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Welcome to the quarterly PSP Learning Hub Newsletter.

In this quarter's PSP Learning Hub newsletter, we have a message from Brittani, content writer and project support here at the PSP Learning Hub. This quarter's sector updates include information about the increased payment to emergency foster carers and a reminder about the importance of TILA payments. In resources, the Learning Hub has been busy adding more factsheets and updating existing content and in training, the second half of the 2026 training calendar is now live! It includes a session with guest facilitator Dr Mary Jo McVeigh.

We hope to see you soon!

A message from Brittani Carr

Content Writer and Project Support at PSP Learning Hub

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2026! It's always a busy time here at the Learning Hub and the end of financial year is no exception. The full training calendar for 2026 is now up and ready to take enrolments.

Last month we sent out a survey asking for your input about what topics we should deliver next. Thank you so much for taking the time to let us know what you want to see in the future. I look forward to reading over these and letting you know how we are incorporating your feedback.



I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of the PSP Learning Hub. Your feedback, attendance, and participation is what makes the Learning Hub such a valuable resource for the sector. We are always looking for opportunities to connect with the sector, so please reach out to us if you would like someone from the Learning Hub to join one of your team meetings to discuss what we do and what the Learning Hub has to offer.

Regarding this, you may have also noticed a non-attendance survey is now being sent out to participants who enrol in a training session but then do not attend. We understand that the nature of our work means that emergencies do happen. However, we have had to cancel a number of sessions at the last minute due to unexpected non-attendances. If you are unable to attend a session, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing the psplearninghub@curijo.com.au.

That being said, your participation is about more than just attendance. Each one of you hold valuable insights and experiences that are a key part of making our training sessions engaging and informative. With this in mind, we have now added a slide to all our training PowerPoints reminding participants to turn on their cameras and to contribute to sessions as much as they are able to.



- **Increase to Emergency Foster Carer Payment:** Emergency foster carers with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) will now receive \$200 for each child to cover immediate purchases, a significant [increase to the emergency foster carer payment](#).
- **NSW Out-of-Home Care Strategy:** DCJ are regularly updating the [FAQs](#) regarding the [NSW Out-of-Home Care Strategy: A long-term plan to strengthen and transform the out-of-home care program in NSW](#). Please check in regularly for the most up-to-date information.
- **A Reminder from DCJ about Leaving Care:** Many young people are transitioning out of out-of-home care without accessing allowances such as the Transition to Independent Living Allowance ([TILA](#)). These allowances can make a huge difference and reduce financial stress and hardship for young people. The Independent Living Allowance ([ILA](#)) and Staying on Allowance ([SOA](#)) are also available to young people when they turn 18, depending on their living arrangements. Caseworkers need to assist young people with their applications as soon as the young person turns 18 and, in the case of TILA, submit the application on the young person's behalf to ensure young people are given the best start to adulthood.



Enrol into our upcoming training this quarter!



- **PSP Learning Hub resources:** the PSP Learning Hub factsheet collection continues to grow and improve. This quarter we've added new factsheets such as [Active Efforts](#), [S149 and S163](#), [Preparing for Court](#), and updated our [Open Adoption](#) factsheets. We've also added a number of DCJ resources such as [Placement Requests](#), [Thinking about Guardianship \(carer resource\)](#) and [Thinking about Adoption](#). We've also reviewed and improved our Difficult Conversations training package.
- **Parenting Our Way resources:** Created by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, families, and workers, the [Parenting Our Way resources](#) are developed to be culturally relevant, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being, and doing at their centre.
- **Why identity matters webinar:** Moderated by Dana Shen, [this pre-recorded webinar](#) aims to educate workers about strategies that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families to navigate unhelpful systems whilst supporting their Social and Emotional Well Being.
- **NAIDOC week:** [NAIDOC week](#) celebrations will held from the 5th to the 12th of July. This years theme is "50 Years of Deadly" - a milestone which acts as a tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who built the NAIDOC movement. See the [Local NAIDOC week events](#) in your area.



We want this newsletter to work for you. Use the QR code to let us know what you would like to see in future newsletters. The survey also includes a section to share your PSP victory. If you've had success in your casework practice, we'd love to hear about it. Fill in the newsletter feedback survey to share your story or valued resource.



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