



***“Mothers’ Experiences of Implementing Child Residency Arrangements Following The Commencement of the 2006 Australian Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act.”***

**INVITATION to  
Mothers who have arranged  
parenting plans after July  
2006....**

After July 2006, the Australian Family Law Amendment Act fundamentally altered the way parents arrange their child residency agreements after separation.

**We would like to gain a better understanding of how these legislative changes have affected mothers who have implementing parenting plans either privately, or with the aid of mediation/legal services. We would like to interview mothers who have developed parenting agreements after July, 2006.**

**We are also interested in exploring the impact these changes have had on women’s experiences, beliefs, and ideas around motherhood.**

If you would like to find out more about the project and/or express your interest in participating, please contact by phone, or email. Please leave your contact details so that we can get back to you if we are not in when you ring.

You are invited to contribute to a project being conducted by PhD candidate Fiona Combe, Associate Professor Jenny Sharples, and Dr. Liz Short of the School of Social Sciences and Psychology at Victoria University.

We would like to interview mothers who have developed parenting agreements after July, 2006. The interview will take between 1 and 2 hours to complete. The interview will be informal and semi-structured, and you would only answer the questions you felt comfortable with.

You would be asked some general demographic questions, and also questions around paid work, and tasks involved in bringing up children. We would like to know how you arranged your parenting plans and how the parenting agreement is working. We are also interested in your thoughts, experiences, and beliefs around motherhood.

Any information you provide will be treated in confidence as far as the law will allow. Your name and details will be kept separate from the interview transcript, and it will be only available to the researchers. All the data collected will be kept locked, at Victoria University. If you wish, we can provide you with a summary of the final findings.

You can ask any questions you like about the study. Taking part is entirely voluntary. You can withdraw at any time.

This study is completely independent of any mediation, counselling, or family law service.