



## Welcome

In addition to our regular resource updates, this newsletter links you with changes to the PSP Case Management Policy and a new resource produced by a collaboration between Sydney University Research Centre for Children and Families and Australian Childhood Foundation.

## Quick Links

### Key Policy Updates

DCJ's updates to PCMP Rules and Practice Guidance, PSP Critical Events Policy, and the PSP Away from Placement Policy address practice gaps identified by serious case reviews (of reviewable deaths), ensure policies align with amended legislation and the (internal) schedules of delegation, incorporate feedback from the Child and Family District Unit review and streamline administrative processes. Please click the policy name (below) to download and read full details. The key updates only provide a summary overview. For more information on all policy updates, please email [permanency.support@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:permanency.support@dcj.nsw.gov.au)

- [PCMP Rules and Practice Guidance - Key Updates](#)
- Procedural changes to; confirming a child's Aboriginality, placing an Aboriginal child, arranging a permanent legal guardian for an Aboriginal child, supporting open adoption of an Aboriginal child, arranging occasional care.
- Role and responsibility clarification for PSP providers and Child and Family District Units (CFDUs) covering, changing a child's case plan goal (CPG), funding of birth certificates and passports and requesting a review of the Child Assessment Tool (CAT).
  - [PSP Critical Events Policy - Key Updates](#)
- Comprehensive definition of a critical event, the inclusion of a requirement to conduct an internal review to address the causes of a critical event, and instructions on how to report the event to a district principal officer
- Detailed practice guidance on responding to a serious injury or death of a child, or a missing child in OOHC.
- Revised procedures for reporting allegations and convictions
  - [Away from Placement Policy - Key Updates](#)
- Children in Alternative Care Arrangements (ACA) and Interim Care Model (ICM) placements; and young adults (care leavers) in Semi-Independent Living (SIL) and Therapeutic SIL (TSIL) placements.
- Procedures for service providers and nominated units following an Away from Placement event.
- A collaborative approach to therapeutic care and referral to Intensive Therapeutic Transitional Care (ITTC) Outreach (through Central Access Unit).
- A single streamlined Away from Placement Notification form

### Trauma Sensitive Language with Children

Sydney University Research Centre for Children and Families in collaboration with the Australian Childhood Foundation have created '[Words Matter: Trauma sensitive language with children](#)' to help minimise negative labelling of children based on behaviours that are simply a response to trauma and stress.

## PSP Learning Hub News

### What resources do you want?

We would like to get a quick snapshot on where you think the resourcing needs are in the Permanency Support Program (PSP). Our three (3) question survey will take less than 1 minute.

We'd love to hear from you. Click [here](#).

## Resource Updates

This month we have published new Guardianship resources.

### Factsheets



- [The Guardianship Process](#)
- [Considering Guardianship](#)
- [Financial Support for Guardians](#)



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