

## KEY EVENTS BRIEF

### AIFS KEY EVENTS, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2022

#### ► Publications and articles

Release date	Publication type	Title	AIFS authors	Notes
11 October	Research snapshot	<a href="#">Inclusion Support Program: findings from the Child Care Package evaluation</a>	<a href="#">The Child Care Package Evaluation team</a>	Findings from AIFS' evaluation of the Inclusion Support Program. Commissioned by the Dept. of Education, Skills and Employment as part of the review of the Child Care Package reforms.
11 October	Research snapshot	<a href="#">In Home Care evaluation: findings from the Child Care Package evaluation</a>	<a href="#">The Child Care Package Evaluation team</a>	Findings from AIFS' evaluation of the revised In Home Care program. Commissioned by the Dept. of Education, Skills and Employment as part of the review of the Child Care Package reforms.
18 October	Research snapshot	<a href="#">What is the link between video gaming and gambling?</a>	Dr Kei Sakata, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson	Examines the link between playing video games during adolescence and real-money gambling as a young adult. Report 7 of the <a href="#">Growing Up in Australia Snapshot Series</a> .
19 October	Research report	<a href="#">Gambling participation and harm among Australian men</a>	Dr Rukhsana Tajin, Dr Brendan Quinn, Dr Clement Wong, Karlee O'Donnell, Dr Bosco Rowland, Dr Jennifer Prattle, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson	Investigates the prevalence, frequency and characteristics of gambling participation among men, as well as associations between at-risk or problem gambling and alcohol/substance use, mental ill-health and other socio-economic, demographic and behavioural characteristics. Chapter 1 of the second <a href="#">Ten to Men Insights Report</a> .
21 October	Submission to Senate inquiry	<a href="#">AIFS submission to the Inquiry into the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022</a>	Dr Lixia Qu, Dr Jennifer Baxter	Highlights findings from the evaluation of the Child Care Package reforms, conducted by an AIFS-led consortium.
24 October	Research report	<a href="#">Compliance with and enforcement of family law parenting orders project final report</a>	Dr Rachel Carson, Dr Rae Kaspiew, Dr Lixia Qu, John De Maio, Dr Emily Stevens, Dr Briony Horsfall, Louise Press, Dr Georgina Dimopoulos	Program evaluation by AIFS' <a href="#">Family Law team</a> , commissioned by ANROWS. Investigates why some parents do not comply with parenting orders, and whether enforcement mechanisms and penalties improve compliance.
26 October	Research report	<a href="#">Mental health care needs and access among Australian men: A data linkage study</a>	Dr Clement Wong, Karlee O'Donnell, Dr Jennifer Prattle, Dr Brendan Quinn, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson, Rukhsana Tajin, Dr Bosco Rowland	Examines, through MBS and PBS data, men's use of mental health services and pharmaceuticals in 2020–21, in the context of self-reported experience of depressive symptoms. Chapter 2 of the second <a href="#">Ten to Men Insights Report</a> .
27 October	Corporate publication	<a href="#">AIFS Annual Report 2021/22</a>	AIFS	Governance document as required under section 46 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (the PGPA Act).

