

September 2021 | PSP Members Newsletter

Welcome

This newsletter links you with useful COVID-19 resources, some of our most used resources and the opportunity to nominate a foster of kinship carers for an award.



Foster and Kinship Care Week (12 - 18 September)

Foster and Kinship Care week is time to celebrate the wonderful contribution foster and kinship carers make to the lives of children and young people.

Do you know a foster or kinship carer in NSW who goes above and beyond for the children and young people in their care?

Nominate them now for a 2021 Carer Recognition Award! Entries open Monday 13 September and close 1st October 2021. Click <u>here</u> for more information and to nominate a carer

Foster and Kinship Care Week is also a great time to start a conversation in your agency on how to raise community awareness about the need for carers.

My Forever Family has some great assets to help you raise awareness, click <u>here</u> to access them. They are also leading a renewed recruitment drive for foster and kindship carers, to find out about what they are doing click <u>here</u>.

Quick Links

COVID Help

- <u>Food Relief</u> NSW Health is providing Food relief to people who do not have the means to obtain their own groceries due to hardship or a self-isolation direction from NSW Health. Click here for more
- information.
- <u>Supporting children to continue to learn</u> Check out DCJ's <u>factsheet</u> on how to help children continue to learn during COVID restrictions.
- <u>DCJ information and resources for PSP service providers</u> Click <u>here</u> to access COVID-19 specific information and resources about vaccines for children and young people, Family time, advice about COVID positive children, young people and carers, Home visiting, Respite and more.

PSP Permanency Practice Q&A Webinars

DCJ's September Q&A session looks at the ins and outs of the Permanency Support Program Packages; what is in each package, how they build up, how to apply, funding inclusions and what to record in ChildStory. Managers and Leaders across Barnardos recently attended a virtual session and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Register for the 28th September session <u>here</u>.

University of Sydney Free Restoration Practice Webinar

University of Sydney, Research Centre for Children and Families is offering a one-hour webinar on evidenced-based family restoration practices, Working toward restoration: Practice facilitators and barriers in NSW. On the day of the webinar participants will also have the opportunity to be involved in research about what gets in the way of good restoration practice. The webinar is on Wednesday 29 September. Click <u>here</u> to register.

PSP Learning Hub News

We are now 1496 members strong thanks to your support.

We are grateful and humbled by your backing and don't want to stop here. If you know anyone who has recently joined your organisation or maybe a colleague who might not yet know about us, please forward this newsletter to them so that they can register.

Thank you, PSP sector!

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Training Updates

Reminder: Remember to Login

<u>Login</u> and check out July's training. Remember to click the calendar icon under **Course Details** to select your preferred date/location. Check out this <u>video</u> on how to select your training date and time.

Face to Face Training and COVID Restrictions



F2F training in September and October will be delivered online due to the NSW Government's current COVID-19 additional restrictions.

Family Connections and Networks in PSP

• 23/09/2021 (9:30am - 4:30pm) Online

Working Effectively in Preservation and Restoration

• 13/10/2021 (9:30am - 4:30pm) Online

Permanency in PSP: Guardianship and Adoption

19/10/2021 (9:30am - 4:30pm) Online

Interactive Webinars



Understanding and Supporting Child Development

• 15/09/2021 (1:00pm - 3:00pm)

Sexualised Behaviour for Children (under 12 years old)

• 06/10/2021 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

Crafting Meaningful Worry and Goal Statements

• 07/10/2021 (11:00am - 12:30pm)

Working with Aboriginal Children and Families in PSP

• 28/10/2021 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

Resource Updates

This month we have published new Alternative Dispute Resolution, Preservation and Casework skills resources.

Factsheets



Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Completing a Family Group Conference Referral

Preservation

<u>Conversations with Children, Carers and Families</u>

Casework Skills -Self Care

<u>Understanding Resistance in Practice</u>





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