



Ensuring the visibility of children

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Partnership ACCP and COPMI

A collaborative approach
brining together national
initiatives with a shared interest in
vulnerable children



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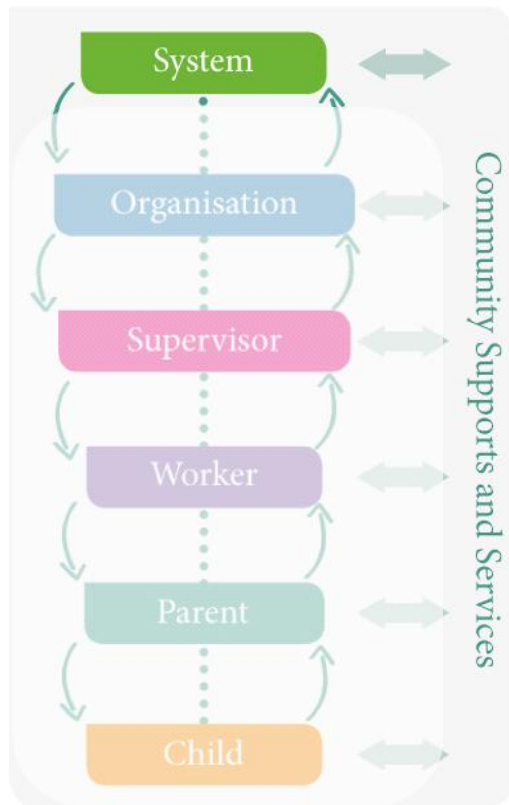
Child Aware practice is an emerging concept in Australia with a focus on supporting parenting and improving outcomes for children .

Adult services are asked to consider the parenting role and the needs of children of their adult clients.

There is also a focus on the collaborative relationship between services.



