

## Network News—12 January 2016

Happy New Year to you all – I hope you have had a restorative break!

A reminder that the “Programs for Families” has been updated and can 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.

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

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](mailto:pathways@ntlac.nt.gov.au)).

Best Regards,

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

### New Publications/Resources/Courses

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**Relationships Australia NT Darwin office** is offering a new Parenting Information & Skill Building Session called ‘Parents and New Partners.’ The 3 hour session is aimed at all re-partnered parents and their partners – where one or both people in the couple are technically ‘step parents.’ (See flyer)

**MCNT is inviting local families to come along to the Play2Learn Multicultural Playgroup on Thursday mornings at the Malak Community Centre. (See Flyer)**

**Sisters in Law** Sisters in Law podcast on the 8CCC website: <http://8ccc.com.au/show/sisters-in-law/>  
A new program covering legal issues for women, aired every Friday at 9am (download podcasts anytime).

Sisters in Law is a community legal education initiative, aimed to increase legal literacy amongst the community, and raise awareness about our legal rights and what to do if things go wrong. We talk about legal issues affecting women, and the assistance available; and look at ideas and initiatives aimed to improve social justice outcomes for women both in our community and further afield.

Presented by Lauren Macaulay, the program is a collaboration between 8CCC and the Central Australian Women’s Legal Service, and produced in Alice Springs.

**[Children’s exposure to domestic and family violence](#): Key issues and responses CFCA Paper No.**

**36 – December 2015**

### **[National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children](#)**

A range of resources from CFCA to support the Third Action Plan **2015-2018 9 December 2015**

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Domestic and Family Violence and Parenting: Mixed methods and insights into the impact and support needs: State of Knowledge Paper. **This paper examines the current state of knowledge on the impact of domestic and family violence (DFV) on parenting. It considers how often DFV occurs among parents; the impact of DFV on parenting; the methods and behaviours used by perpetrators to disrupt the mother-child relationship; and interventions used to strengthen and support a healthy mother-child relationship.**

[http://anrows.org.au/publications/landscapes/domestic-and-family-violence-and-parenting-mixed-methods-insights-impact-and?utm\\_source=ANROWS+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=14f722a4f7-Landscapes Issue One 2016 e alert 1 11 2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_ac2f28doaa-14f722a4f7-272961681](http://anrows.org.au/publications/landscapes/domestic-and-family-violence-and-parenting-mixed-methods-insights-impact-and?utm_source=ANROWS+Newsletter&utm_campaign=14f722a4f7-Landscapes+Issue+One+2016+e+alert+1+11+2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ac2f28doaa-14f722a4f7-272961681)

Research to Practice Series on supporting contact visits for children in out-of-home care. ICPS: [More](#)

DV TOOLKIT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS The [1800RESPECT frontline workers toolkit](#)

- Core resources for everyone including information on recognising the signs of violence against women, supporting disclosure, assessing risk, safety planning, cultural competence and trauma
- Resources to help workers and professionals understand the different types of violence against women
- Resources for managers and organisations, including information on domestic violence policies, vicarious trauma and a resilience training program... and much more.

#### **Child Focused Online Training**

Child Focused Practice is a free interactive online program, developed by the Australian Institute of Social Relations for the South Australian homelessness and family violence sector. This course explores the impact of homelessness and trauma on children and provides practical information about how to support children and their parents...[Child Focused Practice Online - Australian Institute of Social Relations](#)

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## What's On

**Community Forum: challenges and priorities for people of migrant and refugee background**

**5.30 - 6.30 pm o Friday 22 January 2016 Chambers Crescent Theatre, Malak**

With Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs. RSVP by Thursday 21 January 2016 to Natasha Griggs MP, Member for Solomon, either by tel: 8928 0180 or email: [natasha.griggs.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:natasha.griggs.mp@aph.gov.au). (See flyer).

**Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) National Consultation, Darwin**

**Monday 15 February 10 am – 12 pm: Ageing and Aged Care Consultation**

**February 16 2016 9 – 10.30 am: Access & Equity Consultation**

For catering purposes please RSVP to Ron Mitchell at the MCNT on email: [ron.mitchell@mcnt.org.au](mailto:ron.mitchell@mcnt.org.au) or MCNT Admin on : 89459122 by Monday 8 February 2016. (See flyers )

**MCNT Free Migrant Advice Service Next appointment: Wednesday 3 February, 2016**

Monthly Consultations upon appointment with qualified Migration Agents.

MCNT Hall, shop 15 Malak Shopping Centre, 5—8pm

For further Information please contact MCNT on 898459122

## Training/Professional Development

<b>Start at the Top Family Law Conference 2016</b>	<b>Parliament House, Darwin January 21 – 22.</b>	<b>NT Law Society. See flyer or <a href="#">Family Law Conference 2016</a></b>  
National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children	Melbourne: 23-25 February 2016	ANROWS: Register Now: <a href="#">More</a>
<b>Andrew Harkin</b> <b>The Working with Trauma, an Advanced Therapeutic Workshop for Counsellors</b>	Mon 29th Feb, Tues 1st & Wed 2nd March-2016	Relationships Australia See attached flyer and registration form.
<b>The national <a href="#">Ending Domestic &amp; Family Violence conference</a></b>	12 and 13 April 2016, Sydney (see also pre and post conference workshops on 11 and 14 April).	Note the conference will feature Melissa Scaia and Scott Miller from the USA discussing the effectiveness of the Duluth Model and how they plan to bring this model to Australia.
<b>The third annual AFCC chapter conference:</b> <i>“Assessing and determining children’s best interests in the flood of family violence claims”</i>	Brisbane <b>18 to 20 August 2016</b>	<a href="http://afccnet.org.au/">http://afccnet.org.au/</a>
<b>2016 Child Aware Approaches Conference</b>	Brisbane Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 May 2016	<a href="http://childawareconference.org">childawareconference.org</a>