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## Working Model of the Child Interview Clinical Training Melbourne 2020

**Venue: Tweddle – Child and Family Health Service  
53 Adelaide Street, Footscray VIC 3011**

**Dates: 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, followed by monthly group consultation sessions.**

The Working Model of the Child Interview (WMCI) is a 30-75-minute semi-structured interview designed to assess how a caregiver perceives, feels, and thinks about his or her child and their relationship (Zeanah, Benoit, & Barton 1986). A well-recognised clinical tool, the WMCI assists in evaluating the quality of the infant–parent relationship through understanding the parents’ internal representations of their child and relationship. Information can be used for assessment purposes and in formulating treatment goals. The WMCI is applicable to children of all ages and infants and young children are the focus of the current training.

This comprehensive WMCI training package has been designed to build knowledge and transform skills into practice over an extended period. During the initial 2 day workshop, participants will be taught to administer, synthesize, and clinically interpret the interview. Monthly web-based consultations with an experienced facilitator follow the workshop, to continue to improve skill and confidence in clinical use of the WMCI. The number of monthly sessions will depend upon enrolments but not exceed 10.

Who should attend:

Mental health and therapeutic practitioners working with infants and children and their caregivers in assessments (including for Family and Children’s Courts) and therapeutic interventions.

Learning outcomes:

This training will provide participants with:

- a) an understanding of the importance of caregivers’ internal representations of their children and how this influences their relationship with their child and, in turn, the health and wellbeing of the child.
- b) strengths and challenges in the relationship.
- c) areas for intervention to strengthen the relationship and increase protective capacity.

Participants will be provided with a reading pack, copy of the interview and working documents to assist in clinical interpretation.

Cost: \$1100, inclusive of GST.

RSVP: 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Places are limited. To secure your attendance or for further details, please email Rosemary Pellizzari: [wmci.training.au@gmail.com](mailto:wmci.training.au@gmail.com) or 03 9271 8222