

BELINDA FULLER

Child and Family Consultant | Panel Family Consultant | Family Report Writer

Professional Profile and Experience

Belinda is a qualified Social Worker with more than 25 years' experience working with children, young people and families across family law, child protection and forensic assessment. Since 2015, she has worked as both a Child and Family Consultant in private practice and a Panel Family Consultant with the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia. Belinda has extensive experience undertaking child-focused assessments in complex parenting matters involving family violence, coercive control, child protection concerns, mental illness, substance misuse, personality vulnerability, high-conflict parenting disputes and complex family dynamics.

Current Positions

2015 – Present

Child and Family Consultant

Private Practice, Unley, South Australia

2015 – Present

Panel Family Consultant

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

Areas of Expertise

- Child-focused assessment and family law practice.
- Assessment of children's developmental, emotional and relational needs in the context of parental separation and family conflict.
- Family violence, coercive control and risk assessment.
- Child protection concerns and allegations of abuse.
- Engaging with children and young people to understand and communicate their experiences, views and needs in a developmentally appropriate manner.
- Twelve years' experience as a Senior Social Worker within the Child Protection Service, Flinders Medical Centre.
- Early career experience as a Social Worker with Families SA working with vulnerable children and families.
- Ongoing professional development in family violence, child development, child sexual abuse and contemporary family law practice.

Tertiary Qualifications

2003	Certificate IV in Interagency Practice (Child Abuse)	Tafe SA
2000	Bachelor of Social Work	Flinders University
1998	Bachelor of Nursing	Flinders University

Professional Membership

Current Member

Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)

Previous Professional Experience

2003 – 2015

Senior Social Worker

Child Protection Service, Flinders Medical Centre

2000 – 2003

Social Worker

Families SA

Recent Professional Development

2026

- How to Manage Disputes for a Child – Family Law Pathways (May 2026)
- Technology Facilitated Abuse and Online Safety – eSafety Commissioner (March 2026)

2025

- Child Sexual Abuse Cases – AFCC (October 2025)
- Family Violence – Coercive Control – AASW (September 2025)
- Family Violence Risk Assessment: Identifying Coercive Control and Enhancing Safety Outcomes – AASW (August 2025)
- Engaging with People Who Use Violence: Recognising and Resisting Collusion – Court Children's Service Seminar (August 2025)
- The Power of Showing Up: How Parental Presence Shapes Who Our Kids Become and How Their Brains Get Wired – Dr Aliza Pressman and Dr Dan Siegel (March 2025)
- Cross Examination – Court Children's Service Seminar (March 2025)

2024

- Family Violence Assessment in Practice – Court Children's Service Seminar Series (November 2024)
- What Happens at a Compliance and Readiness Hearing? – Judge Monica Neville (November 2024)
- Understanding Child and Adolescent Sexual Development – Dan Howell, Training Centre for Excellence in Therapeutic Care (October 2024)
- Deepening Cultural Competency: Working with Muslim Families – Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights (July 2024)
- Working with Autistic Children: Key Considerations – ACE at Griffith University (June 2024)
- Reflections on Child Assessment in the Context of the Family Law Amendment Act 2023 – Karen Gabriel and Stacey McGuinness (May 2024)
- Growing Engaging Practice with Children: Focusing on Resistant Presentations – Emerging Minds (April 2024)

Ongoing professional development in family violence, child development, trauma, family assessments, mental health and drug and alcohol abuse.

Current Services

- Family Reports
- Child Impact Reports
- Parenting Capacity Assessments
- Single Expert Reports