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Stories from the Family and Interpersonal Relationships Lab in Tasmania:

A summary of the forgotten families project



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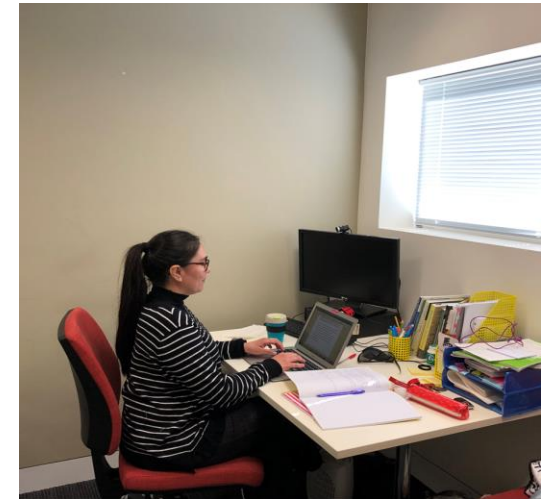


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The Forgotten Families Project

- Forgotten parent study
- Not for forgotten child study
- Forgotten grandparent study
- Reunification study



Forgotten Parent

- 90% described family violence pre and post separation
- Disenfranchised grief
- The role of others
- Active and capable parents
- The hard road or the hard road?
- No participant expressed animosity towards the alienating parent



'It's like he's murdered my children... but the only thing is I can't grieve. I can't go to a grave. I can't say anything that I want to say.'

Not Forgotten Child Study

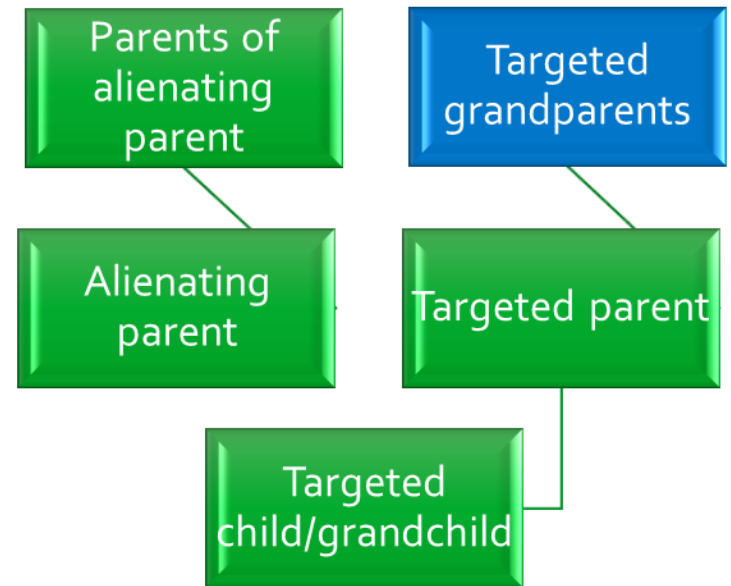
- Child maltreatment
- Significant mental health consequences
- Grief and loss
- Dysfunctional and abusive relationships



“I don’t want other families to be ripped apart. I want people to find ways to come back together”.

Forgotten Grandparent Study

- Disenfranchised grief
- Multiply the grief and losses
- Helplessness



Reunification Study

- Approach-withdraw cycle
- Confusing time for targeted child
- Targeted parent needs to be patient
- Managing expectations
- Social media

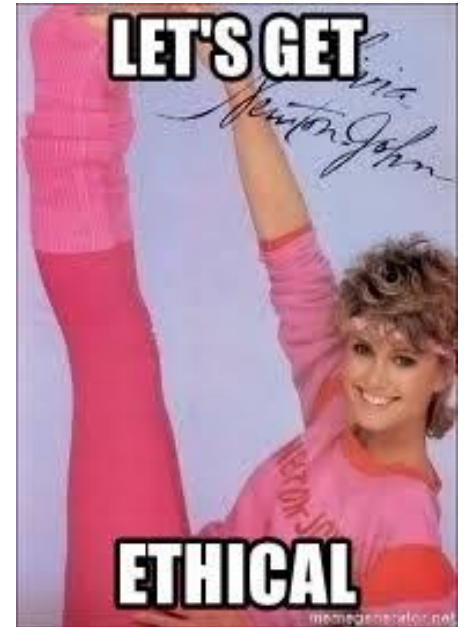


'It's been a real rollercoaster, and she's come back I think about five times and then gone again so it's been a process.'

