



CHP conference brief:

Trauma and adolescent family violence: Delivering better homelessness responses

Session abstract: Young people who use violence in the home are often both victims and perpetrators of violence and commonly have experienced significant trauma. This presents complex challenges for both mainstream and youth homeless services. How can we both protect family members and best support young people with complex behaviour to become positive and independent adults with healthy relationships? What does our understanding of trauma bring to these problem solving efforts?

Date and time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm, Wednesday 13 September

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Cnr Swanston and Collins St, Melbourne

Format: 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute audience Q and A

Chair: Vicki Sutton, CEO, Melbourne City Mission

Sponsor: Melbourne City Mission

Dr Anita Morris, Family Violence Principal Practitioner, Department of Health and Human Services

Dr Anita Morris, the Family Violence Principal Practitioner at Department of Health and Human Services will speak on these challenges in the context of Victoria's family violence reforms.

Vicki Sutton, Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne City Mission

Melbourne City Mission is Victoria's largest funded youth homelessness provider. As Chair of this session, Vicki Sutton brings insights from Frontyard Youth Services (where Melbourne City Mission operates the Statewide youth-specialist homelessness access point), Melbourne City Mission's young women's refuge, and 'u-thrive', a new intensive support service for young victim survivors of family violence, which combines group and individual therapeutic interventions.