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CHANGEMAKERS 2021

Community implementation of developmental disability practices



Kids Plus is delighted to introduce Changemakers - a new conference which will take place at the RACV Torquay Resort, Victoria on 22-23 April 2021.

In a recent **New York Times [article](#)**, Drayton said, “**Changemakers are people who can see the patterns around them, identify the problems in any situation, figure out ways to solve the problem, organize fluid teams, lead collective action and then continually adapt as situations change.**”

Changemakers are described as individuals who are committed to advancing the common good, wherever they operate. This is equally relevant for community-based disability service providers and researchers to ensure best practice and innovative design within developmental disability.

Changemakers 2021 will explore current research, clinical reasoning and provide an opportunity to share successful models of practice. Presentations will include;

- People with lived experience of disability presenting from their perspective – families and participants directly to inform change in the future direction of services and therapy,
- Insights from experienced leaders in the field, National and International, who have experienced changing practices in paediatric disability services with a vision for the future,
- Allied Health clinicians presenting about innovative programs that can be directly implemented back into clinical practice – ideas to directly change the practice landscape.



Ideally suited for those passionate about therapy and interventions for babies, children and young people with neuro-developmental conditions, **Changemakers 2021** will feature keynote presentations from international key note speakers such as [Professor Peter Rosenbaum](#), co-founder of CanChild Centre for Disability Research and [Dr Margaret Mayston](#), Associate Professor – Neuroscience & General Physiology, Hon, Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Child Health; national experts such as [Professor Angela Drew](#), Associate Professor, Disability and Inclusion at Deakin University and [Professor Christine Imms](#), Apex Australia Chair of Neurodevelopment & Disability, Department of Paediatrics – University of Melbourne; along with national experts, and workshops from leading therapists, clinicians, researchers and those with lived experience of disability. The Conference will prioritise the now and what we can and should be doing to ensure we offer the best of possibilities for those we seek to benefit.

Changemakers 2021 is on over two days with delegates given the opportunity to attend in person or online.

More information is available at www.kidsplus.org.au/conference

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