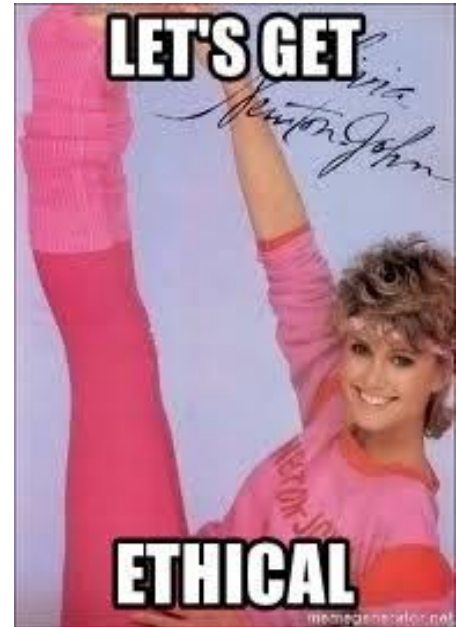
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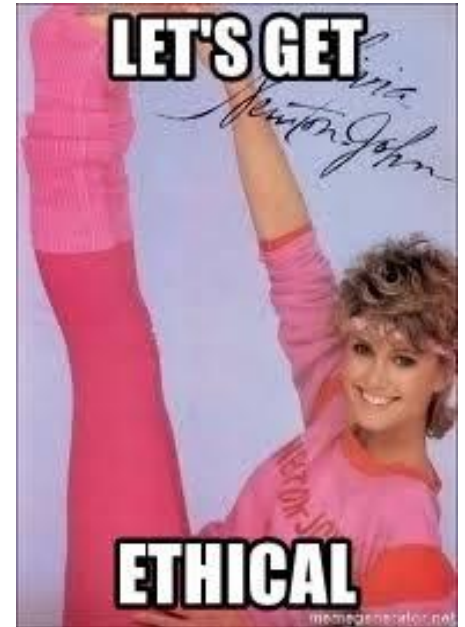
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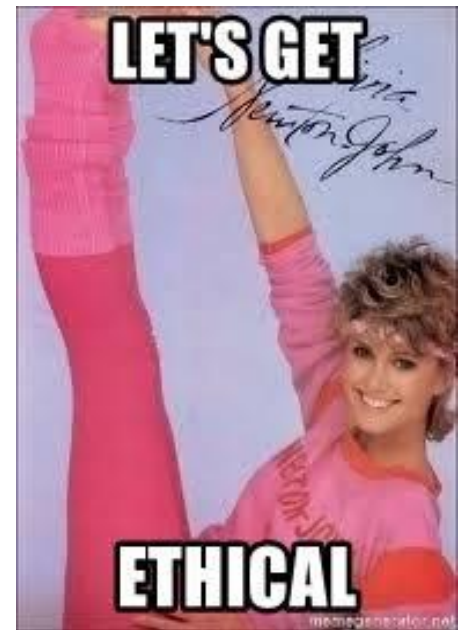
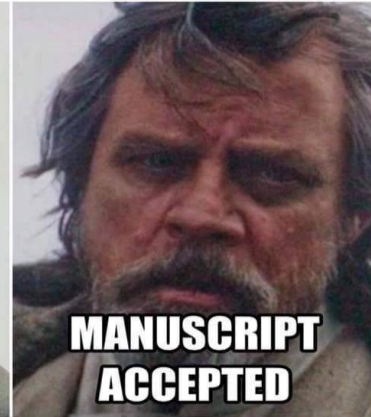
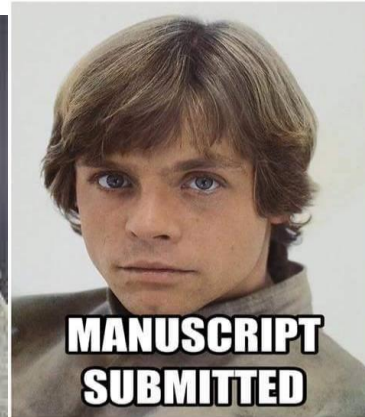
