



Welcome to our Christmas newsletter

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter and our last newsletter for 2020. This newsletter links you with the 2020 Family Matters Report and to resources on mental health, restoration, trauma informed care, legal work and leaving care and after care.

Quick update links

Family Matters Report 2020

Click the link above to read the Family Matters report, launched Monday 16 November. The report reveals that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children continue to be removed from family and kin at disproportionate rates – disrupting their connection to community and culture.

Emerging Minds

Click the link above to access Emerging Minds resources. The resources assist professionals who work with children and/or parents/families to identify, assess and support children at risk of mental health conditions.

News from the PSP Learning Hub

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

We thank the sector for its support during 2020, including the 119 caseworkers, clinicians, operations, practice, senior and executive managers who participated in our 10 practice area working groups, our 569 webinar participants, our 5203 unique website users, and our 1,000 newsletter recipients.

We've put some of the highlights from the past year into a short video. Click the link below to watch [PSP Learning Hub 2020 Year in Review](#).

Important note on Christmas closure

The PSP Learning Hub will be closed from **24 December 2020 - 4 January 2021**. We look forward to working with you in 2021 as we continue to implement more of our service offerings.

Member's Updates

The PSP Learning Hub is now linked to the Premier's Priority. We will continue to work to the sector's important practice areas while contributing to the priority of [increasing permanency for children in out-of-home care](#). Click the link to find out more about this priority.

What to expect in 2021?

- [Launch of Communities of Practice](#) - We finalised our consultation with the sector during November and will start working with the sector to support Communities of Practice from February.
- [Face-to-face training](#) - Our Pulse Survey 2020 showed a strong demand for face-to-face training across most regions. Of course, we will continue to take COVID-19 advice as we work to meet this demand and may need to adjust our plans. We will communicate any changes.
- [Coaching and Mentoring](#) - Targeting high need areas with a focus on reflective practice.

Resource Updates



Recorded Webinars

[Restoration Discussion – An Appreciative Inquiry with Curiyo](#)
[Navigating the Care Act](#)
[Sexualised Behaviour for Children under 12 years Parts 1 and 2](#)

Podcast

[Legal Issues when a Child Self Places](#)
[The Road from Foster Care to Casework – A Childhood Experience](#)

Factsheets

[Mental Health](#)

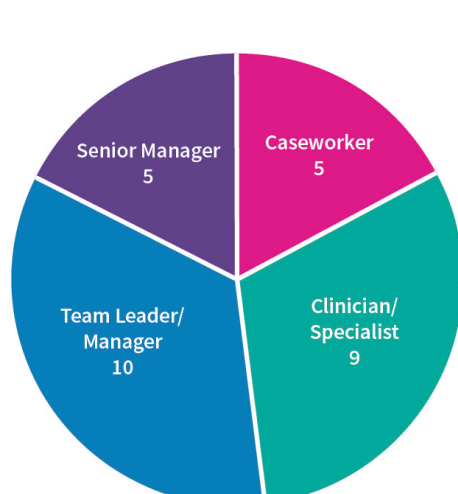
DCJ and DCJ LINKS resources

[Leaving Care and After Care](#)
[Trauma Informed Care](#)

November Working Group - Leaving Care and After Care

This working group was one of our highest attended working groups in 2020. The group highlighted the following skill and knowledge areas as key for supporting successful practice:

- Thinking creatively about the young person's needs when developing a plan for leaving care and after care
- Understanding the benefits to life outcomes of early planning, follow-ups, continuity, and a positive young person/caseworker relationship
- Understanding the importance of starting the leaving care plan at 15
- Better understanding of Victims of Crime processes



Participant Roles

	Aboriginal	CALD	Mainstream
Small	4	2	4
Medium	0	0	3
Large	0	0	12
Government	0	0	3

Distribution of participants by organisation size and type

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