



CHILD SAFE HORIZONS



THE ORPHAN INDUSTRY: CHILD SAFE HORIZONS WEBINAR SERIES



WHAT IS IT?

A one hour webinar discussion on the “orphan industry” – There will be a particular focus on the dangers that “orphanage tourism” presents for children living in residential care, the “magnet attraction” of residential care in particular countries, and the need to support efforts to promote community-based, kinship-model alternative care.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This webinar is designed for those working in international child protection within developing countries, particularly those with an interest in **safe residential care; child safe tourism; robust child safeguarding policies and procedures; community-based child protection systems; and alternative care.**

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

By the end of the webinar participants will:

- Have a clear understanding of the dangers posed by “orphanage tourism” and the “magnet” attraction of residential care in poor countries
- The challenges that the “orphan industry” has created for community-based, kinship-model alternative care, as well as national child protection systems
- The need for clear terminology and definitions when using the term “orphans”
- The importance of robust child safeguarding policies and procedures when residential care is the only viable and safe alternative for children

WHO WILL LEAD THE WEBINAR?

Karen Rasmussen – Director, Child Safe Horizons

With guests – Dr. Karen Smith Rotabi – Associate Professor, UAE University

Dr. Kathie Carpenter – Associate Professor, University of Oregon

SUGGESTED READING

- ✓ *Addicted to Orphans: How the Global Orphan Industrial Complex Jeopardizes Local Child Protection Systems* by Kristen E. Cheney and Karen Smith Rotabi (2014)
- ✓ *The cognitive dissonance between child rescue and child protection* – a blog by Kristen E. Cheney

WHERE AND WHEN?

The webinar will be held on: **March 24th 2016 @ 9PM Bangkok; 3pm Geneva; 10am New York; and 1am AEST.**

HOW TO APPLY?

Email your interest to Maria Costa:

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