding how to best support the mental health of children and adults.

### **Process for submission:**

1. *Abstracts of 200-250 words due 1st of March, 2017.* Please email these directly to Dr. Catherine Wade at [cwade@parentingrc.org.au](mailto:cwade@parentingrc.org.au)

2. *Full manuscripts of no more than 6000 words due 1st of May, 2017.*

Please contact Catherine Wade ([cwade@parentingrc.org.au](mailto:cwade@parentingrc.org.au)) if you have any queries about the special issue topic.

### **Submission guidelines:**

Please refer to the Taylor and Francis website for submission guidelines:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=ramh20&page=instructions#.VPOfx2ccR9N>

### **Guest Editors**

Mr Warren Cann (Lead)

Warren Cann is a psychologist and CEO of the Parenting Research Centre (PRC), an organisation that seeks to improve outcomes for children by supporting innovation in the services and supports provided to parents and families. Warren has played a lead role in the establishment of the Raising Children Network, Australia's national parenting information website, led the design and delivery of major national parenting support programs, including as a principal investigator on the \$8.75 million Early Home Learning Study in Victoria. He has designed a practice framework for engaging parents and supporting parental behaviour change, an intervention model for working with parents of high-risk infants, and co-authored a program for parents of young adolescents. Prior to joining the PRC, Warren oversaw the dissemination of the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) in Victoria and has worked as a psychologist in early childhood intervention and protective services.

### Associate Professor Jan Matthews

Jan Matthews is Associate Principal Research Fellow at the Parenting Research Centre (PRC). Jan is a registered psychologist and has had over 40 years' experience in teaching, research and clinical practice. Before and during her employment at the PRC, she was Associate Professor in Child and Family Psychology at the RMIT University. Jan has extensive experience in developing, implementing and evaluating parenting programs, as both a researcher and clinician. She is principal author of program manuals for parents and professionals, and was involved in development, implementation and scientific trial of the *smalftalk* parenting strategies, and the training and support of practitioners, as part of the large scale Victorian government funded Early Home Learning Study. Jan has had a number of advisory roles including for the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services and for the Queen Elizabeth Centre early parenting service.

### Dr Catherine Wade

Catherine Wade, PhD, is Principal Research Specialist at the Parenting Research Centre (PRC), and a Research Affiliate with the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney. Catherine leads a programme of research and a team of researchers at the PRC, whose work is focused on investigating aspects of the knowledge-to-practice gap in the provision of supports to parents and families. Catherine has extensive experience in the design, delivery and evaluation of parenting interventions and has expertise in leading, conceptualising and conducting social policy research and program evaluation. Her work focuses on evaluating the implementation, impact and sustainability of evidence-informed practices across the child welfare, parenting education and family-support sectors both within Australia and internationally. Catherine is a psychologist with extensive research and clinical expertise in families affected by vulnerability, disability and disadvantage. Catherine holds advisory positions on national and international boards and committees, including with The Association for Successful Parenting (U.S.) and the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services.