

Network News—13 October 2015

Hello — Thanks to everyone who sent in their program/service updates for the “Programs for Families”. The updated copy is attached with this email and can also be found on the Top End Network’s link on the NT Legal Aid Commission’s [website](#). This can be updated at any stage so let me know if you would like a program included or if any service information needs changing.

You can also order the Family Dispute Resolution DVD produced by your Network or access the individual chapters via the Pathways link.

A reminder that details of local professional development opportunities referred to in the Network News will also be included in the [NTCOSS Workforce Training & Development Calendar](#).

The next Network meeting is on **Tuesday 3 November** at 12.30 pm. We hope this is to be at the Federal Circuit Court’s new location in the Supreme Court Building. An invitation will be forwarded in a few weeks but until then, put it in the diary! Meeting dates for the remainder of 2015 are available on the Pathways link.

If there is anything of relevance to the broader family law sector that you would like to include in the next issue please let me know by email (pathways@ntlac.nt.gov.au).

Best Regards,

Natalie Scattini, Network Co-ordinator, 0437 162 941 (Mon and Tues only).

NEW PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Women of Worth	YWCA Women of Worth Drop-In Centre: Ground Floor, Goyder Centre, Palmerston 8932 6866 or email wow@ywcaofdarwin.org.au	All women in the greater Darwin region who are involved in the justice system can access the service (whether in custody, on remand, under community corrections orders or on home detention). See attached flyer and referral form.
“What to do about Anger for Men”	Relationships Australia NT 21 October 5.45 pm—8.30 pm Darwin (\$25)	(see attached flyers) 08 8923 4999 reception@ra-nt.org.au
Free Migrant Advice Service with qualified migration agents.	MCNT Hall, shop 15 Malak Shopping Centre. 5—8pm 2 September, 2015 (by appointment)	please contact MCNT on 898459122

NEW RESOURCES

ChildrenBeyondDispute.com the new online resource & education hub of Family Transitions, drawn from the work of [PROFESSOR JENNIFER MCINTOSH](#) for all concerned with child focused pathways through divorce & separation. There are many resources contained on the site for [PROFESSIONALS](#) working with separated parents or those experiencing relationship difficulties, and for [PARENTS](#) concerned about the impact of divorce or separation on their children.

[SmartSafe](#): Technology Abuse and Your Safety. This website was developed by the [Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria \(DVRCV\)](#) as part of a suite of tools and responses to technology-facilitated abuse in Australia. It aims to support education and awareness around the positive use of technology for those experiencing violence, includes practical tips for blocking and stopping whereabouts searches on smart phones.

Child protection and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, [CFCA Resource Sheet](#)— September 2015. This paper presents a snapshot of the rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children involved in child protection and out-of-home care.

[Daisy](#) is a phone app that connects women affected by sexual assault, domestic and family violence, to services and information in their local area. Daisy 2.0, released on September 3, is an upgrade to the original app released in March this year, and connects more women to services through its focus on support for rural and remote women and those who are culturally and linguistically diverse. The Northern Territory Office of Women's Policy has been part of the national advisory group to develop the app, and provides updates for Northern Territory services.

The upgraded version includes translated information in 28 languages, text to voice functionality for women with vision impairment or low literacy, and an SMS function for women living in rural and remote areas.

Special features include a 'Get Help' function that allows users to quickly call 000, and a 'quick exit' button to leave sites containing service information.

[CFCA](#) has brought together a range of their policy and practice resources for Mental Health Week, including a Webinar on 20 October referred to under Professional Development Opportunities below.

'The Importance of Human Connection': The Institute of Child Protection Studies Research to Practice Series

Innovative, interactive resources for abuse prevention education in the early years: This article describes the [Safe4Kids Protective education program](#), a primary prevention, early intervention program with a holistic approach to child abuse prevention education .

What Do I Call the Judge? The Victoria Law Foundation has put out this handy guide on how to address the Judge in all situations. Have a look [here](#).

