



## ANZASW MASTER CLASS FORUM – SSPA Conference 2017

**Presenter:** Daryl Brougham, Social worker and Author of “Through the eyes of a Foster Child”

**Topic:** Breaking through Boundaries – the voice of the child in out- of- home care.

Daryl Brougham is a New Zealand Maori man who spent his first 18 years in foster care with over 70 foster placements in that time. Daryl is a qualified social worker and the author of ‘*Through the eyes of a Foster Child*’. Daryl’s story details the many types of abuse, neglect, sexual and physical ill treatment he experienced. This abuse has been validated by an official government apology received in 2015.

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Daryl gives his audiences a personal perspective of life as a child in care. Daryl offers insight into the importance of identity, belonging, and trust and how we all shape this for a child. Daryl uses a picture show to capture this, by taking the adult viewer through a foster home, school and what it’s like to be indigenous in care

Daryl brings realness, reality and shows the many hidden boundaries he had to face as a child in care.

Daryl’s voice is the voice of the child in out-of-home care.

### **Biography:**

In 1990, at the age of ten, Daryl Brougham was told by a social worker that he was useless and would end up in jail. By 1997, he had attended 27 schools, been through over 30 social workers and lived in more than 30 different foster homes in New Zealand and overseas (including United State of America). During his 18 years as a state ward he suffered repeated sexual, physical, emotional and psychological abuse.

Imagine coming home to be told you are moving somewhere new in half an hour. Imagine being forced to eat a spider. Imagine drinking from the toilet bowl because you’re too scared to go near the kitchen. Imagine what you would become after all those years of living in fear and loneliness.

Rising above all the abuse, Daryl proved that social worker wrong. He didn’t end up in prison. Instead, he vowed to become a better social worker than his detractor. He studied social work at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in Mangere and graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work (Biculturalism in Practice). Today Daryl works to educate communities about what it is like to be in foster care and how the impacts of care can be minimised.

In 2015, he received an official apology from the Ministry of Social Development for a litany of errors, including failure to follow their own procedures and placing him with unapproved caregivers.

In 2017 Daryl was a finalist in the New Zealander of the Year for the work he does nationally and internationally.

*Through the Eyes of a Foster Child* is the story of Daryl's journey.

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**Presenters:** Amanda Meynell, National Manager, Child Matters & Nicola Woodward, CEO, Aviva.

**Topic: Collaboration in Action- developing whānau child protection champions**

Peer support specialists provide a catalyst for change as they attract and influence others within their families/whānau and communities to take a stand against family violence. Their involvement also promotes a collective attitudinal change, resulting in a reduction of social tolerance for violence.

This presentation will highlight a new collaborative initiative being piloted in the Eastern suburbs of Christchurch that builds on the existing "You Matter to Me" project. This initiative engages peer support specialists to support the development of whānau child protection champions in local communities to enhance the safety and wellbeing of their children.

The presenters will outline the benefit of peer support specialists, those with lived experience, who walk alongside, role model, transfer knowledge and inspire others to improve outcomes for tamariki and whānau affected by family violence.

**Key points:**

- Highlight a collaborative initiative where using a peer support approach is developing whānau child protection champions.
- Outline what peer support is, the contrast and similarities between peer support and social work
- Identify how a peer support approach can improve outcomes for children and whānau affected by family violence, while also forming part of a preventative approach in communities to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children.

**Biography:**

**Amanda Meynell:** Amanda Meynell has worked at Child Matters since 2010. Amanda is a registered social worker with qualifications in social work, social science and adult teaching. She previously worked at Child, Youth and Family as a social worker, social work supervisor and site manager (secondment), and has also practiced statutory social work in the United Kingdom. As the National Manager of the Child Protection Education and Advisory Service at Child Matters, Amanda leads a team of Child Protection Consultants and is responsible for the national development, design and delivery of child protection training, consultancy and policy advisory services. She is the NGO Child and Young Person Specialist on the Midlands Family Violence Death Review Panel and a member of the Waikato Child, Youth Mortality Review Group.

**Nicola Woodward:**

Nicola Woodward joined Aviva as CEO in 2011 to lead the agency's transformation from Christchurch Women's Refuge (established as New Zealand's first refuge in 1973) to the integrated whole of family agency it is today. Nicola is passionate about the need to reform and reorganise our health and social service response to family violence harm. Within this context, and following the Canterbury earthquakes in 2010/11, Nicola championed the development of

The Loft, a unique centre of co-located social, community and health services in eastern Christchurch. Nicola is a Registered General Nurse with a Masters in Health & Social Policy and moved to NZ from the UK in 2006.

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**Presenter:** Toni Hocquard, Manager, Stand Children's Services, Rotorua.

**Topic:** Creating an Environment for Collaborative Social Work Practice - A System in Need of R.E.P.A.I.R

Grant Sinnamon (2013) has presented a six-step model of intervention for responding to and healing the impacts on the brain of abuse, trauma, neglect, illness and developmental interference. REPAIR stands for R-Regulate, E- Evaluate, P-Present, A- Attend, I-Intervention, R-Re-Engage. This model will be applied to the social service sector environment and will offer a distinct way of looking at and navigating the current environment.

Key points:

- Developing an environment where social workers can thrive, grow and re-claim their voice.
- To move beyond boundaries, we first must be clear about where the boundary is, as collaboration requires respect and the building of strong relationships. You cannot do this from a position of being disempowered which is where many social workers find themselves.

### **Biography – Toni Hocquard**

After graduating with a Bachelor of Social Work from Massey University, Toni worked for a time at Palmerston North Hospital, before spending 5 years in Papua New Guinea, an experience which challenged many beliefs. On returning to New Zealand she secured a position at QE Health (formerly Queen Elizabeth Hospital), Rotorua, working in the field of rehabilitation. Patient education was a focus and Toni was instrumental in establishing the Fibromyalgia Programme. Further study saw Toni graduate with an MA (Hons) (rehabilitation) from Massey University. She also holds an Advanced Certificate in REBT. With an interest in education Toni took up a position at Waiariki Institute of Technology as the Stream Co-ordinator for the Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Social Work) and led a re-development of the degree which resulted in successful accreditation. Since 2010 Toni has been the Regional Manager of Stand Children's Services – Midland, an organisation that provides both community and residential services to vulnerable children and their families. Toni is a Registered Social Worker and a Full member of ANZASW. Toni also served as a member of the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board for 6 years from 2008 and was Chair from the beginning of 2010 until her term on the Board came to an end in 2014.