

Investigations by the AFP into online child sex offences have escalated exponentially to 11,000 cases in 2015. What happens to the families and partners of offenders in the aftermath of the investigations and legal proceedings? Too often they are traumatised, stigmatised, and ostracised by society and their own families. Those affected are left with very little support – both professionally and within their own support networks.

PCI, in conjunction with PartnerSPEAK, are proud to announce their Sydney symposium

Saturday October 28th,
9:00-12:00

16 Masons Drive, North
Parramatta, NSW
Sydney

Child Sexual Abuse: Invisible Collateral Damage



Cost

Psychologists and mental health professionals: \$75

Provisional psychologists and students: \$40

(Ex)partners, family members: \$25

Morning tea is provided

This symposium is an opportunity for psychologists, counsellors, general practitioners, and professionals working in forensic settings and the community sector to develop their knowledge and skills in working with individuals experiencing the *invisible collateral damage* associated with offending behaviour. Individuals affected by a (ex)partners or family member's offending would also benefit from attending this important symposium.

Please register your interest by contacting the PCI offices at pciuca@nswact.uca.org.au or calling (02) 9683 3664 by 13 October 2017

This ground breaking event hopes to raise awareness about the experience of partners and families of sex offenders. Leaders in the fields of research and therapy will offer their insights to guide the professional practice of those who work directly and indirectly with this group of people. A special guest speaker with lived experience will also share her reflections on the nuanced trauma and growth associated with this difficult journey.

Our Guest Speakers:

Marg Liddell

Dr Marg Liddell is a senior lecturer at RMIT University with research interests in women and justice, child protection, the juvenile justice system among others. Her world-first research revealed the significant trauma, stigma, and isolation among women whose partners had accessed online child abuse material.

Natalie Walker

Natalie Walker is the CEO and founder of PartnerSPEAK which is based on the principles of Intentional Peer Support. Natalie has been advocating that partners affected by child abuse material be recognised as experiencing trauma for over a decade. Natalie has experience and qualifications in family violence, mediation, education and not-for-profit management.

Naomi Millar Powell

Naomi is one of the provisional psychologists at PCI. Her approach to working with people is informed by her engaging and warm interpersonal style. Naomi currently works with a range of presentations in addition to her individual and group work with the (ex)partners of child sex offenders.

Sharon van Doorene

Sharon is a registered psychologist whose warmth and relational style is complemented by her integrative approach to working with people. Sharon has experience working in a wide range of psychological settings and is one of the senior clinicians at PCI where her work includes individual and group work with the (ex)partners of child sex offenders.



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