



Welcome

Welcome to our July newsletter. Connect with other caseworkers and engage in some great development opportunities (see Training Updates), and link to our new open Adoption resources.

Quick Links

Myth:
Open adoption is only for newborns.





False!

It's never too late to give a young person permanency. Did you know that open adoption is possible at any age for a child or young person?

The majority of out of home care open adoptions in NSW are for 5–9-year-olds. The next largest group is 10–14-year-olds.

Talk to your permanency coordinator or adoption caseworker to learn more about exploring open adoption options with families.

Visit the DCJ website for more information

The NSW Practice Framework Standards – Family Resources

The NSW Practice Framework Standards set out what is expected of DCJ practitioners in how they work with children, their families and community.

The Standards also give families, carers and the community clear information so they can better participate, advocate and work with DCJ to keep kids connected to family and culture and safe at home or in care.

DCJ encourages PSP providers to think about how the standards may be used in their work to support families, to better understand what they can expect from DCJ and how they can provide feedback about their experience.

The standards were recently published on the DCJ website. To ensure that everyone has access to the information the Standards are available in **English, Arabic, Chinese** (simplified), **Dari, Samoan** and **Vietnamese**.

PSP Learning Hub News

Sector Workshop on next steps for PSP Learning Hub

In July the PSP Learning Hub and DCJ ran a workshop with the sector on how the Hub can support service providers. The workshop discussed permanency practice challenges, the resources that are beneficial, and the best way to support service providers. We look forward to sharing the workshop outcomes over the next couple of weeks.

Training Updates

Interactive Webinars



[Crafting Meaningful Worry and Goal Statements](#)

- 18 August 2022 (10:00 am - 11:30 am)

[Case Planning in PSP](#)

- 23 August 2022 (10:00 am - 12:30 pm)

PSP Learning Hub Face to Face Training



[Working Effectively in Preservation and Restoration](#)

- 16 August 2022 - Online (9:30 am - 4:30 pm)

[Affidavit Writing in PSP](#)

- 10 August 2022 - Online (9:30am - 4:30pm) *Course full - please submit expression of interest [here](#).*

DCJ Online Training



[New Training on the OOHC Health Pathway Program](#)

DCJ and NSW Health established the OOHC Health Pathway to improve health outcomes for children and young people in Out Of Home Care (OOHC).

A free online course about the Health Pathway is now available for OOHC practitioners, including DCJ and NGO caseworkers.

The course covers the key steps in the OOHC Health Pathway including completing the OOHC Health Referral Form, implementing the Health Management Plan, and identifying and working with your local district OOHC Health Coordinator.

DCJ developed the course with input from NSW Health. It takes about one hour to complete. [Click to start the course](#)

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[New Training on the OOHC Education Pathway Program](#)

DCJ and the NSW Department of Education established the OOHC Education Pathway to improve education outcomes for children and young people in care.

A free online course about the Education Pathway is now available for OOHC practitioners, including DCJ and NGO caseworkers.

The course covers the key steps in the OOHC Education Pathway, including completing the Notice to School and Change of Details Form, implementing the Personalised Learning and Support Planning Process and other strategies to positively impact learning and engagement through partnering with schools, children, and young people.

DCJ developed the course with input from NSW Education. It takes about one hour to complete. [Click to start the course](#)

DCJ August Q&A Webinar



[Parallel Planning: the 'how' and the 'when'](#)

Permanency decisions require careful consideration of the permanent placement principles.

Come and learn about when parallel planning is appropriate and how it can lead to better outcomes for children and families.

[Register here](#)

Resource Updates

Open Adoption

New adoption resources now available to help practitioners understand how to support children, carers and parents through the process.

Factsheets



[Open Adoption Process \(non-Aboriginal Children Only\)](#)

A summary of the caseworkers role in the adoption process for non-Aboriginal children only.

[Supporting a Child through the Open Adoption Process](#)

Information on understanding and supporting the child's emotions through the stages of the adoption process.

[Supporting a carer through the Open Adoption Process](#)

Information on understanding and supporting the carer through the stages of the adoption process.

[Supporting a Parent through the Open Adoption Process](#)

Information on understanding and supporting parents through the stages of the adoption process.



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