



However, they would like attendance to increase and be more consistent. Please encourage your LLA reps to attend Bayside meetings.

All the South East Local Level Alliance coordinators in South East Region are doing great work and the RCFC thank them for their commitment to driving reforms for families in our region.

Domestic and Family Violence Integrated Response

Helene Fuller, Director Community Services

An update on the DFV Integrated Response project was provided, including:

- On 11 October 2016 the Queensland Parliament passed the *Domestic and Family Violence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016* which will better protect victims and their families, hold perpetrators to account and support integrated service responses
- Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) are developing critical elements for Queensland's integrated response:
 - Common risk assessment framework;
 - Interagency response to high risk cases; and
 - Information sharing guidelines
- A component of the Integrated Response is a High Risk Team which will provide responses for cases assessed at highest risk
- The Second Action Plan 2016-2019 has been released. For more information on this document follow this link:
<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/end-domestic-family-violence/dfvp-strategy>

The South East Regional Child and Family Committee will provide governance for the Integrated Response Trial and the High Risk Team.



High Risk Children and Young People pilot

Raymond Ho, Youth and Child Mental Health

In 2015 the South East Region Child and Family Committee developed a Youth Strategy to guide service delivery improvements for young clients with complex needs. As part of this strategy, a High Risk Children and Young People Working Party was created, bringing together representatives from Health, Education, Child Safety, Life Without Barriers, Youth and Family Services, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Police and Youth Justice.

Working party members identified that a small percentage of young people with complex needs required a large percentage of many participant agencies' resources and that despite a large investment of resources often there were poor outcomes for this cohort.

The working party are working towards collective funding for an AO7 project officer position for six months to prepare project and implementation plans for the High Risk Children and Young People pilot an integrated response to these young people. Watch this space!





Robert Tucker Sexualised Behaviour training

Kerri Chard, Department of Education and Training

Kerri told members about the Robert Tucker sexualised behaviour training she attended in Melbourne last week. Kerri distributed hard copies of outlines of training for foster, kinship and adoptive carers; residential carers and general training programs.

Kerri highly recommended this training and said she is looking at bringing Robert Tucker back to Queensland in 2017. If you are interested in hearing more about this please contact Kerri at Kerri.CHARD@det.qld.gov.au

Changes to the DCCSDS South East Region in 2017

In 2017 the South East region of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services will split into two districts, the Southern District, which will include the Gold Coast and Beaudesert and the Northern District, which will include Logan and Bayside. The Northern District will have five Child Safety Service Centres and the Southern District four Child Safety Service Centres. Each district will have a Regional Director and a Director. Kathy Masters will be the Regional Director for the Southern District with the process for appointing the Northern District Regional Director to be finalised in the next couple of weeks.

We intend using this realignment as an opportunity to review the South East Regional Child and Family Committee. Would it be more efficient to have two RCFCs in the South East, applying a more place-based model? Jo Clark-Jones, RCFC Secretariat will be exploring this and preparing a proposal early in the New Year. If you have any firm thoughts on this or ideas around how this model might look please contact Jo.

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*Wishing a happy,
relaxed and safe festive
season to you all and
looking forward to
seeing you all in 2017*

