

CAN FIVE YEAR OLD CHILDREN BE ALCOHOLICS?

Perspectives from infant mental health.

A public lecture by

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Male Children of Alcoholics (COAs), as young as three years of age, construct mental representations or internal working models of alcohol use and parental behaviour that include contextual, motivational, normative aspects of use, interpersonal relationships, and an emerging sense of self.

Professor Fitzgerald will argue that preschool age male COAs construct a mental model or representation of adult use of alcohol and interpersonal relationships that substantially increases their risk for the organisation of addictive and antisocial behaviour. The presentation will focus on neurobiological, epigenetic, and experiential evidence to support these contentions within the context of an alcoholic parental rearing environment. A conceptual model of development during infancy and early childhood will be presented to defend an answer of "Yes" to the question raised in the title.

Event Details

Date: Monday, 10 October, 2016

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Building 10, Lecture Theatre 10.131

Edith Cowan University Mount Lawley Campus
 2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley

RSVP: Light refreshments provided so RSVP is appreciated by **Friday, 7 October** to Alida Byatt a.byatt@ecu.edu.au

Parking: Off Central Avenue in Mount Lawley.

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