

# Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA)

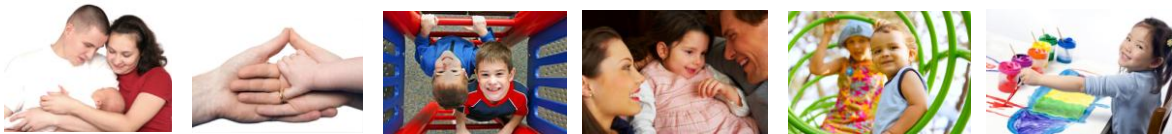
A Research & Innovation Cluster in South Australia

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*cordially invites you to attend a HDA Forum on*

## *Family Home-Visiting and Children's Centres ... learning from the experience in the UK ...*

*How can we achieve the best linkage between policies, practice and research?*



HDA will host two international experts who are leaders in the roll-out and evaluation of early childhood services within the UK. This forum will provide a unique opportunity given the stature of our guest speakers for a policy-directed discourse around the unique services within South Australia and how we can share with and learn from the UK experience.

*Professor Jacqueline Barnes is one of the leading figures in the UK Family Nurse Partnership Program.*

*Professor Edward Melhuish leads the National Evaluation of Sure Start Programs.*

This event is unique to South Australia because of the concordance of our Family Home Visiting program and Children's Centres initiatives with the UK programs. Each session will also include SA speakers and will be followed by panel discussions. The event is ideal for researchers, clinicians, students, health care and government personnel to attend.

**Tuesday 19 April 2011**

**10.30am – 4.45pm**

**Scott's Theatre NEW Venue!!**

**University of Adelaide, north terrace campus**

**(enter via Kintore Ave or Victoria Drive)**

**FREE event - RSVPs essential for seating & catering by Thursday 14 April**

**You MUST register to the session/s you will be attending**

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*Forum Convenors – Professors' Michael Sawyer & John Lynch*

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# PROGRAM

## 10.30am Registration

### SESSION 1 – CHILDREN'S CENTRES

- 11.00 *Forum Welcome – Professor Michael Sawyer*
- 11.05 *Opening Address*  
**Hon Jay Weatherill MP**  
Minister for Early Childhood Development
- 11.15 **Professor John Lynch (Chair)**  
Professor of Public Health, NHMRC Australia Fellow  
Discipline of Public Health, University of Adelaide
- 11.30 **Professor Edward Melhuish**  
Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Social Issues  
Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London  
**Early years Research and Social & Economic Context**
- 12.30 **Trish Winter**  
Executive Director, Early Childhood Services  
Department of Education & Children's Services  
**Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development & Parenting: Achieving outcomes for children, families and communities through integrated outcomes based planning.**
- 1.00 **Q&A Panel Discussion**

## 1.30 Lunch

### SESSION 2 – FAMILY HOME VISITING

- 2.30 *Session Welcome – Professor Michael Sawyer*
- 2.35 **Gail Mondy (Chair)**  
Chief Executive Officer, Children Youth & Women's Health Service
- 2.40 **Professor Jacqueline Barnes**  
Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Social Issues  
Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London  
**The reality of implementing evidence-based practice. The example of the Family Nurse Partnership home-visiting programme**
- 3.40 **Professor Michael Sawyer**  
Head, Research & Evaluation Unit, Children Youth & Women's Health Service  
**Evaluating Family-Home Visiting in South Australia**
- 4.10 **Q&A Panel Discussion**
- 4.40 *Closing Remarks – Professor Michael Sawyer*

## 4.45 Close

## SPEAKERS



**Jay Weatherill MP LLB BSc GDLP** is the South Australian Minister for Education, Minister for Early Childhood Development and Minister for Science & Information Economy.

Jay was born and educated in Adelaide's western suburbs, completing his secondary education at Henley High School. He is a lawyer with an economics degree and established his own law firm in 1995, practising until he was elected as the Member for Cheltenham in 2002. He has held a range of portfolios including Environment & Conservation, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation, Minister Assisting the Premier in Cabinet Business & Public Sector Management, Families & Communities, Housing, Ageing, Disability, Urban Development & Planning, Administrative Services, Local Government and Gambling.