Free fact sheets on family break up. Skylight (NZ): [More](#)

POSITIVE SENSE OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY ABORIGINAL ANIMATIONS: SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1800RESPECT Webinar: Forced Marriage: Understanding Context and Connecting to Services	Thursday 22 October 2015 11.30 am—12.15 pm Free	Jennifer Burn, Director, Anti- Slavery Australia. Associate Professor, UTS Faculty of Law. Register here.
Bridging the Gap Seminar	October 20th and 21st, 2015 Darwin: \$840	Why Warriors Pty Ltd A unique cross-cultural training seminar; a key learning experience for those wishing to improve their work with and in remote Indigenous communities.
Incidental Counselling for Trauma Survivors	21 October \$80	Melaleuca Refugee Centre (for more info and booking)
Using technology in practice to improve young people's mental health	Webinar - 20 October 2015, 12 pm	This webinar, presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, will describe the role of technologies in young people's lives, and how they might be used to support young people's mental health. Register here.
FRSA National Conference 2015 The Future of Families: Preparing for Change	10—12 November 2015 Brisbane	More information & registration or see attached flyers. Early bird rate extended until 16 October!
Start at The Top: Family Law Conference	21—22 January 2016	Register interest in attending by email events@lawsocietynt.asn.au
Child Aware Approaches Conference	23—24 May 2016 Brisbane	Call for Abstracts announcement soon. "Progressing the conversation around the National Framework for Protecting

WHAT'S ON

Information Session: International Women's Day Grants (see attached flyer)

The Northern Territory Government Office of Women's Policy would like to invite you to a hands-on information session on how to apply for one of our International Women's Day Grants.

When: Friday 16th October 2015 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Where: Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory Shop 15, Malak Shopping Centre

MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL NT is hosting a Community Forum from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28 October 2015 for the new Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC), The Hon Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, will be a special guest. See attached flyer.

RECLAIM THE NIGHT EVENT 2015 Please join us for the annual Reclaim the Night March for 2015. When: Friday 30 October 2015. March beginning at 7pm. We will be gathering at 6:45pm at Bicentennial Park on the corner of the Esplanade and Daly Street in the city. Rugby Gaea would like to invite all persons that want to reclaim the night against violence to join us. For further details please call 8945 0155 or email at admin@rubygaea.net.au

Families Australia Policy Forum

Monday 2 November 2015 8:30am - 10:30am AEST

Building Stronger Australian Families: What do they need to thrive?

[Register to Attend Live Webinar](#)

Midnight Basketball needs more volunteers J See attached media release and information on how to get involved below:

Register here > <https://www.midnightbasketball.org.au/Locations/darwin/Pages/default.aspx>

Show reel: <https://www.midnightbasketball.org.au/Video>

BreastScreen is bringing it's bus to Darwin City 19-23 October 2015 or the first time in Breast Awareness Month. See attached flyer.

IMPACT Indigenous Leadership Program run by the Foundation for Young Australians. This program is suited to students who are interested in making a difference in their community, tracking well with their attendance and are motivated to complete Year 12 or equivalent.

IMPACT is an out-of-school leadership and development program for Indigenous students. The program offers a range of workshops, camps and activities that pushes you to challenge yourself, step out of your comfort zone and get to know yourself better. Along the way, you will explore your passions, give back to your community, build your networks and form part of a group of inspiring young Indigenous leaders. The IMPACT program encourages the development of confident and resilient young people, who know themselves, pursue their goals and contribute in positive ways to their communities.

Applications close this Friday. See attached flyer and application form.

Share the joy of Children's Week

National Children's Week is an annual event which celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. The Organising Committee would like to invite you to participate in Children's Week events, by providing an activity, workshop or entertainment for children. This year, Children's Week will take place on Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November. The theme for the week is "Making NT Community Child Friendly". See attached documents.
