

The Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research in conjunction with CQUniversity's Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Health Distinguished Visitor's Program is pleased to host a seminar by:

Eddie Gallagher

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Date: Wednesday 1st July, 2009

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

(45 minute presentation followed by discussion & questions)

Venue: Building 20, Room G.11, CQUniversity Mackay Campus, Boundary Road and video-linked to 9 sites in Queensland - see following page for details.

Child to Parent Violence: Who, what & why?

Abstract:

Anecdotal evidence suggests a recent rise in violence towards parents from children and young people. Although the behaviours involved often resemble other forms of family violence, conceptualizing this as family violence presents problems and existing services are often at a loss as to how to deal with these families. Melbourne psychologist, social worker and family therapist Eddie Gallagher has been working with these families for the past fifteen years and has data on a clinical sample of 250. He has also reviewed the scant, but often contradictory, literature available on the topic. He sees two main types of families, in roughly equal numbers: those where there has been past domestic violence; and indulgent, caring parents with a temperamentally difficult child who dis-empowers his or her parents with a variety of abusive behaviours. He sees parenting as only one part of the puzzle and believes that automatic parent blaming, which reinforces parents' guilt and confusion, makes these situations worse.

About the Presenter:

Eddie is a Psychologist, Social Worker and Family Therapist with over 30 years experience in health and welfare, plus extensive teaching experience. He works in private practice in Melbourne, runs regular groups for parents of violent young people, and facilitates men's behaviour change groups. He has been interested in family violence for the past 25 years and particularly in violence towards parents for the past 15 years. His clinical sample of abusive adolescents, through counselling and group work, is now over 250. He has given many talks to workers and parents on violence to parents and recently completed a Master's thesis on this topic.

Please Note: Places are limited!

This event is free of charge, however all attendees *must* register by 29 June- see details on following page.

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Sites hosting a video-link of this presentation

North Queensland

Thursday Island: T1.001

Cairns: James Cook University campus, A21.001

Townsville: James Cook University campus, DA009-001

Central Queensland

Rockhampton: CQUniversity campus, Building 33, Room G.14 & 33/G.22

Bundaberg: CQUniversity campus, Building 1, Room 1.05

Gladstone: CQUniversity campus, Building 3, Room G.27

Western Queensland

Emerald: CQUniversity campus 1/A.205

Mt Isa: James Cook University campus Main Building, 100 Joan Street, Lecture rooms 1,2,3

South-east Queensland

Brisbane: QUT, Gardens Point campus, Block M, Lecture Theatre M306

See <http://www.qut.edu.au/about/location/index.jsp> for directions. Parking information Ph:31382225

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Closing date: June 29

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- **Your name**
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- **Location of your service**
- **Organisation**

to the Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research (CDFVR) on 49407839 (fax) or emailing enquiries@noviolence.com.au Further information about this seminar can be obtained by calling 07 4940 7835. Attendees will receive confirmation of their registration.

A DVD of this seminar will also be produced and made available free of charge.

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