



# Family Centred Practice

Featuring International Presenter  
Dr. Carl Dunst.



**Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**

**Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm**

**Venue: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre,  
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Victoria**

Early Childhood Intervention Australia (Victorian Chapter) is proud to announce the visit to Melbourne of Dr Carl Dunst whose work on Family Centred Practice has influenced so many fields of research & practice in family and childhood service delivery.

Carl Dunst has been a leading proponent of family centred practice for over 20 years. He has been instrumental in articulating key features of family centred practice, in developing ways of evaluating it, and in synthesising the evidence for its efficacy. This year will be 20 years since Carl's first visit to Australia, an apt time to reflect upon the development of family centred practice since then. Carl and colleagues have recently synthesised the evidence regarding the nature and effects of family centred practice, and have 20 years of evaluation data on a particular ECI program in North Carolina. The findings from these studies are most informative and will help us reflect upon where Victoria is heading with this most important aspect of service delivery.

Although family-centred practice has been a central philosophy of early childhood intervention and other services in Victoria for two decades, there are no procedures for training practitioners in the skills involved, and no systematic ways of monitoring service delivery to see if it truly reflects family-centred practices. Recognising these gaps, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Human Services have recently contracted the development of a set of guides on family-centred practice for those working with children with disabilities and their families.

- **Half day seminar** reflecting on 20 years of family-centred practice in Victoria – where we have got to and where we are heading – with a keynote presentation from Carl Dunst focusing on clarification of the role of FCP, review of evidence, and implications for practice.
- **Potential audiences:** ECIS service providers, DHS disability service providers, early childhood education and care staff, school staff, DEECD/DHS departmental staff, universities and training bodies.

## About the Speaker:

Dr. Carl Dunst is one of the preeminent international figures in the early childhood intervention field. He is the founder and co-director of the Orelena Hawks Puckett Institute at Morgan State University in Morganton, North Carolina and the principal research scientist for the Family, Infant, and Preschool Program. FIPP serves families throughout western North Carolina with a variety of early education and family support programs. Dr. Dunst serves on the editorial board of the International Society on Early Intervention. He has been a creative and prolific researcher and author in the arena of family support, early childhood intervention, and services for children with disabilities and their families. His research and practice has included everyday child learning opportunities and the manner in which family and community activity settings provide contexts for meaningful and functional child learning and development. His research and practice has also included the study of capacity-building family-centered practices, and especially practices that actively involve parents in carrying out child rearing responsibilities.



# Family Centred Practice With Dr. Carl Dunst

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Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August, 2010 9.30am – 2.00pm <i>(lunch provided)</i>	Family–Centred Practice	\$80 Subsidised* \$150 Full Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
ECIA (VC) Membership		\$77	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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