

**Biography- Kim Inglis (Kim May).**

As an abuse survivor, I have a passion for keeping children safe.

Growing up in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, was challenging as at the time, family violence and prejudice was a common occurrence. But it was through these challenging moments of my life that I learnt how important it was to have a voice.

Having spent more than 30 years working in Social Services with children, young adults and older adults in a variety of roles, I have been fortunate enough to gain incredible experience and insight into the needs of the more vulnerable members of our community.

Whether it was a Nursing Assistant position in an Aged Care Facility, managing a Disability Day Service for over 150 clients and staff, Case Manager for children, Intake and Response worker for children and young adults or volunteering with the Office of Public Advocates, the journey has brought me closer to protecting others from abuse and neglect.

Sharing such valuable moments with families and children, coupled with extensive training over the years, has enabled me to better understand the important and relevant social issues of domestic violence, abuse and trauma and the impact they have on children. For people on the Autism Spectrum, such abuse and trauma can lead to 'challenging behaviours' caused from anxiety which is often misunderstood by others in the community.

As I continue to write and publish educational books, it is my hope that they will be used as a tool to give a voice to those who need it, so that we can prevent neglect and abuse before it has a lasting impact on a person's life.



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