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Family types and feeling of togetherness in kinship foster care

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This seminar will be chaired by Dr Elizabeth Watson, the Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre.

Formal kinship care is a newer placement paradigm within child protection in Western Europe, the US and Australia. The presentation will focus on the complexity of relationships in kinship foster care and the meaning of family and parenting from the perspectives of the child, the foster parents, and the birth mothers. The presentation is based on a study using qualitative methodological design supplemented by a quantitative study of long-term kinship foster care in Norway. Preliminary results from a Cochrane systematic review on kinship care will also be presented.

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- Family Types and Social Integration in Kinship Foster Care. Children and Youth Services Review (in press).
- Welfare and labour-force participation of kinship foster mothers (in review)

Elizabeth Watson has researched broadly in the area of caring and more recently has been an Investigator in an ARC research project on kinship care.

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