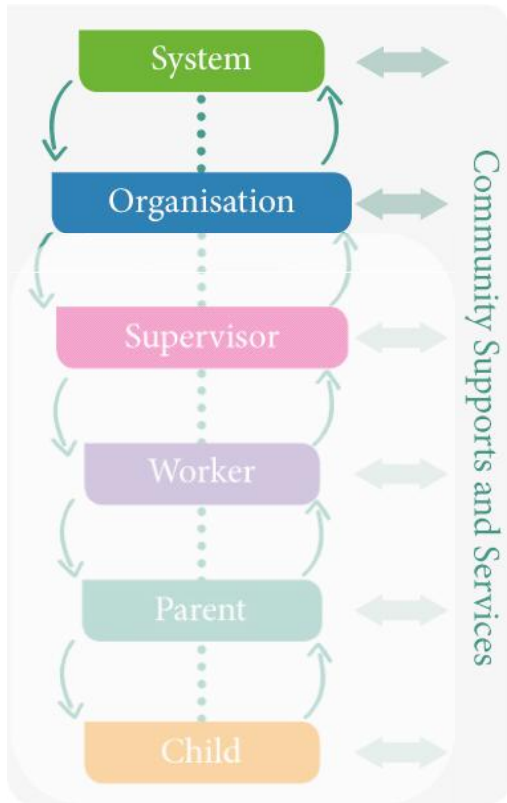
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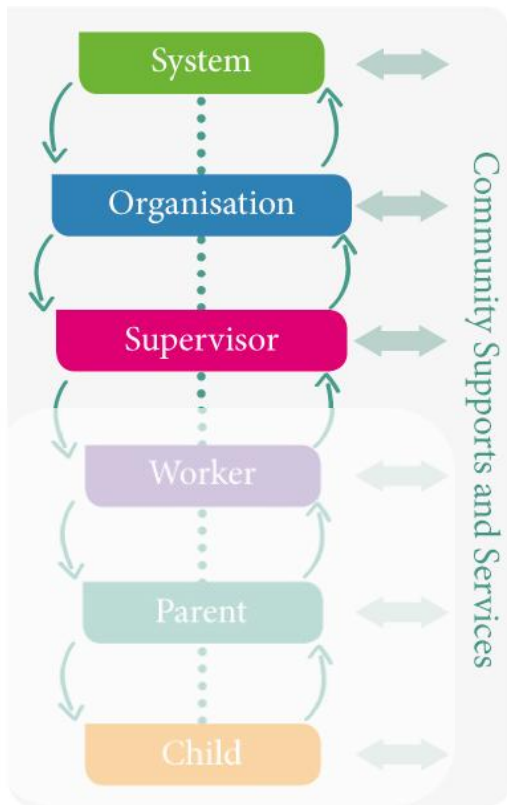
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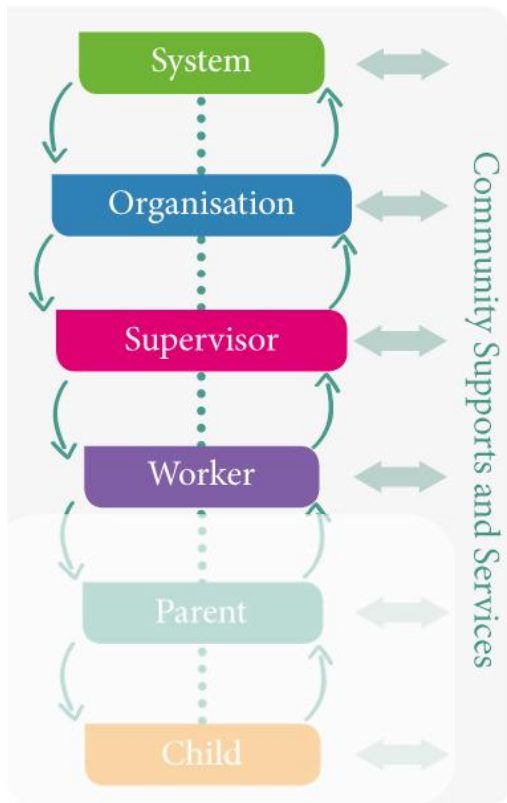
