

Network News—7 September 2015

Greetings All— with only three Network meetings left this year, if you would like to do a presentation or would like to suggest a topic for a presentation at one of these meetings, please contact me by email. Any suggestions or speakers welcome!

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).

The Top End Network's "Programs for Families" can be found on the Top End Network's link on the NT Legal Aid Commission's [website](#). Please let me know if you would like a program included in this list or if any service information needs updating.

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

Instead of the schedule of professional development opportunities, which I recently created and uploaded on to the Pathways link, I will now ensure the details of local courses referred to in the Network News are included in the [NTCOSS Workforce Training & Development Calendar](#).

The next Network meeting is on **Tuesday 22 September** at 12.30 pm (venue to be advised). An invitation will be forwarded shortly. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2015 are available on the Pathways link.

Best Regards,

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

WHAT'S ON

National Child Protection Week (including White Balloon Day September 11)	6—12 September	See NAPCAN for NT events
Breakfast Launch of National Child Protection Week	Wednesday 9 September 2015: 7:30am - 9:30am	NAPCAN (see attached flyer)
Launch of new play equipment for children (0-5 years) with disability	Friday 11 September 9.30—11.30 am Civic Park, Darwin	City of Darwin Fun Bus (see attached flyer)
High Tea for Hamlin	Saturday 12 September 3 pm Marrara	A fundraiser for Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia—to help women with childbirth injuries. (see attached flyer)
Reclaim the Night March	30 October 2015 7 pm Darwin	Ruby Gaea (see attached flyer)

NEW PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

"What to do about Anger for Men"	30 September 5.45 pm—8.30 pm Darwin	Relationships Australia NT (see attached flyers) 08 8923 4999 reception@ra-nt.org.au
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SMART Recovery—self-help group; an alternative to AA and NA to help people with changing any problematic behaviours including alcohol and drugs, gambling, food, shopping etc.	Every Thursday 5.30pm at Palmerston Library, Community Room, Goyder Square – The Boulevard . Confidential; free; no pre-booking or referral necessary.	A Banyan House initiative. SMART Recovery uses cognitive behaviour therapy and focuses on choice, responsibility and planning enabling positive change.

NEW RESOURCES

NAPCAN [Calendar of Top Tips “Play Your Part”](#).

Aden Ridgeway delivers the 2015 Families Australia Oration. [Watch here](#).

National Children’s Commissioner, Megan Mitchell Webinar “The Impact of Family/Domestic Violence on Children” 1800RESPECT . [Watch here](#).

Blagg, H., Bluett-Boyd, N., & Williams, E. (2015). [Innovative models in addressing violence against Indigenous women: State of knowledge paper](#). ANROWS Landscapes 08/2015.

BREAKING BAD : Presentations from the GP and Specialist Alcohol and Other Drugs Symposium 2015. Watch “Breaking Bad: using what we know about methamphetamine to respond effectively”: https://m.youtube.com/watch?utm_campaign=5880e9622e-DrugIn-fo_19_August8_19_2015&utm_source=ADF+Master+List&utm_medium=email&v=oR2EbcxJRGw&utm_term=0_fe135ee49e-5880e9622e-306530221

CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY UPDATE:

What’s new with the ‘Find Us’ feature on the DHS website?

Customers can search for a service centre by selecting office type, as well as location . Co-located service centres and myGov locations are now easily identified. [Go to humanservices.gov.au/findus](http://humanservices.gov.au/findus).

Child Support app released for Android

The Express Plus Child Support mobile app is now available for Android devices. This means customers who have Android devices with version 4.0+ can download the app, as well as those with iOS7+ Apple devices. The Express Plus Child Support app allows customers to [check their details](#), including payments, update their details and tell DSS about any changes, view their online letters, store important documents etc.

Time for a health check?

A health check is an assessment of a child’s physical health and general wellbeing. Customers need to tell DHS when their child has had their health check so they [can get the](#) Family Tax Benefit Part A supplement at the end of the financial year. A health check can be completed from when a child is 3 years old [by a community health centre/doctor etc](#). Read more about Healthy Start for School via humanservices.gov.au/healthystart.