

South East Regional Child and Family Committee Communique

5 October 2016

Queensland Family and Child Commission

Nicole Blackett

Assistant Commissioner, Oversight, Evaluation and Community Education

Nicole provided members an overview of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) and some information about their functions and strategies.

QFCC functions are:

- Oversight
- Evaluation
- Community Education
- Research
- Child Death
- Advocacy
- Policy
- Sector Development

Nicole provided an update on a range of interesting work being undertaken by the QFCC and associated links to that work:

- **Annual report on the performance of the Queensland child protection system**
 Link: <http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/annual-report-performance-queensland-child-protection-system>
 QFCC contact: Rachel Jackman, Manager Oversight, Rachel.Jackman@qfcc.qld.gov.au
- **Evaluation of the Child Protection Reform Program**
 QFCC contact: Nerida Leal, Manager Evaluation, Nerida.Leal@qfcc.qld.gov.au

- **Talking Families research**
 Link: <http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/talking-families-research-report>
 QFCC contact: Jodi Finucan, Manager Community Education, Jodi.Finucan@qfcc.qld.gov.au
- **Rumbles Quest**
 QFCC contact: Julie Harcourt, Project Director, Applied Research Projects, Julie.Harcourt@qfcc.qld.gov.au
- **Review of Foster Care and Blue Card services**
 Link: <http://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/examination-foster-care-and-blue-card-services>



David Mandel Safe and Together Approach – building staff capability

Dr Meegan Crawford

Manager, Quality Practice Team Child and Family Practice and Service Improvement, DCCSDS

Meegan and her team have been tasked with implementing the Quality Practice Framework



Unspent reform (Carmody) funds have been used to broaden our scope to include domestic and family violence, in particular enhancing staff capability. David Mandel's Safe and Together Approach has been a key aspect of that training.

Additional training in the Safe and Together Approach will be available in Australia in 2017. However, this training is expensive. Agencies who are interested in participating and perhaps sharing costs are welcome to contact Meegan.

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If you would like to know more about David Mandel's work here is a link:
<http://endingviolence.com/>

Local Level Alliances

The South East Regional Child and Family Committee endorsed the proposal that LLA coordinators attend all RCFC meetings to strengthen the relationship between the LLAs and the RCFC.



Transition to Independence (T2i)

Every year, more than 500 young people aged between 15 and 18 years old leave the care system. Without support from carers, friends, family and community, these young people often struggle to achieve positive life outcomes. Transition to Independence Month focuses on assisting young people make the journey to living successfully as adults.

The Smith Family's Care2Achieve offers scholarships for young women leaving care

who are planning to attend university or TAFE. Successful applicants receive financial, practical and personal support. Information about Care2Achieve was provided to members.



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Next Meeting

The final meeting of the South East Regional Child and Family Committee is **1-4 pm Wednesday 16 November 2016**. The meeting dates for 2017 are:

Time	Date
10-1	22/2/17
10-1	5/4/17
10-1	17/5/17
10-1	28/6/17
10-1	9/8/17
10-1	20/9/17
10-1	1/11/17
10-1	13/12/17

Diary invitations to these meetings will be sent in mid-November. As usual the venue for these meetings will be Conference Room, level 1, 100 George St, Beenleigh.