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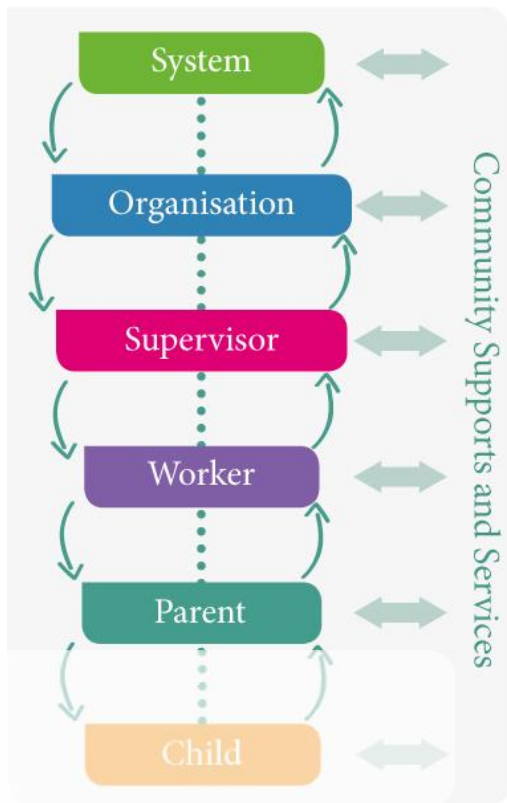
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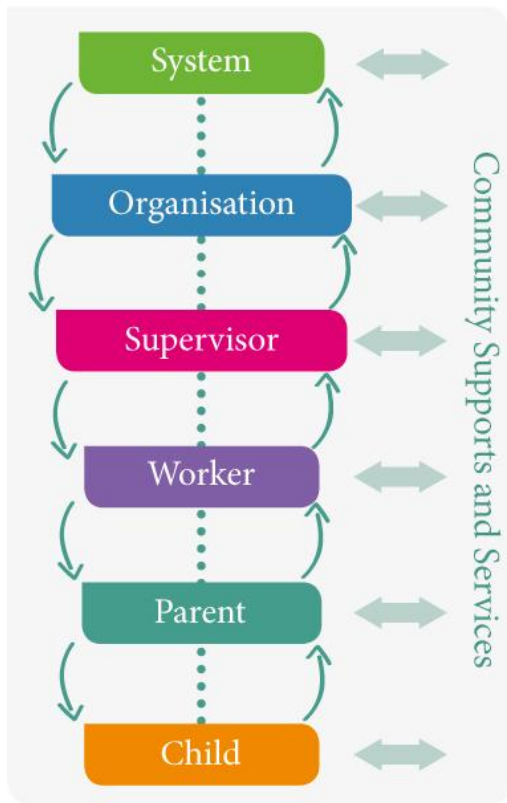
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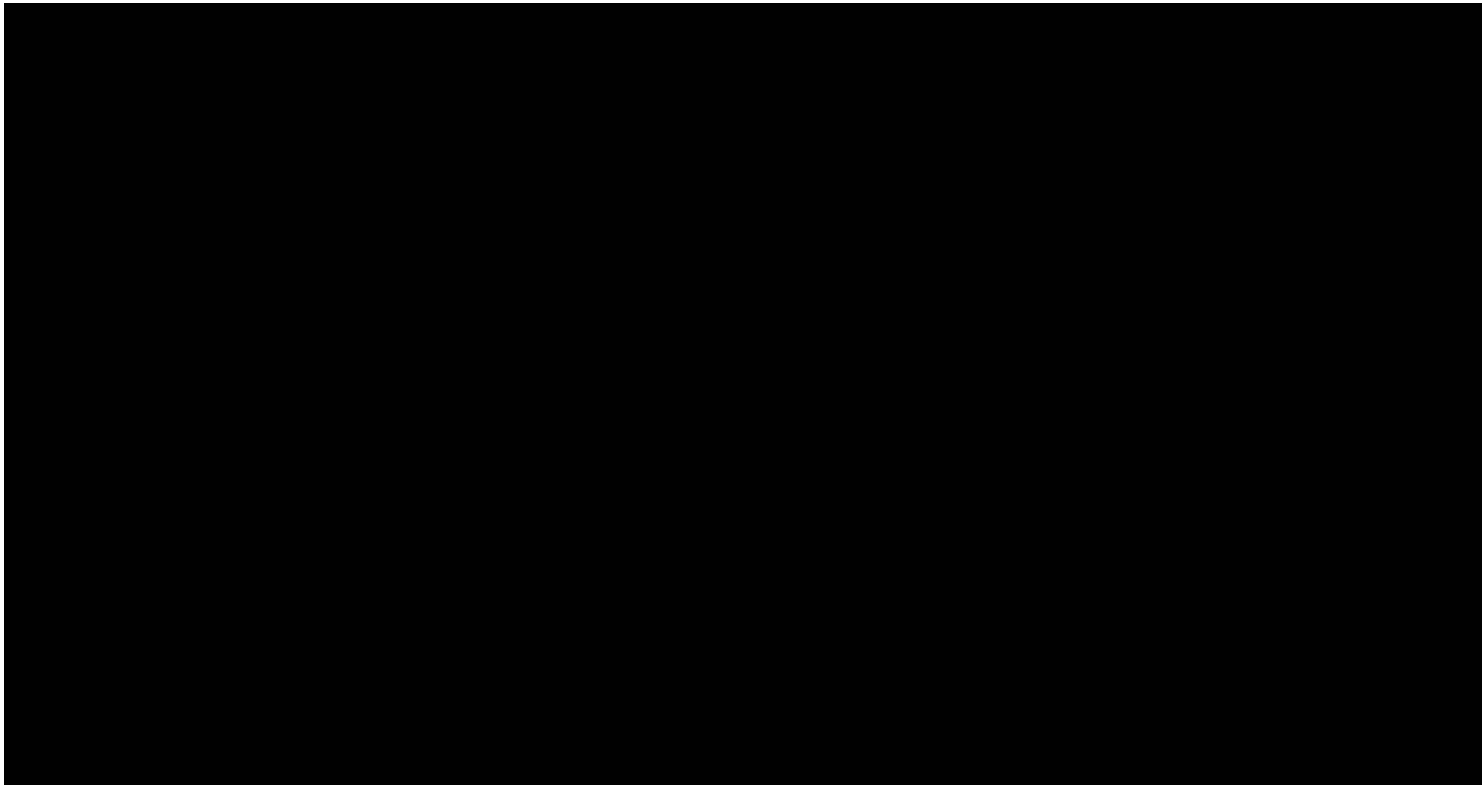
Reflections

