



Centre for
Relational Care

Webinar

Words that wound to Words that heal

*Your language and its role in
supporting families*



Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter (FISH) and the Centre for Relational Care (CRC) warmly invite you to join us for a conversation on how language shapes experiences for children and families in the care system.

When: Wednesday 25 June 2025

Time: 11.30 AM – 1.00 PM AEST

Where: Online, register below

Cost: Free

About the webinar

We'll hear from people with lived experience, share examples of harmful language, and explore relational alternatives that foster dignity and connection. This isn't about wordsmithing – it's about exploring what lies underneath the words we use. Whether you're a caseworker, parent, carer or policy maker, this is a space to reflect on what we say and write - and the impact it has. The webinar aims to:

- Deepen understanding of the real-world impact of the words we use - spoken and written - on children, families and carers.
- Amplify lived experience, helping participants hear directly from families and young people affected by harmful language.
- Challenge common terms and phrases that reflect bureaucracy over humanity, and explore what they reveal about underlying attitudes and values.
- Encourage reflection and change, supporting participants to consider how they can shift to more relational practice.
- Start a broader conversation, with ideas to keep the momentum going across organisations and sectors.

The webinar will include a facilitated panel discussion where you will hear stories and ideas from a young person, a family member, a peer advocate and a former caseworker.

REGISTER

If you have any questions, please contact Jess Hardiman, Engagement and Advocacy Advisor, at jess@centreforrelationalcare.org.au

About Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter

Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter (FISH) is a parent-led organisation based in the Hunter Valley and Central Coast of NSW. We support families with children in the child protection and out-of-home care systems by promoting family inclusion, peer advocacy, and genuine partnership. Our work is grounded in the belief that children do better when families are included and supported, not excluded or judged.

About the Centre for Relational Care

We are an independent not-for-profit body committed to transforming child protection and out-of-home care in Australia to a Child Connection System that puts relationships first. We guide policy change discussions and the development of practical, alternative solutions to current care systems.