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#353 - Real world implementation efforts to embed evidence in child and family services and drive system reform in Australia

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Objectives/aims

Theme: Context counts: Translation, adaption, and transportability of evidence across people, place, culture and systems

Type: Panel presentation

The Victorian Government is reforming the family services system with the aim of creating a single, comprehensive and flexible system that spans the spectrum of family interventions that support family capability and child wellbeing. This symposium will present several key pieces of work undertaken over the last three years to inform this redesign and implement evidence-informed approaches across the service system. The papers will showcase real world efforts to embed evidence across a service system and outlines the journey from initial trials and exploratory work, to scale up across the service system.

Methods

This panel will present on key projects that enable the design of targeted evidence-informed services and their effective delivery at scale, ensuring Victorian families receive the benefits of contemporary best practice. These include i) linked data analysis to understand family cohorts and trajectories to inform service design and understand impact, ii) the development of a flexible, modular practice approach that incorporates Aboriginal cultural practice elements and can be embedded across agencies alongside licensed programs, iii) implementation science strategies and activities to build and foster capability in delivering a consistent and evidence-informed program to families and iv) monitoring and evaluation. Such an approach was needed in the service system to meet the complex needs of families and provide

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culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who continue to be over-represented in child protection systems across Australia.

Panel members will each present on the areas listed above for 15 mins followed by an opportunity to ask questions of the panel of presenters.

Main findings

This panel will explore the implications for policy, practice and evaluation and will be of interest to those tasked with improving outcomes for vulnerable children and families through leveraging the best available evidence and high-quality implementation.

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