Think about your service:

- How 'visible' are children in your service?
- Does the service respond differently to a parent?
- How does the service assess children's needs?
- How do practitioners support the needs of a parent? The needs of a child?



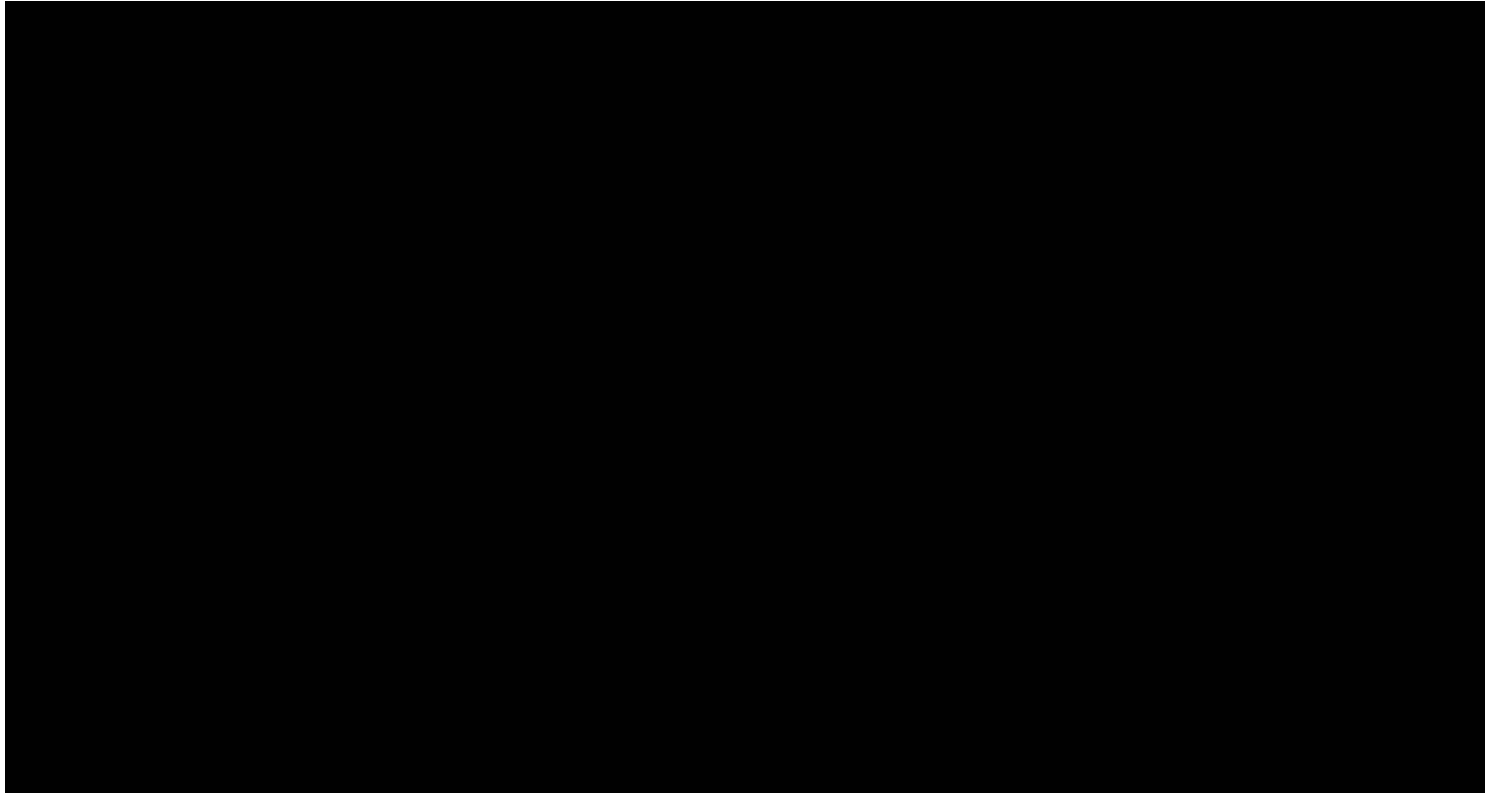
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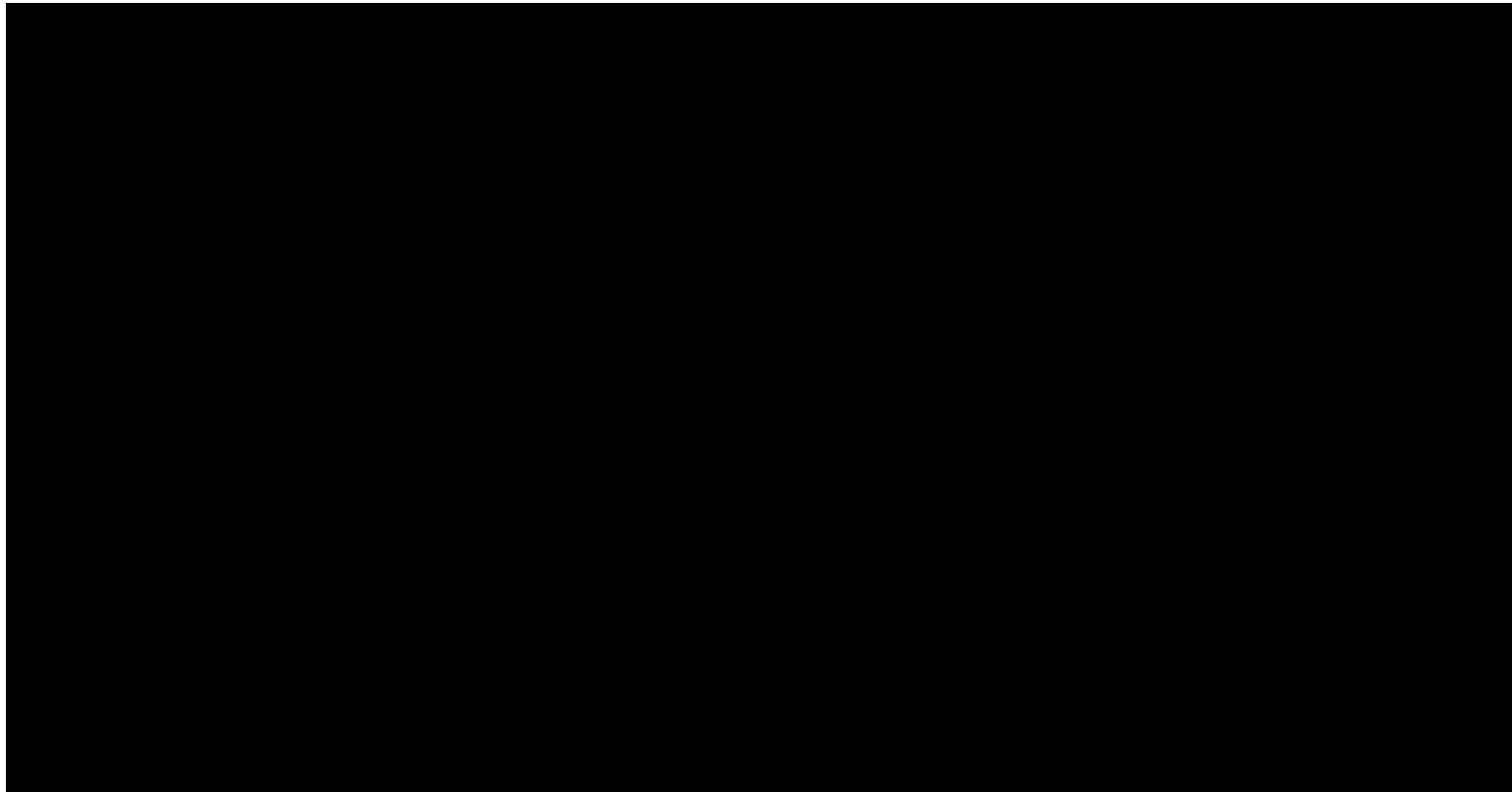
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Reflections

Who has met Haley?

What service was she accessing?

How old was she?



Activity: Reflection

How vulnerable do you think Haley is at this stage in her life?

Think about how Haley is affected by her situation.

Note: the elements of the story that cause you to be concerned for Haley.



Activity: Reflection

What do you see as the short-term impacts on Haley's well being?

What do you see as the long term impacts on Haley's well being?



Activity: Reflection

How did we get to this?

What are your concerns for Haley's future?

What opportunities are there to engage in conversations with parents in your service about the impacts of adult issues on the child?



Missed opportunities



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Child aware: parent voice



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Activity: Reflection

Consider the qualities of the worker that Sandra identified, how are these qualities supported in your practice?

What organisational supports are in place to support practitioners to prepare for difficult conversations?



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Activity: Reflection

How has your understanding of child aware practice changed?

What implications does this have for your practice?



Reflections

Think about your service:

- How 'visible' are children in your service?
- What does child aware practice mean for your organisation?
- How would you start a conversation in your organisation about the 'visibility' of children to inform practice and organisational change?



Action

What practice change will you make?

<http://www.copmi.net.au/professionals/professional-tools/child-aware-practice.html>

Who can support you with this change ?

<http://www.copmi.net.au/professionals/professional-tools/child-aware-supervision.html>



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