

## Introducing child and family practice to parents



**Dr Melinda Goodyear**  
Researcher, Emerging  
Minds, NSW

Dr Melinda Goodyear has over 20 years of experience working as an

implementation scientist and researcher in the area of intergenerational vulnerability in families.

She is particularly interested in understanding how to support and promote mental health well-being amongst family members and how services can work with families where a parent has a mental illness and other co-occurring issues.

Melinda works as a Researcher and Implementation Specialist, supporting organisations to enhance their capacity to support parents in the care of their children, particularly when there is family adversity. She currently holds two positions: Senior Research Fellow at Monash University; and Manager, Research and Evaluation, Emerging Minds ([www.emergingminds.com.au](http://www.emergingminds.com.au)).



**Olivia Clayton**  
Psychologist, Vic

Olivia is a psychologist in private practice as well as a senior practice design specialist at the Parenting Research Centre.

She has over 15 years' experience in both practice and research in a range of sectors, including child and family services, disability and early childhood education. She has an extensive understanding of design and delivery of professional approaches for engaging parents, specifically.

She has coordinated training and delivery of professional development for working with parents for allied health practitioners, early childhood educators, and practitioners working with families where a parent has intellectual disability.



**Jaisen Mahne**  
**Child and Family Partner,**  
**Tas**

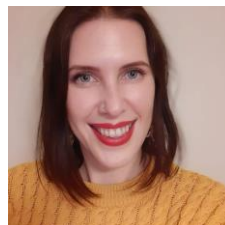
Jaisen is a Family Partner with Emerging Minds. He has worked periodically in the mental health field since 2013 and holds a Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work.

He has contributed to projects with organisations such as the Children of Parents with a Mental Illness national initiative (COPMI) and Emerging Minds, and is a trained facilitator and guest speaker, and he has delivered short programs at mental health expos.

He has sat in on interview panels and forums as a consumer representative, utilising his lived experience as both a consumer and carer to provide advice and feedback on issues surrounding the improvement of mental health services.

He also worked in a voluntary capacity for Flourish, Mental Health Action in Our Hands Inc., as both a consumer representative and as Coordinator for the North-West regional Flourish Action Group.

Passionate about the improvement of mental health services for people of all ages, he hopes his engagement with service providers and health services in his role as a child and family partner will lead to progress in service delivery. He lives in North-West Tasmania with his wife and four children.



**Facilitator: Jacquie Lee**  
**Communications Officer**  
**– Digital Producer, SA**

Jacquie Lee is a writer, editor, and Communications Officer at the Emerging Minds: National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health.

Jacquie's role as editor at Emerging Minds is founded on a robust knowledge of the issues that affect infant and child mental health, and the practices that support positive and safe outcomes. Jacquie plays a lead role in liaising with internal and external authors to produce content that is evidence-based, innovative and accessible to all practitioners.

Jacquie began her career in the arts and has worked with some of South Australia's leading festivals and theatre companies including the Adelaide Fringe, Adelaide Festival of Arts and Windmill Theatre Company.

After seeing the negative impact that working in the creative industries can have on mental health, she enrolled in a Graduate Diploma of Psychology with the University of New England and joined the Emerging Minds team shortly thereafter.

Jacquie has a particular interest in practice approaches that provide innovative, empowering and non-stigmatising engagement opportunities for disadvantaged children and their families.