



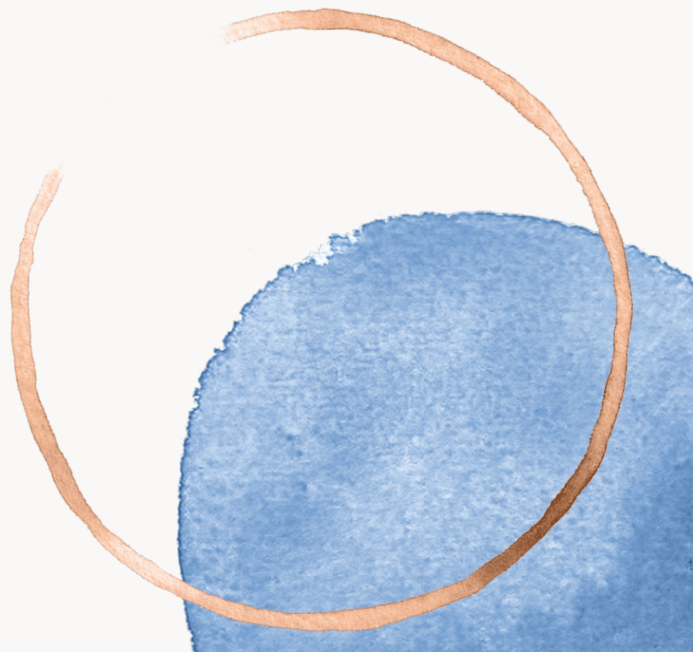
Turning Point

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Presentation Prospectus

25-27 March 2026
Melbourne / Naarm

Australia's first national symposium dedicated to pre-birth & infant safety reports



Turning Point

Reframing pre-birth & infant safety reports through promising practices

This landmark event will bring together voices of lived experience of young parents with leading practitioners, policymakers, and researchers specialising in the first 1000 days of early intervention.

The program will spotlight innovative approaches to service design and policy in relation to pre-birth and infant safety reports, with a particular focus on young parents. Through keynotes, presentations and collaborative sessions, the symposium will facilitate the sharing of insights, research, and practice innovations, ensuring young parents are central to shaping the future of early childhood support systems.

THE TURNING POINT

Across Australia, young parents are disproportionately represented in pre-birth and infant child protection reports. While each jurisdiction has its own legislative and policy frameworks, the lack of consistent national data makes it difficult to fully understand and address this issue.

Evidence shows that early, intensive intervention can reduce the need for child removal and improve outcomes for families, yet current approaches are not addressing the root cause and systemic issues contributing to adverse childhood experiences. Parents affected by pre-birth reports are unseen and unsupported, and the intergenerational impact needs to be platformed.

The long-term impact of child removal, on both the child and the parent, cannot be ignored. Instead, access to intensive and specialised early intervention programs for young parents at risk of child protection involvement, can ensure families are safe and supported.



About The Symposium

This symposium is designed to platform, facilitate and share key insights, research and practice innovations specifically focused on challenging current assumptions underpinning public policy, program design and service delivery.

We welcome EOIs that address this theme directly or explore related sub-themes, such as:

- Early & Holistic Intervention
- Cross Sector Collaboration
- Evidence-informed Practices & Promising Ways of Working
- Prioritising Cultural Safety
- Recognising the Impact of Intergenerational Trauma
- Embedding the Voice of Parents & Lived Experience
- Workforce Capability & Support
- Keeping Children with their Families & Communities

WHO CAN APPLY?

We encourage EOIs from a wide range of voices and perspectives, including:

- Academics & Research Practitioners
- Sector Professionals & Practitioners
- Policymakers
- Individuals with lived or living experience
- Advocates & Community Leaders
- Young People

The symposium welcomes participation from people of all backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

The inclusive nature of the event ensures that all voices have a chance to contribute and benefit from the symposium's offerings.

EOIs can be submitted by individuals or on behalf of a team or organisation.



Opportunities

BREAK-OUT PRESENTATIONS

25 MINUTES (+ 5MIN Q&A)

Presentations showcasing emerging and promising practices, insights, projects and ideas regarding young parents, out of home care placements and safe guarding children.

To accommodate demand and thematic alignment, some submissions may be invited to participate in a panel discussion.

IMPORTANT DATES

EOI submissions close:

7 November 2025

Applicants notified:

28 November 2025

Speaker acceptance deadline:

5 December 2025

Symposium:

25-27 March 2026

SUPPORT FOR PRESENTERS

We value your time and contribution. Approved speakers will receive:

- One free delegate registration per successful abstract
- Pre-event briefing & coordination
- Tech & AV support



SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Complete the EOI form and submit via email to events@bravefoundation.org.au

Expression of Interest

Presentation / Session Title	
Format (Keynote or Breakout)	
Abstract Description (max 300 words)	
Relevance to Symposium Theme(s) (max 50 words)	
Contributor bio(s) (max 150 words from each)	
Any technical or AV requirements?	

Lived Experience



Central to this symposium is a commitment to ensuring young parents are not unseen or unheard in the conversations that directly impact their lives. We are actively prioritising the presence of lived experience in the room, recognising that authentic, meaningful change begins with listening to and learning from those who have navigated these systems firsthand. To support this, sponsorships will be available to cover participation costs, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent young parents from contributing their insights, shaping discussions and influencing future policy and practice.

About Brave Foundation

As a national not for profit working with young parents, Brave Foundation engages with young people whose needs and strengths often go unseen and unheard. Brave is a leader in elevating the lived experiences and expertise of young parents and it is our responsibility to amplify their voices, the challenges they face, highlight their strengths and provide opportunities for our community to support them to build happy, healthy and connected families.

Please contact Brave Foundation if you have any questions about Turning Point 2026.

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