Jay and his wife Melissa have two young daughters, Lucinda and Alice.



**John Lynch** is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Adelaide. He is an internationally recognized scholar in epidemiology and public health and in 2007 his work in public health was recognized with an honorary Doctorate in Medical Science from the University of Copenhagen. In 2009 he was awarded a prestigious NHMRC Australia Fellowship. He is a member of the NHMRC Public Health Academy and Chairs the Australia Fellowship Review Panel for 2010. He has been an associate editor of the International Journal of Epidemiology since 2005.

John Lynch was until recently Professor of Public Health Epidemiology at the University of South Australia, and is a Professor of Epidemiology at University of Bristol (UK). He was previously in the Department of Epidemiology at the University Michigan (USA) and was a Canada Research Chair in the Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McGill University in Montreal (Canada). His research interests include early life determinants of health, early childhood development, lifecourse processes regulating health behaviours, population health monitoring, evidence-based public health and improving the public health research-policy nexus.



**Edward Melhuish** is Professor of Human Development at Birkbeck, University of London, and Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Education. He is Executive Director of the National Evaluation of Sure Start research team. Earlier work on day care influenced sections of the 1989 Children Act. He has regularly collaborated with social, biological and medical scientists in studying child development and the influence of experience. He has undertaken research projects funded by the governments of Norway, Greece, France as well as research in 12 EU countries funded by the European Commission.

Currently he is involved in the Effective Provision of Pre-school Education (EPPE) and Effective Pre-school Provision in Northern Ireland (EPPNI) and the National Evaluation of Sure Start. These studies have already contributed to the formulation of social policy in the area of families with young children, early years services and education, such as the universal provision of a pre-school place for all 3 & 4 year-olds and the establishment of 3500 Children's Centres, the government's Every Child Matters and 10-Year Childcare strategies, the 2004 Children Act and the 2006 Childcare Bill. He has been a member of the early child development and education task group of the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010– Marmot Review, and the NICE Public Health Panel. He also was a major contributor to the UK government Child Poverty review chaired by Frank Field. Currently he is the only academic member of the EU delegation on Early Childhood Education & Care. Professor Melhuish has acted as a consultant for design for children, children's organizations (e.g. UNESCO), government departments (e.g. DCSF, DWP, DoH, Treasury, Prime Minister's Office, EU Commission, European Parliament) and film, television and radio companies. He is a scientific advisor to Academy of Finland, the Portuguese Research Council, the Australian Research Council, South Korea, Norway and Chile.



**Trish Winter** is the Executive Director of Early Childhood Services within the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS). The position has leadership and management of significant change in early childhood services and has responsibility for a number of state and national reforms including: the establishment of 34 Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development and Parenting; the development and leadership of the 'Child Friendly State' reform agenda policy priority; implementation of the Early Childhood Education National Partnership; Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership; the expansion of Learning Together under the Communities Making a Difference National Partnership; and the National Partnership on the National Quality Agenda (NQA) for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Previous to this current role, Trish was Director of DECS Disability and Statewide Services for 10 years. She was also a Curriculum superintendent with a focus on inclusive curriculum. She worked in the Department of Premier and Cabinet assisting the Advisor to Premier on Disability and was the inaugural executive officer of the Ministerial Advisory Council Students with Disabilities for 8 years.



**Gail Mondy** is the Chief Executive Officer of the Children Youth & Women's Health Service (CYWHS) in Adelaide. Gail leads a health service that brings together acute and primary health care services for children, young people and women. CYWHS is the state's leading provider of parenting support and community-based child and youth health services.

