

Dr Sophia Franks

SINGLE EXPERT WITNESS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Clinical Psychologist with over 23 years of experience
- Member of Clinical College and Clinical Supervisor (APS)
- AHPRA registered and clinically endorsed and approved supervisor
- Specialist Medicare provider
- Single Expert Witness in the Children's Court & Federal Circuit and Family Court

EDUCATION

- 2017-2018 **Post Graduate Applied Law Program**
Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP), College of Law
- 2012-2015 **Psychoanalytic Training**
Melbourne Institute of Psychoanalysis
- 2002-2008 **Doctor of Philosophy/ Masters in Clinical Psychology**
Australian Catholic University, Melbourne
- 2007 **Postgraduate Diploma of Parent-Infant Mental Health**
University of Melbourne
- 2000 **Developmental Psychiatry Certificate**
Austin Repatriation Medical Centre, Melbourne
- 1997 **Postgraduate Diploma of Professional Psychology**
Bond University, Queensland
- 1992-1996 **Bachelor of Arts (Applied Psychology)**
Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)
Griffith University, Queensland
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **Bond University, Senior Teaching Fellow, Lead Educator**
Honours and Masters Programs, Clinical Psychology
- 2022- Current **French Quarter Chambers, Child-Inclusive Mediations**
- 2006- Current **Director, Private Practice**
Parent-Infant Mental Health,
Child, Adolescent & Family Therapy, Adult Psychotherapy
- 2017-Current **Family Circuit and Family Court, Children's Court**
Single Expert Witness
- 2018- 2021 **Children's Court Clinic, Melbourne**
Sessional Clinical Psychologist, Care & Protection
- 2019 **Children's Court Clinic, Melbourne**
Sessional Supervisor - Care & Protection
- 2017- 2019 **Reg 7/ Family Consultant**
Federal Circuit & Family Court of Australia
- 2013 & 2016 **Victoria University, Melbourne**
Sessional Clinical Psychodynamic Supervisor
- 2016 & 2011 **Australian Catholic University, Melbourne**
Sessional Lecturer, Course Co-ordinator
Psychopathology
Assessment & Intervention for Child, Youth & Family
- 2007-2009 **Mercy Hospital for Women, Psychiatry Department, Melbourne**
Senior Clinical Psychologist (P4 position), Perinatal Psychiatry
Assessment and Intervention for high-risk infants and mothers
Developing models of care, for young mothers, drug-dependent
Intervention and policy development for cumulative risk factors
Antenatal and postnatal attachment Psychotherapy
Training and workshops

- 2002-2007 **Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne**
Department of Anaesthesia and Pain Management
Senior Clinical Psychologist (P3 position)
Honorary Researcher & Funding Murdoch Institute
Assessment and Intervention Children & Families
- 2001 **Cranbourne Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service**
Placement
Assessment and Intervention for Children and Adolescents
Play therapy and projective testing
- 2001 **Epworth-Bethesda Hospital, Melbourne**
Pain Management Program
Placement and Locum position
Clinical assessment of adult patients, individual and group therapy
- 2000 **Alfred Hospital, Melb**
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
Placement
Clinical assessments of children, parents and families
Psychodynamic assessment, & formulation
- 2001-2002 **Yooralla Society of Victoria Family Options Program**
Senior Family Placement Worker, Northern Region; DHS liaison
Quality Assurance, supervision.
- 1999-2001 **Yooralla Society of Victoria**
Family Placement Worker
Case management of children and families Neurodiversity
Psychosocial assessment of children and families
Recruitment, education and training of caregivers
Behavioural management and risk assessment
Child and family counselling and transition planning

- 1998-1999 **Goulburn Valley Family Care, Melbourne**
Families First Program
Caseworker/Counsellor
Therapy Parents with a Protective Application, Child Protection
Formulating an eight- week intervention plan based on goals
Liaison client, Child Protection, representation in court
Placement prevention and family reunification
- 1998 **Melbourne Specialised Support Agency, Melbourne**
Attendant carer
Behaviour management and risk assessment
Management of self-harming and high- risk behaviours in young people
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Assoc, Prof Teng, Pediatric Sleep Medicine, Prof Gringras, King College London, Paediatric Neurodiversity. The Sleep Forum, Aspen (Sep 2022). Workshop Presentation: Parent-Child Interactions, Neurodiversity and Sleep Disorders in Children. Sydney.

Assoc, Prof Teng, Pediatric Sleep Medicine, Prof Gringras, King College London, Paediatric Neurodiversity. The Sleep Forum, Aspen (Aug, 2022). Workshop Presentation, Integration of Medicine and Behaviour Management for Children with Neurodiversity and Sleep Disorders, Melbourne.

Franks, S. N; Joyce, M.; Chalkiadis, G. (2005). Maternal and Child Emotional Regulation in Paediatric Chronic Pain. Workshop presentation at 11th World Congress of Pain; Vancouver, Canada.

Franks, S. N; Joyce, M., Marks, Z. (2005, Aug). Maternal and child emotional regulation in paediatric chronic pain. Poster session presented at the Australian Pain Society, Sydney, Australia.

Franks, S., Chalkiadis, G., Collins, J. (2003, June). Assessment of the Children's Depression Inventory (CDI) and the Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale (RCMAS) in Paediatric Persistent Pain. Poster session presented at the Australian Pain Society, Sydney, Australia.

PAPERS

Franks, S. N; Joyce, M.; Chalkiadis, G. (2005). Maternal and Child Emotional Regulation in Paediatric Chronic Pain. In Flor, H; Kalso, E; Dosrovsy, J.O. (Ed.), Proceedings of the 11th World Congress on Pain (p.597-609). International Association for the Study of Pain.

Franks, S. (2003, March). Multidisciplinary approach to paediatric pain: The psychologist's perspective. Paper presented at the meeting for the Australian Pain Society, Canberra, Australia.