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31 October	Research report	<a href="#">Inclusion Support Program report</a>	<a href="#">The Child Care Package Evaluation team</a>	Findings from AIFS' evaluation of the Inclusion Support Program. Commissioned by the Dept. of Education, Skills and Employment as part of the review of the Child Care Package reforms.
10 November	Research report	Illicit substance use among adult males in Australia, 2013/14-2020/21	Dr Brendan Quinn, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson, Dr Jennifer Prattley, Karlee O'Donnell, Dr Clement Wong, Dr Rukhsana Tajin, Dr Bosco Rowland	Details the use of illegal substances among Australian men who were aged 18–57 in 2013/14, and changes over time. Also investigates the effect of cannabis use on the experience of depressive symptoms over time, as well as the socio-demographic and psychosocial factors associated with past-year cocaine use. Chapter 3 of the second <a href="#">Ten to Men Insights Report</a> .
16 November	Research report	Financial support between family members	Dr Jennifer Baxter, Megan Carroll	Explores the ways in which family members support each other financially, and the extent of the support. Data taken from a variety of data sources, including HILDA, ABA and the Families in Australia Survey.
16 November	Short article	Supporting young people experiencing disadvantage to secure work	Cat Strawa	Presents evidence for practitioners working in education and employment on what works to help young, disadvantaged people secure work. For the <a href="#">CFCA information exchange</a>
17 November	Research report	Recent natural disasters in Australia: Exploring the association with men's mental health and access to healthcare	Karlee O'Donnell, Dr Jennifer Prattley, Dr Clement Wong, Dr Brendan Quinn, Dr Rukhsana Tajin, Dr Rebecca Jenkinson, Dr Bosco Rowland	Explores Australian men's exposure to natural disasters over the past-year and whether it is associated with mental ill-health and use of mental health services. Also investigates common barriers to accessing mental health services. Chapter 4 of the second <a href="#">Ten to Men Insights Report</a> .
23 November	Research report	Child wellbeing during the COVID pandemic – Parental concerns	Dr Jennifer Baxter, Dr Tracy Evans-Whipp	Analyses data from the <a href="#">Families in Australia Survey</a> . Explores how children and young people were impacted by COVID restrictions, via self-reporting of their parents.
November (date TBC)	Short article	Mental health literacy and action interventions for school-aged children	Dr Pragya Gartoulla	Explains how mental health literacy interventions can be used to enhance youth mental health and potentially decrease the prevalence of mental illness. For the <a href="#">CFCA information exchange</a>
November (date TBC)	Research report	Evaluation of the Family / Small Claims Property Pilot – Priority Property Pools Under \$500,000 (PPP500).	Dr Rachel Carson, John De Maio, Dr Lixia Qu, Dr Rae Kaspiew, Dr Emily Stevens, Dr Kei Sakata, Dr Briony Horsfall, Louise Press	Program evaluation by the <a href="#">Family Law team</a> , commissioned by the Attorney-General's Dept. Determines whether access to special mechanisms to resolve post-separation property matters (particularly for women) improve outcomes where the value of the property pool may make it uneconomic to pursue through the family law system.

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November (date TBC))	Research report	Evaluation of the Lawyer-assisted Family Law Property Mediation: Legal Aid Commission Trial – Final report	Dr Rachel Carson, Dr Lixia Qu, Dr Rae Kaspiew, Dr Emily Stevens, Dr Kei Sakata, Dr Briony Horsfall, John De Maio	Program evaluation by the <a href="#">Family Law team</a> , commissioned by the Attorney-General's Dept. Examines whether lawyer assisted mechanisms help resolve post-separation property matters for parties (particularly women) with property pools of less than \$500,000, which is uneconomic to pursue through the family law system.
TBC	Practice guide	How the experiences and circumstances of culturally and linguistically diverse children and families influence child mental health	Anagha Joshi, Dr Pragya Gartoulla	Practice guide by the Child Family Evidence team, commissioned by <a href="#">Emerging Minds</a> National Workforce Centre for publication on their website. Explores the child and family experiences and circumstances that contribute to child mental health service access and outcomes in CALD communities, drawing on evidence and stakeholder consultation.
TBC	Practice guide	Culturally informed approaches, interventions, and resources to support mental health in refugee and asylum seeker children	Dr Pragya Gartoulla, Anagha Joshi	Practice guide by the Child Family Evidence team, commissioned by <a href="#">Emerging Minds</a> National Workforce Centre for publication on their website. Describes how practitioners can support the mental health of children in refugee and asylum seeker populations.

