

December 2021 | PSP Members Newsletter

## Welcome

# Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

The PSP Learning Hub will be closed from Friday 24 Dec returning Monday 4 Jan

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Some PSP Learning Hub important dates:

- Out of the office 23 December 2021, 5pm
- Back in the office 4 January 2022, 9:00am
- Training recommences 2 February 2022

# **Quick Links**

#### **New OOHC adoption mandatory information resources**

DCJ has redeveloped the Mandatory Written Information (MWI) booklets on out-of-home care (OOHC) open adoption for children and young people, their siblings and parents and they are now live!

Why are the resources so important?

The Mandatory Written Information (MWI) booklets contain all the information we must give parents and young people when open adoption is being considered for a child or young person in OOHC.

What's changed from the previous resources?

- **Reader-friendly**
- Less bureaucratic language
- Aligned with new adoption legislation, including the introduction of Integrated Birth Certificates for adopted children

How will the resources help me partner with families where adoption is being considered?

The resources provide information that is important for conversations about:

- how a child or young person's life might change if they were adopted by their carer
- what a child or young person needs to know if they are thinking about consenting to their own adoption
- how the child or young person's family might be affected by adoption
- what a parent needs to know if they are thinking about consenting to their child's adoption.

Are there booklets on OOHC open adoption information for Aboriginal children and young people and their families?

These resources will be available soon. •

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Click the links below

- <u>Mandatory written information for parents of a child in out-of-home care (downloadable PDF)</u>
- <u>Mandatory written information for children and young people in out-of-home care</u> (downloadable PDF)
- <u>Out-of-home-care Open Adoption Sibling Information</u> (downloadable PDF)

### **Updates on Leaving Care - templates and process**

PSP service providers play a critical role in ensuring that the young person's leaving care preparations are adequate and available when they turn 18. Some important process updates aim to ensure that the young person has access to their entitlements when they turn 18.

What are the updates?

- Use one of two new templates, (1) Upcoming birthday, (2) Recent passed birthday.
- Ensure the leaving care template and young person's information is with the Minister's Office **four weeks prior** to the young person's 18th Birthday.

### Where can I get the templates?

• The PSP Learning Hub has the templates and more information about the process. Click here to access them. Remember to always download directly from the PSP Learning Hub. This will ensure that you are using the most up-to-date version

### Where can I go for help?

Contact your District's Child and Family District Unit (CFDU)

# **PSP Learning Hub News**

### Look what you've helped to achieve

We very much appreciate the opportunity we've had in working with you, for what is now close to 30 months. As we come to the end of 2021, we want to say thank you for the part you've played in the PSP Learning Hub's success. Whether that's using our resources, attending our training, engaging in our surveys, or taking the time to give us your feedback, thanks! Here's what we've achieved so far.

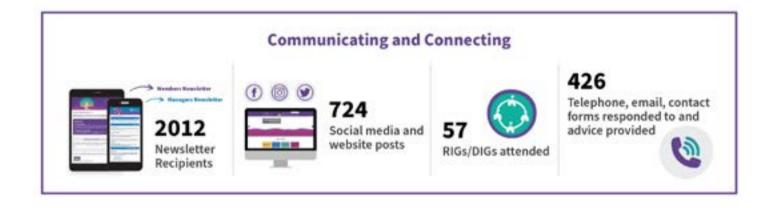


#### **Capability Development**









# **Training Updates**

### **Reminder: Remember to Login**

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

#### **Face to Face Training**



We look forward to seeing you face to face in 2022.

#### **Working Effectively in Preservation and Restoration**

- 8 February 2022 Coffs Harbour (9:30am 4:30pm)
- 10 February 2022 Armidale (9:30am 4:30pm) •
- 6 April 2022 Bateman's Bay (9:30am 4:30pm) •
- 17 May 2022 Newcastle (9:30am 4:30pm) •

#### Family Connections and Networks

23 March 2022 (online) (9:30am - 4:30pm) •

#### **Affidavit Writing in PSP**

- 22 February 2022 Newcastle (9:30am 4:30pm) •
- 17 March 2022 Orange (9:30am 4:30pm)
- 30 March 2022 Penrith (9:30am 4:30pm)
- 28 April 2022 Coffs Harbour (9:30am 4:30pm) •

#### Permanency in PSP: Guardianship and Adoption

- 8 March 2022 Tamworth (9:30am 4:30pm)
- 10 March 2022 Lismore (9:30am 4:30pm)
- 10 May 2022 Bathurst (9:30am 4:30pm)

#### **Interactive Webinars**



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#### **Family Connections and Networks**

• 2 February 2022 (10:00am - 11:30am)

#### **The Guardianship Process**

9 March 2022 (11:00am - 12:30am)

### Crafting Meaningful Worry and Goal Statements

15 March 2022 (11:00am - 12:30pm)

### **Motivational Interviewing in PSP**

2 June 022 (1:00pm - 2:30pm)

# **Resource Updates**

We have published new resources in Open Adoption, Casework Skills, Multicultural Care Identity and Support, and Trauma Informed Care.

Open Adoption	<ul> <li><u>Mandatory written information for parents of a child in out-of-</u></li> </ul>	
	home care (downloadable PDF)	
	Mandatory written information for children and young people in	
	out-of-home care (downloadable PDF)	
	Out-of-home-care Open Adoption Sibling	
	Information (downloadable PDF)	
	Check out other resources on open adoption from:	
	PSP Learning Hub Open Adoption Additional Resources	
Casework Skills	<ul> <li><u>DCJ's Safe Contact Tool (downloadable PDF)</u></li> </ul>	
Multicultural Care	The social and emotional wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ young	
Identity and Support	<u>people</u> (video)	
Trauma Informed Care	• <u>Healing from Trauma</u> (video)	



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