Gail has extensive experience across the Health and Tertiary Education Sector. She is a registered nurse, certified midwife and holds certificates in Child and Family Health, Family Planning, Childbirth Education, also has a Bachelor of Health Science and a Masters in Management. Prior to her current role, Gail was part of an executive team in a New South Wales Area Health Service in outer western Sydney. Within that role she gained significant experience in portfolios covering: Oral Health; Mental Health; Drug and Alcohol Services; Community Child and Family Services; Community Chronic and Complex Aged Care; Service Development; Public Health; Health Improvement; Multicultural Health, Aboriginal Health and Allied Health.



**Jacqueline Barnes** is Professor of Psychology, Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Social Issues, Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London and Honorary Senior Psychologist at the Tavistock and Portman NHS trust.

She has taught and conducted research in the USA and the UK. Her current research interests are: evaluation of early intervention programmes related to children's health and development and parenting; community characteristics as they relate to family functioning and children; the use and impact of child care in the early years and the relevance of parental age for child and family outcomes. Professor Barnes was one of the directors of the National Evaluation of Sure Start, she directed a randomised trial (Right from the Start) to evaluate a volunteer home-visiting programme for mothers and new babies and she directing the formative evaluation of implementing the Family Nurse Partnership programme in 10 pilot sites in England. She is now directing an evaluation of a modification of this programme, Group Based FNP Care. She is currently Editor of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Journal, and on the Editorial Board of Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies and the Journal of Children's Services. She is also invited consultant on numerous committees that include Barnardos Ireland, Best Practice Advisory Committee; Expert Group for the Healthy Child Programme, Department of Health; Millennium Cohort Study 5<sup>th</sup> Survey - Geography, Housing, Neighbourhoods and Area Working Group; and the National Institute of Clinical Excellence Expert panel - guidance on promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of children in early years.



**Michael Sawyer**, OAM, MBBS, PhD, Dip Child Psych., FRANZCP, FRCPC is Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health at the University of Adelaide and Head, Research and Evaluation Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital in South Australia. He is currently a Director with Australian Rotary Health. Prior to this appointment he was Chair of the Australian Rotary Health Research Committee. He has also previously been Head, Department of Paediatrics and Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Adelaide. In 2008, Professor Sawyer was

awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the field of child and adolescent mental health as a researcher and educator.

Professor Sawyer completed his undergraduate medical education at Monash University and his post-graduate training in psychiatry at McMaster University and the University of Toronto in Canada. Professor Sawyer's research has focused on the quality of life of children with chronic illness and the epidemiology of child and adolescent mental disorders. Professor Sawyer was the lead investigator in the Child and Adolescent Component of the National Survey of Mental Health and Well-Being in Australia and the *beyondblue* Schools Research Initiative.

*Professor Sawyer also Co-Convenes Healthy Development Adelaide since 2006.*

A banner for Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA). The top part is orange with a white graphic of three overlapping circles on the left. The text 'Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA)' is in a bold, purple font. Below this is a dark purple bar with the text 'A Research & Innovation Cluster in South Australia' on the left and 'www.adelaide.edu.au/hda' on the right.

## Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA)

*A Research & Innovation Cluster in South Australia* [www.adelaide.edu.au/hda](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/hda)

Healthy Development Adelaide (HDA) promotes, facilitates and undertakes research that advances multidisciplinary understanding of healthy development by combining research strengths addressing high priority research issues to ensure the physical, psychological and social health of Australian infants, children and adolescents.

HDA was established in 2004 as an initiative of the University of Adelaide and is led by Professors' Robert Norman (University of Adelaide), Caroline McMillen (UniSA) and Michael Sawyer (University of Adelaide/CYWHS). HDA has over 150 members currently and fosters research in over 20 disciplines across the state with focus to developing a portfolio for South Australia in developmental health research. HDA crosses many sectors that include government, health service, university, allied health, associations, organisations/institutions and the general community.

Partners include UniSA, Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation, Women's and Children's Health Research Institute, Department of Education and Children's Services. As of 2010 new Partners include Children Youth & Women's Health Service, Fertility SA, Flinders University and Flinders Reproductive Medicine.

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