



Queensland Counsellors Association Inc  
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Friday 2 October 2009

# “COMPLEX TRAUMA: The Legacy of Child Abuse & Neglect”

Presenter:

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**Complex trauma** is increasingly acknowledged as the potent legacy of early childhood abuse and neglect and ongoing exposure to loss, trauma and inadequate service responses. This workshop will provide participants with both:

- an understanding of the key ideas and theories about complex trauma; and
- the implications of these for effective interventions, service development, training and research.

**The presenters** have worked to present a fusion of their practice learning and the teachings of key researchers and practitioners in the area of complex trauma and healing. The workshop is designed for:

- Practitioners (including therapists, support workers, child protection workers) in community and government agencies, and
- Managers and policy makers endeavouring to deliver effective programs to promote healing and to strengthen families and communities.

*Sharon is a social worker with experience in working with vulnerable children, young people and families in the United Kingdom and regional Queensland. She is a specialist counsellor at Ipswich Lifeline where the realities of violence, sexual abuse, loss, suicide, and child abuse and neglect are commonplace in her day to day work. Sharon teaches in the area of complex trauma and work with children, and has recently spent 10 weeks in the US developing links with a number of agencies that specialize in trauma-informed practice and research.*

**WHERE:** Room 15, Endeavour College of Natural Health (formerly Australian College of Natural Medicine), 362 Water Street Valley – Plenty of parking – Drive in from Water Street up the driveway to the end of the main building, turn left into car park beside Room 15

**WHEN:** 5.00pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. Enjoy light refreshments, including wine, juice and snacks and a chance to meet, talk and network with other counsellors from 5.00pm. Topic presentation starts 5.45pm and concludes at 7.00pm

**COST:** \$15.00 incl GST for QCA and PACFA members - \$20.00 incl GST for non-members. Payable at the door.

**R.S.V.P.:** Please advise if you are attending before Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September to [qca@qca.asn.au](mailto:qca@qca.asn.au)

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