The Magnolia Project

Get involved...

If there is anything that you read that interests you or if would like to get more involved please just let us know…

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Updates and latest news...

At Magnolia the year has flown by and we know it has been a while since we were last in touch. This newsletter provides an quick update, but we are always interested in new ideas or projects that align with our core value of compassionate and trauma-informed justice.

Past Projects

We were delighted to have receive a grant from SafeWork SA (an Augusta Zadow award) to complete some work applying a compassionate and trauma-informed approach to the stresses faced by new professionals, particularly women, who enter criminal justice system roles.

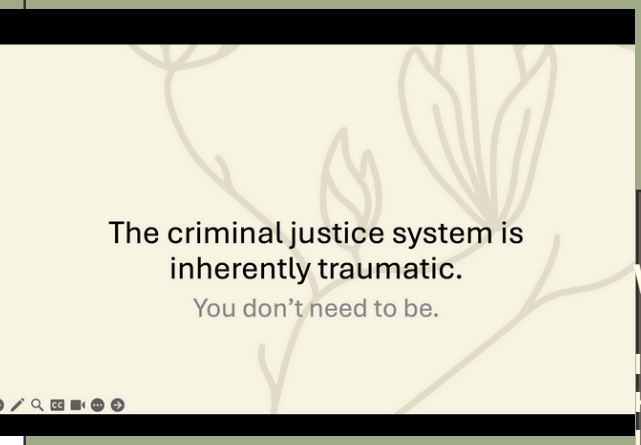
With the help of some friends of this project we were able to produce a literature review and a more practical guide. These can both be accessed for free on our website, so please have a look

https://magnoliaproject.com.au/our-projects/winning-the-augusta-zadow-award/

Our work with Aboriginal Legal Rights movement SA to produce a guide to support more culturally safe expert witness pre-sentence reports continues to attract interest. There is much work to do in this area, but we hope that our guide can contribute.

Download the guide here...

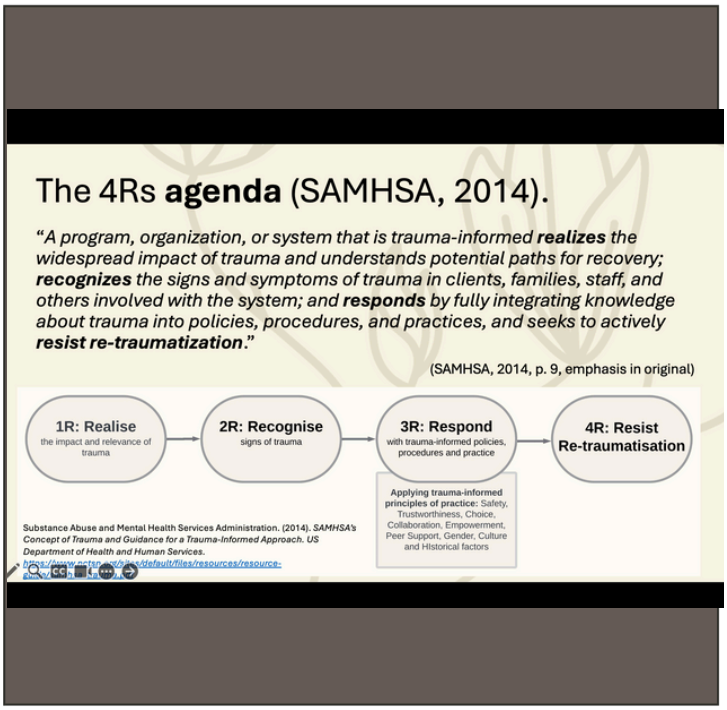
https://magnoliaproject.com.au/our-projects/the-culturally-safe-practice-guide-with-alrm/

