



Coralie J Graham has worked as a Registered Nurse the majority of the past 20 years in the domain of community based aged care and services for war veterans. She has since completed 2 undergraduate degrees in Science majoring in Psychology at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), and works part time as a Psychologist in a private hospital in Toowoomba. This study forms part of her PhD which she is currently undertaking at USQ and combines her interest in health and positive psychology.



Dr. Jatinder Gulati is a Child Development specialist engaged in research and teaching for the last 24 years at Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana, the world-renowned institute aimed at empowerment of the rural masses. Now working as an Associate Professor, Jatinder obtained her Doctorate from Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, focussing her research on the mechanism of vulnerability and resilience among children at-risk, and the individual, family and social conditions involved in the framework. She had worked as a Scientist for 15 years in All India Coordinated Research Project in Home Science: Child Development, a National Level Project running in nine universities. During this time she also undertook assiduous work in slum and rural areas of Punjab conducting longitudinal and cross sectional researches on physical, cognitive and psycho-social development and nutritional status assessment of children and adolescents between birth to 20 years, selected from the entire state. Through teamwork she developed region specific physical growth norms for children. Jatinder is widely published and has participated in 33 national / international conferences. She is associated with many professional societies as a life member or an executive. Her paper was accepted at the 9th International Family Violence Research Conference at Portsmouth, University of New Hampshire.



Terry Hannon experienced a period of incarceration more than 10 years ago as the mother of a very young child. After completing a Psychology degree begun in prison, she worked as a senior therapist at Odyssey House Victoria (Australia). In 2001 she joined the volunteer management body of Flat Out Inc., a supported accommodation service for women exiting prison. In 2004 Terry began full time work on the project 'Children: Unintended Victims of Legal Process'. 2006 has seen the publication of a Discussion Paper of the same name which is available, along with an Executive Summary, in PDF format at www.vacro.org.au Terry is currently employed by the Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO), overseeing a collaborative consultation process aimed at developing recommendations for legislative change to protect children of prisoners.



Meaghan Harris is a social worker from the Mallee District of Victoria, Australia and is a Family Services Coordinator of an Indigenous community based organisation. Meaghan has worked in a variety of areas, including direct practice counselling, family services, programme and community development, and management. Meaghan feels privileged to have many years of experience working with the local Indigenous community, and is committed to capacity building, and culturally competent social work. Meaghan has Bachelor and Masters degrees in Social Work, and is a current PhD Candidate with Monash University.



Christina Hully qualified as a counselling psychologist after completing a B.Sc (Psychology) from The University of Queensland and a Graduate Dip Psychology (Counselling) in 1981 from Western Australia Institute of Technology. Her employment experiences have seen her working in telephone counselling and face to face situations in both metropolitan and remote areas of Queensland with homeless youth, pregnant women, families who had experienced the death of a child, victims of mining accidents and anyone else who required her assistance. For the last 7 years she has worked in a girls' secondary school in Brisbane where she has been responsible for the learning assessment, personal counselling and post-school transition for students. Chris has recently completed her Masters in Education (School Guidance and Counselling) from Queensland University of Technology and utilizing strength-based practices assists her to work towards the mission of the college school she represents: Educating principled young women with a passion for life.



Dr. Archana Jetti originally from India, did a double Masters in Intercultural Studies and Education at BIOLA University, California. She won the thesis of the year award for M.A. Education at Biola in 2004. Her research interests are in the area of social work and social policy with special focus on the rights of women and children. Her internship with VELUGU project (undertaken by Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty in collaboration with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh) in Mahabubnagar District of Andhra Pradesh reinforced the desire in her to further pursue social research. She coordinated an event on "Elimination of Child Labor and Role of the Civil Society" at the World Social Forum held in Mumbai, 2004. Recently, she completed course work for Ph.D. in social work at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia and she is currently researching the concept of social capital and its applicability to poverty related issues in the Global South.



Ladda Jitwatanapataya is Director of the HIV/AIDS program with the Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand. Miss Jitwatanapataya has extensive experience in managing HIV/AIDS projects, formerly managing a community based HIV/AIDS prevention program to the fishing community in Cha-am, Petchburi province. The project was successful in reducing stigmatization against PLWAs and mobilized community members to provide HIV/AIDS prevention and care.