



# NATIONAL *Family* NEWS



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## ***Thought leader interview:***

***Andrew McCallum AM, CEO ACWA, reflects on the Forgotten Australians Exhibition at the National Museum and calls for integrating lessons from the past into current out-of-care policy and practice.***

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## ***Latest news and research:***

- Call to endorse policy statement for siblings of children with chronic illness or disability. RANZCP: [More](#)
- Survey for service providers working with people affected by past adoption practice. AIFS: [More](#)
- Lateral violence discussed in the Native Title Report 2011. AHRC: [More](#)
- Family-friendly inpatient mental health checklist. COPMI: [More](#)
- Older Australians disadvantaged by increased living costs. National Seniors: [More](#)
- Parental guide to teen alcohol use. Parenting Strategies: [More](#)
- Grief support for children and families. Skylight: [More](#)
- Key elements in Therapeutic Residential Care. AIFS: [More](#)

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The e-newsletter showcases key issues with a focus on charting research, policy and practice which enhance family relationships and wellbeing.

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## **Other FA news**

The Hon Jenny Macklin, MP, launched *Inside: Life in Children's Homes & Institutions*, an exhibition at the National Museum of Australia. From 16 Nov 2011 - 26 Feb 2012. [More](#)

Find & Connect, a new online resource for Forgotten Australians is now available. This site will help with information about Homes or

- Indigenous cultural festivals contribute to pride and wellbeing. RMIT: [More](#)
- Complex framework surrounds family violence indicators. ABS: [More](#)
- Youth mentoring, a valuable early intervention. AHURI: [More](#)
- History of family adoption in Australia. Monash: [More](#)
- Youth volunteers discuss social inclusion at world summit. VolAus: [More](#)
- Awakening Young Hearts and Minds conference 2012. [More](#)

orphanages as well as finding records. [More](#)

*Forgotten Australians: supporting survivors of childhood institutionalisation, 3rd Ed* now available. Contact the Secretariat for hard copies (P: 02 6273 4885). Also available online: [More](#)

An educational DVD based on the booklet is in production. This resource will be a useful training product for educators, staff orientation and improving service delivery for Forgotten Australians. More details closer to launch of this product.

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