



Australian Association
for Infant Mental Health
West Australian Branch

AAIMH WA are delighted to offer a **double** Zoom seminar

Dr Kelli MacMillan and David Ansell

Maternal depression and trauma and the emotional availability of mothers at six months postpartum: findings from the Mercy Pregnancy and Emotional Well-being Study

and;

Using Geo-Spatial Maps and Life Course Research to Improve Child Health - The Child Development Atlas (CDA)

In this double presentation, Dr Macmillan will first discuss the factors that can influence maternal interactions with the infant to provide an insight into infant development and mental health. Her research explores the quality of mother-infant interactions assessed using the Emotional Availability (EA) Scales coding system. The research will be discussed to highlight the importance of tailored clinical intervention for mother-infant dyads, with the presence of a maternal risk factor alone not sufficient to determine a woman's capacity to be emotionally available to her infant at six months postpartum.

In the second part of the presentation, David will explore the Child Development Atlas (CDA). The CDA aims to be an innovative, free to access, on-line interactive mapping tool to identify and investigate spatial patterns in core population health, social and administrative data sets, and geo-locate services. The CDA maps WA Government agency data relating to children and youth, along with other data, such as relating to community, government, and business infrastructure, to provide a visual representation of the characteristics of community at a suburb or neighbourhood level. The use of geo-spatial data to improve child health, with a focus on interagency planning in each community will be discussed.

The Presenters:

Kelli MacMillan - Kelli is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Perinatal Mental Health and a Clinical Psychologist (Registrar). Kelli is interested in factors that influence child development from pregnancy and has published in peer reviewed journals regarding the development of the early mother-infant relationship. Kelli enjoys presenting workshops and seminars and has done so in national and international settings. Kelli has specialist training and experience in the observational assessment of mother-infant interactions, as well as of maternal mental health in pregnancy and the postpartum, and early childhood psychiatric disorders. Kelli currently practices clinically in the public sector in Perth, Australia with women in the perinatal period, and enjoys drawing on her research knowledge and experience in that role. Kelli is passionate about perinatal mental health, and the possible impact we can have on maternal and infant outcomes by providing vulnerable women with clinical support from pregnancy.

David Ansell - David has worked as a senior research manager, teacher, Principal, leader in the not-for-profit sector and senior public servant. A focus of his work has been addressing disadvantage through education, youth at risk, early childhood s and public sector management. In 2020 David was employed by the Telethon Kids Institute as Co-Director of CoLab, established through a partnership between the Telethon Kids Institute and the Minderoo Foundation. A flagship project was the development of the Child Development Atlas.

Date: Thursday 22nd April 2021

Time: 6.00 - 8.15 pm (WST)

Zoom

IMH Competencies:

Direct Service Skills:

Screening & Assessment

Intervention /treatment planning

Cost:

AAIMH members \$10

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Student AAIMH members \$5

Student Non-members \$10

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