

Network News—22 February 2016

Greetings all! I hope you find this edition of the monthly interesting and informative. Please let me know if there is anything of relevance to the broader family law sector that you would like to include in the next issue (email is best: pathways@ntlac.nt.gov.au).

The David Mandel (endingviolence.com) workshops on 11 and 12 February, were very well attended with attendees coming from all over the NT and from a diverse range of services. A formal evaluation questionnaire will be sent out shortly, however the feedback at the time was that it was a very valuable event – the presenter, content and networking opportunity were all outstanding and inspirational.

Work continues on the development of the Pathways website; there will be more information coming on this. In the meantime, a reminder that the “Programs for Families” can be found on the Top End Network’s link on the NT Legal Aid Commission’s [website](#). 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](#).

I hope to see you at next week’s lunch-time meeting!

Best Regards,

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New Publications/Resources/Courses

“Legal Health Check” Pilot project : NT Legal Aid is running Outreach legal advice clinics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at Danila Dilba Health Service every Tuesday (Knuckey St Clinic) and Thursday (Palmerston Clinic) in February and March. Lawyers can provide general advice on legal issues and assist with referrals to other services where appropriate. This includes domestic violence, money troubles, accessing entitlements, complaints about services, court enquiries, fines, and more...Appointments can be made by contacting the relevant clinic. Service providers are encouraged to refer clients who are from communities who would otherwise not be engaging with mainstream services and instead feel more comfortable getting help at DDHS. (See flyer)

‘Parents and New Partners’: Relationships Australia NT Darwin office is offering a 3 hour Parenting Information & Skill Building Session on 12 April and 7 June aimed at all re-partnered parents and their partners – where one or both people in the couple are technically ‘step parents.’ (See flyer)

Men & Relationships: in pursuit of Respectful Relationships: Relationships Australia NT Darwin office is running an 11 week course for men starting 12 April. (See flyer)

'For the Kids' – a one day post-separation parenting course in Katherine on 22 March 2016; Anglicare Resolve. (see flyer)

Happy Families Support Program: MCNT and CatholicCare NT: free session for Darwin's migrant and refugee families and communities - with guest speakers and family-friendly activities - scheduled for the last Friday evening of each month. The first session this year at the MCNT, Malak on Friday evening 26 February 2016 (see flyer).

New Service: Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service (Alice Springs). Tangentyere Council, (with Alice Spring Women's Shelter and Jesuit Social Services), has established the Service to provide targeted support to Aboriginal youth aged between 12 and 17 years, who have been affected by domestic and family violence. (see attached document)

Relationships Australia in Alice Springs has produced a flyer with their relationship courses for the first half of 2016. See attached.

Paper: Trauma-informed care in child/family welfare services (CFCA Paper No. 37) This paper aims to define and clarify what trauma-informed service delivery means in the context of delivering child and family welfare services in Australia.

Paper: Leesa Hooker, Rae Kaspiew, Angela Taft (2016). [Domestic and family violence and parenting: Mixed methods insights into impact and support needs: State of knowledge paper.](#) Sydney: ANROWS.

Article: **"Relational Autonomy and Family Dispute Resolution: How a Feminist Approach Can Improve Service Delivery in the Context of Family Violence"**, Dobinson (2016), UNSLTSS. In the Australian family law system, separating parents must attempt to mediate their parenting disputes before they are able to seek court orders. The legislation does offer possible exemptions, including for cases involving family violence. Yet research shows that such cases frequently undergo family dispute resolution (FDR) http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2720094

What's On

Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are.

Everyone is welcome to a morning of multicultural activities and entertainment for families with children birth—5 years hosted by the City of Darwin on 23 March. (see flyer)

International Women's Day - 8 March 2016. See Office of Women's Policy's calendar of events - http://www.women.nt.gov.au/office_of_womens_advancement/2015_international_womens_day

MCNT Free Migrant Advice Service Next appointment: Wednesday 24 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

Trauma informed training program 2016	Various topics and dates (see flyer attached)	http://melaleuca.org.au/referral-services/community-development/education-training-program/
Domestic Violence and Immigration	Webinar 25 February 2016	Immigration Advice and Rights Centre https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5262325692739037954?platform=hootsuite
Domestic Violence Response Training (DV-alert)	Darwin 29 February and 1 March. The training fee is waived for frontline workers supporting ATSI communities. Also support for accommodation, travel and staff backfill.	Lifeline. DV-ALERT is a nationally recognised training developed specifically for community frontline workers supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. For more information or to register visit: www.dvalert.org.au .
National Research Conference on Violence against Women and their Children	Melbourne: 23-25 February 2016	ANROWS: Register Now: More
Andrew Harkin The Working with Trauma, an Advanced Therapeutic Workshop for Counsellors	Mon 29th Feb, Tues 1st & Wed 2nd March-2016	Relationships Australia See attached flyer and registration form.
Peaceful Pathways To Resolve Conflict & Build Community	5-6 March 2016	Alternatives to Violence Project (see attached flyer)
Counselling and psychotherapy: Evidence and future directions	Wed, Mar 9, 2016 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ACST Webinar	Child Family Community Australia (AIFS). Presenters: Professor Lawrie Moloney and Dr Stephen Andrew. This webinar will focus on the evidence for the efficacy/effectiveness of counselling and psychotherapy, the factors that contribute to its success, and the importance of incorporating client feedback into practice.
The national Ending Domestic & Family Violence conference	12 and 13 April 2016, Sydney (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.

<p>The third annual AFCC chapter conference: <i>"Assessing and determining children's best interests in the flood of family violence claims"</i></p>	<p>Brisbane 18 to 20 August 2016</p>	<p>http://afccnet.org.au/</p>
<p>2016 Child Aware Approaches Conference</p>	<p>Brisbane Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 May 2016</p>	<p>childawareconference.org</p>



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