

### Supporting children affected by trauma

#### **Michelle Roberts** Psychologist, education sector

Michelle is a psychologist who has worked in the education sector for 32 years as a teacher, psychologist and Manager of the Emergency and Security Management Branch within the Department of Education and Training (Vic). Michelle is a member of the steering committee for the Australian Child and Adolescent Trauma, Loss and Grief Network (ACATLGN) and was awarded, in 2010, a Churchill Fellowship to investigate school-based trauma intervention programs in Israel and the USA. Michelle has worked at many levels supporting school communities after disasters. Michelle currently works for the Department of Education and Training (Vic) in the Moonee Valley Network.



areas. She worked for several years in paediatrics in Sydney and Papua New Guinea. She is on the steering committee of the Australian Child and Adolescent Trauma Loss and Grief Network at the Australian National University and the GP member on the NSW Mental Health Disaster Advisory Committee.

#### **Rachel** A person with lived experience of trauma

Rachel is a survivor of domestic violence. She is an award-winning educator, having trained thousands across Australia, from police to lawyers, high school students to Members of Parliament, over the last 9 years. She has been on several Committees, worked in national roles, consulted with Boards, and is a media spokesperson. As a mother, her passion and research background is for the safety and wellbeing of children living with violence.



#### **Janet Williams-Smith** General Manager, Early Childhood Management Services

Janet has wide ranging experience both in Australia and the UK defining, developing and disseminating early childhood programs and services for highly vulnerable children and families. Her experience has included working with refugee and asylum seeker children, children at risk of abuse and neglect in the Child Protection System and more recently looking at progressive universal service provisions at ECMS.



#### **Webinar Facilitator Amanda Harris** Director, ACATLGN

Amanda Harris is a Psychologist with a Masters in Clinical Psychology. Amanda has been the Director of the Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Loss & Grief Network (ACATLGN) at Australia National University since 2013. She also works in private practice and as a consultant on the impact of trauma work to Family and Community Services and the Australian Government Solicitor. Amanda has been working with vulnerable children and families for over 15 years.



#### **Dr. Penny Burns** General Practitioner

Dr Penelope Burns is a general practitioner and a senior lecturer at Western Sydney University. She has a range of experience in general practice in rural and urban

