



Welcome

Welcome to our June newsletter. Check out the development opportunities in our Quick Links, connect with some great resources from the Australian Department of Home Affairs and the PSP Learning Hub, and hit us up with your training wish list.

Quick Links

FACSIAR Lunch and Learn



Tuesday 26 July 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Mental health issues affect children from all walks of life but children in care or at risk of entering care are particularly vulnerable as they often come from homes with there are multiple complex issues. This lunch and learn provides practitioners with insights on understanding and managing the mental health needs of children in out-of-home care. [Register here](#)

Safety in Care



DCJ has been working hard to improve how concern reports are received and assessed for children under the parental responsibility (PR) of the Minister Register to learn more about how safety in care requirements for PSP Providers have been improved

[Register](#) (Note: This is a repeat of the Safety in Care information sessions held in November last year.)

Myth:
All siblings need to have the same legal permanency arrangements.

False!

Permanency decisions that focus on the child’s holistic needs prioritise their best interests. While legal permanency may be right for one or some siblings, it might not be right for others. Involve the child, siblings, family and all who have a loving connection with the child when making these decisions about permanency. Your permanency coordinator can give you more information.

[Find your Permanency Coordinator here and book a chat](#)

New Calendar coming soon

Watch out for our new training calendar

The PSP Learning Hub will continue to support PSP providers over the coming years. We are currently developing our training calendar and would love to know the topics and themes that interest you.

[Please send your suggestions here](#)

Resource Updates

Multicultural Care and Identity

The Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has factsheets for state and territory child welfare agencies. The factsheets support our work with non-citizens and cover a range of situations.

Factsheets



[Visa Status Resolution Service factsheet](#) - information on the DHA service that assists non-citizens to resolve their immigration status

[Domestic and Family Violence Visa support factsheet](#) - information on the DHA service that helps (1) resolve visa ties with a domestic violence offender, (2) escalate a visa application for processing and (3) make referrals for support services

[Visa Entitlement Verification Online Tool \(VEVO\) factsheet](#) - information on how to register your organisation for use of an online tool which allows you to check someone’s visa details

[Vulnerable Child Visa \(Subclass 802\)](#) – information on permanent visa options for non-citizen children in Australia who are the subject of a care order until they turn 18 years of age (This is a members-only resource)

[Vulnerable Child Visa Step-by-step Guide](#) - a practical guide that steps you through the Visa process (This is a members-only resource)

Alternative Dispute Resolution

A new PSP Learning Hub podcast

Podcasts



[Family Group Conferencing](#)

An interview discussion on what a family group conference is, the stages of a family group conference, and practical advice on how to be a positive support

Open Adoption

New PSP Learning Hub resources

Factsheets



[Foundations of Open Adoption](#)

What open adoption is, the legislative framework, Australia’s adoption legacy including the stolen generation, forced adoptions and closed adoptions, Contemporary Adoption Legislation and Practice, Open Adoption in the Permanency Support Program, Open Adoption and Aboriginal Children, Adoption Plans, Culture and Open Adoption, Post Adoption Birth Certificates, Accredited Adoption Service Providers, Adoption Caseworkers and other types of adoption

[Open Adoption and the Court](#)

Legislation and Policy that Guide Adoption, the differences between open adoption and other permanency options, pathways to adoption, process and plans and your role

[OOHC Open Adoption Assessment](#)

The legislative framework, process, considerations and support available

[Open Adoption and Cultural Consultation and Planning](#)

What cultural consultation is, the legislation that guides cultural consultation and planning, the people involved and practice tips

[Family Time and Open Adoption](#)

Key elements, tips and registering an open adoption plan

[Life Story Work and Open Adoption](#)

Explanation of life story work, the people involved in making it happen and how you can contribute

Additional Recourses

[OOHC Open Adoption Process Overview NGO Case Managed](#)

Process information where a child is case managed by an NGO and DCJ is preparing the adoption application



Leaving Care and After Care

A DCJ resource

Additional Recourses

[Leaving Care and Aftercare Overview](#)

A practical guide to support young people leaving care. This resource cover legislation, planning, entitlements and allowances, support and referrals and links you with other useful resources

