

## Building worker confidence and competence in working with men who have experienced childhood sexual abuse or sexual assault

### CAIRNS

12 & 13 April

Mercy Conference Centre  
35 Bauhinia Ave, Earlville

\$185pp

### TOWNSVILLE

14 & 15 April

Picnic Bay Surf Lifesaving  
Supporters Club  
80 The Strand, North Ward

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### BUNDABERG

16 & 17 May

Quality Hotel Burnett Riverside  
7 Quay Street

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19 & 20 May

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143 West Street (cnr William St)

\$185pp

### registrations

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to register your interest.

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Research now indicates that 1 in 6 males will experience sexual abuse prior to the age of 18. This workshop is designed to build worker confidence and competence in talking with and assisting adult and young men who have experienced childhood sexual abuse or sexual assault.

## content

The training will draw on current best practice literature and will encourage participants to examine and enhance their professional knowledge and skills.

Creative, interactive processes will be utilised to:

- ◆ present what is currently known about male sexual victimisation
- ◆ identify, explore the cultural beliefs/misunderstandings associated with male childhood sexual abuse and the identified barriers to gaining assistance, along with ways to overcome these
- ◆ critically examine and work through recurring questions around gender, sexuality and the cycle of abuse
- ◆ offer a framework with specific strategies for working with men who have experienced sexual exploitation (both recent and historic) that acknowledges the effects, prioritises safety and helps to diminish the influences of abuse in men's lives and relationships.

The trainers will jointly co-facilitate both days, and will demonstrate and provide participants with practice tools that facilitate helpful conversations around this complex issue. To ensure a focus on enhanced knowledge and skill development, places are limited to 24 participants and copies of presentation material with links to useful resources will be supplied.

Gary and Kent are cognisant of the sensitivity of the topic, and the personal and professional impact of work in this area, and therefore place an emphasis on choice and safety in creating a respectful learning environment.

## about the trainers

**DR GARY FOSTER's** work and research interests centre on the problem of violence. He currently manages the Living Well service which provides counselling and assistance to men who have experienced childhood sexual abuse or sexual assault, to partners, friends and family (see [www.livingwell.org.au](http://www.livingwell.org.au)). Gary's doctoral thesis 'Male Rape and the Government of Bodies' examined the limits of current understandings and governmental responses to the problem of male rape. He has taught at the University of Queensland, where he helped develop and present an advanced counselling subject in 'Working with family violence'. He is interested in developing creative ways of training and talking that assist men in building respectful relationships.

**KENT SMITH** is a social worker and family therapist based in Toowoomba. He has worked in this sector for 28 years, and has experience working with issues of sexual abuse and sexual assault, torture and trauma in refugees and war veterans, male violence, sexuality and relationship issues. He worked for ten years with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in South East Asia, and has worked for the commonwealth government and non-government organisations. He also has a strong interest in professional supervision and the balancing of good boundaries and ethics and creative practice. He lives on an organic farm with his partner and too many animals.



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## BUILDING WORKER CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE IN WORKING WITH MEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT

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9:00am-4:30pm

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**COST** of each 2-day workshop is **\$185 per person** (includes GST, lunch and tea/coffee both days)

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**WHAT IS YOUR FIELD OF WORK OR INTEREST IN ATTENDING THIS TRAINING?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE THERE SPECIFIC ISSUES OR PARTICULAR PROBLEMS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY SPECIAL CATERING REQUIREMENTS?** \_\_\_\_\_

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