### ► Research studies in the field

Date range	Study	Fieldwork participants	AIFS team and personnel	Notes
August 2022 – June 2023	Community of Practice Pilot Evaluation	Participant polls with Families and Children Activity funded service providers who participate in the Community of Practice	<a href="#">Evidence and Evaluation Support</a> Sharnee Moore, Jessica Smart	Small-scale evaluation of the Community of Practice pilot, which will help AIFS and DSS understand if a Community of Practice model is a useful approach for building the capability of professionals in the FaC sector.
August – December 2022	<i>Ten to Men: The Longitudinal Study on Male Health</i>	National study of over 16,000 boys and men, aged between 10 and 55 when recruited in 2013/14	<a href="#">Ten to Men</a> Dr Sean Martin, Jennifer Renda, Kipling Walker, Jessie Dunstan, Deborah Louwen, Karen Biddiscombe, Sarah Carr	Ten to Men project team and fieldwork provider Social Research Centre have finalised methodology and survey content. Wave 4 fieldwork will be undertaken concurrently for the Main, Pilot and Top-up samples, commencing with an exclusively online survey phase, followed-by a CATI mop-up phase.
September-October 2022	<i>Building a New Life in Australia (BNLA): The Longitudinal Study of Humanitarian Migrants</i>	Next wave survey of humanitarian migrants first surveyed in 2013. Study participants from 35 countries from varied ethno-cultural backgrounds, from 15 to 83 years of age.	<a href="#">Building a New Life in Australia</a> Dr Sean Martin, Dr Pilar Rioseco, Michelle Silbert, Dr Constantine Gasser	Pilot study to test the survey instrument. The Pilot survey will start with mail-out of PAL and online survey going live on 21 September, CATI contact will follow on 24 September and in-home surveying will begin on 27 September. Pilot surveying activities will conclude on 16 October.

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November 2022	AIFS-CFCA Needs and Impact Survey 2022	Professionals working to improve outcomes for children and families.	<a href="#">Child Family Community Australia</a> Dr Stewart Muir, Dr Pragya Gartoulla, Dr Mandy Truong, Anagha Joshi, Cat Strawa, Dr Jasmine B. MacDonald, Melissa Willoughby, Eliza Cotton	Annual survey of practitioners and professionals to help identify the key issues they face and how to support the use of evidence in their work. The findings will inform the development of CFCA resources and services.
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### ► Key events (AIFS-hosted webinars, seminars, workshops, forums)

Date	Event type	Team / series	Event title	Presenters	Notes
12 October	Webinar	Child and Family Evidence/Emerging Minds	<a href="#">How infant-led practice in family violence settings can nurture hope for infants and families</a>	External presenters: Wendy Bunstan, Kristin Walsh, Tauri Smart, Vicki Mansfield	Explores practices that support the infant as an active agent of change in working with families experiencing family and domestic violence. Aimed at practitioners working in the child, family, community, and welfare sectors.
24 October	Webinar	Child and Family Evidence/ANROWS	<a href="#">Family law parenting orders, breaches, and their impact on children</a>	Dr Rae Kaspiew, Dr Rachel Carson; External presenters: Dr Heidi Saunders, Michelle Hayward, Gabrielle Craig	Presents findings of new research by ANROWS and AIFS that reviews the parenting orders enforcement regime in Australia. Aimed at professionals working in the family law and child and family welfare sectors.
16 November	Webinar	Child and Family Evidence/Emerging Minds	<a href="#">Exploring parents' concerns about children's mental health and wellbeing</a>	External presenters: Emi A, Dr Jamie Lee, Joanne Donne	Highlights practice skills for working with parents who have concerns about their child's mental health and wellbeing. Aimed at practitioners for whom working with children is not a regular focus but is within their scope of practice.

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### ► Key AIFS-hosted meetings, visits, appointments

Date	Activity	External representatives	AIFS representatives	Notes
19 September	<i>Growing Up in New Zealand</i> visit to AIFS	Sarah-Jane Paine, Director of <i>Growing Up in New Zealand</i>	AIFS researchers	Knowledge sharing and relationship building.
10-11 October	<i>Growing Up in Ireland</i> visit to AIFS	Professor Richard Layte, <i>Growing Up in Ireland</i> study	AIFS researchers	Knowledge sharing and relationship building.

### Notes:

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