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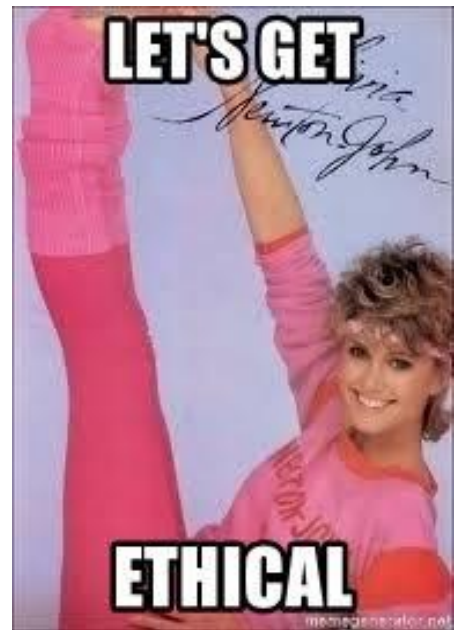
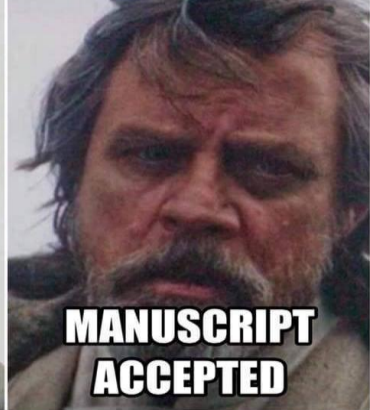
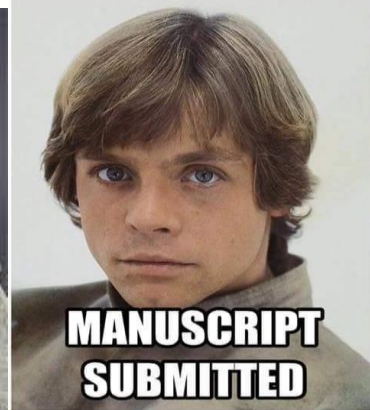
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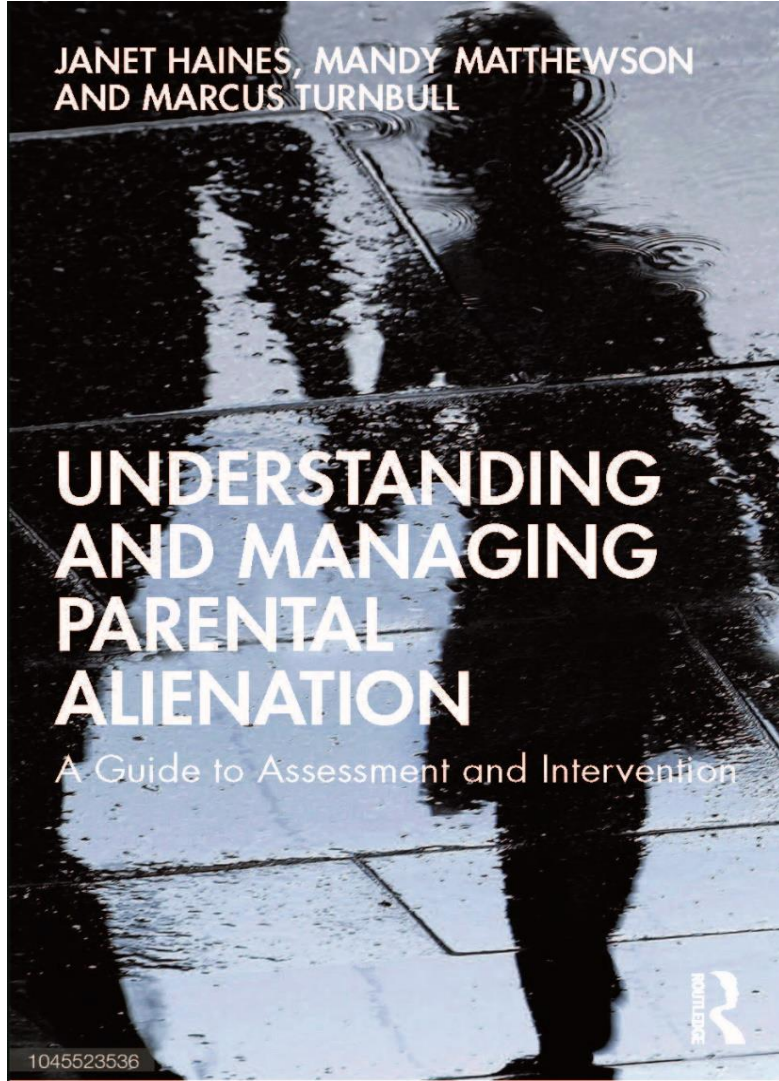
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