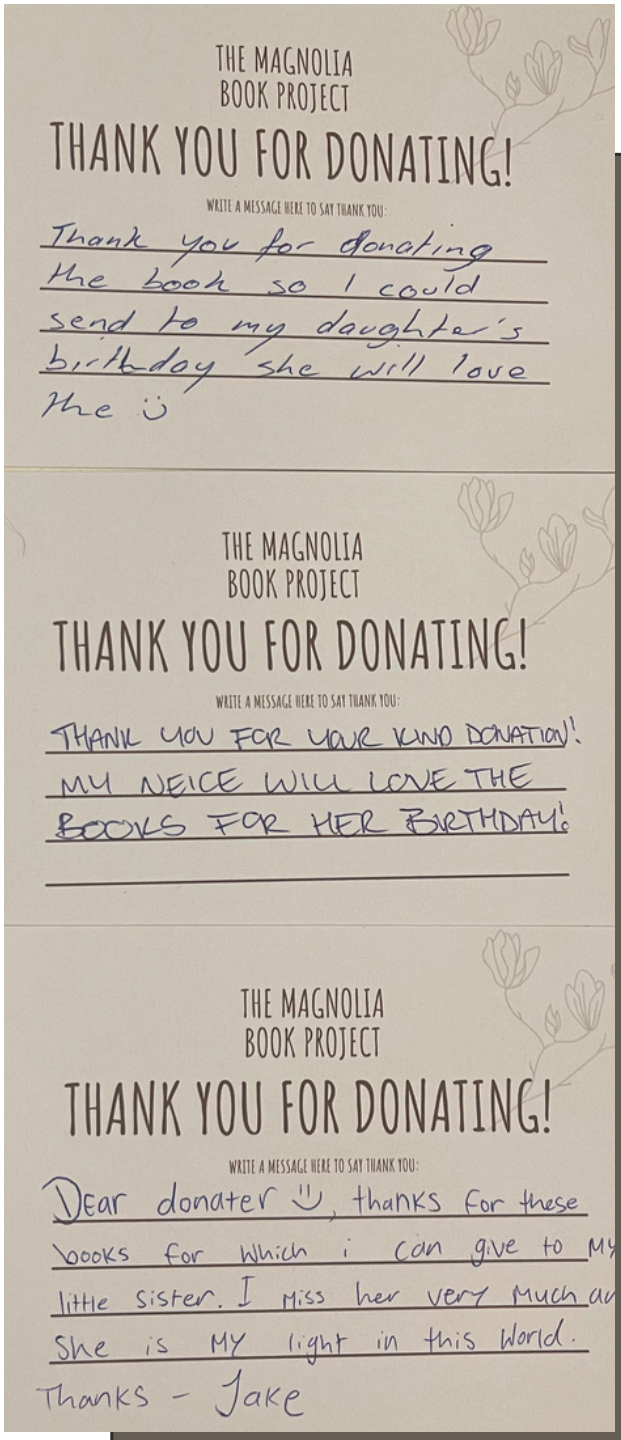


What is Trauma-informed Practice and Why Should I Care?

In a presentation to the College of Forensic Psychologists, Katherine introduced the concept of trauma-informed practice. In doing so, she discussed the relevance of adversity and trauma, regarding both clients and the self. Reflecting on the diversity of psychologists' work within and around the CJS, Katherine illustrated how trauma-informed principles may be embedded in practice, before identifying some emerging issues - such as recognising the importance of intergenerational trauma of First Nations peoples, being aware of the limitations of DSM diagnostic labels, and trauma's relationship with the RNR model.

The workshop was well received, with participants leaving with a greater understanding and interest in copmassionate criminal justice.

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Dear donater :), thanks for these books for which i can give to my little sister. I miss her very much as she is my light in this World.

Thanks - Jake

OUR PRISON BOOK PROJECT

Our project to provide books to the children on people in prison continues. Thanks to Jeff and Krystle, we continue to provide books at Port Augusta Prison.

We also partnered with the Attorney Generals Dept and the Alexander Maconochie Centre in the ACT to provide 600 books to people in prison, including to the dad's play group that meets every week in the prison.

We previously were fortunate to visit Waikeria prison in Aotearoa New Zealand to donate some books. One of the books was written by people in prison in NSW to show their children what life is like for them in prison. We were delighted to hear that some of the men at Waikeria liked this idea so much that they wrote their book - which has now been published and distributed to families of people on the Totara remand unit.

OUR FRIENDS

Thank you so much to the following groups who support our work:

NGA TŪMANAKOTANGA
Turning the tide on prison violence

JUSTICE REFORM INITIATIVE

JAILING IS FAILING

APS Australian Psychological Society
Believe in Change

APS College of Forensic Psychologists
South Australian Committee

New Projects!

Working with veterans in the correctional system

We collaborated with Chris Tilley from DCS to write a book chapter on the needs of people in the correctional system who have served in the forces.

The book, co-edited by a friend of Magnolia, Dr Yilma Woldgabreal, should be out in 2026

Cadell expo

We were delighted to attend the Cadell prison health expo earlier this year. We met most of the people in prison at Cadell and were delighted to pass on some of our donated books for their children and close family members.

We were delighted to hear that many of the people in prison at Cadell already knew about the magnolia project - and some had even received a book previously. They told us how much they valued the work we are doing and we left energised and encouraged to continue our book project.