Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Macarthur Child and Family Interagency

Date: December 5 2017 Start Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Northcott Campbelltown End Time: 3:30 p.m.

Chair & Minutes Jeanne Duffy (Sector Connect)

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Welcome

Everyone was welcomed and apologies presented.

Service Presentations

ARACY’s work sits under the framework of The Nest—an evidence-based framework for the well-being of children and young people. It was developed with the goal of aligning the efforts of all stakeholders working towards better outcomes for young Australians. Examples of organisations using The Nest to guide their work are available here.

Also aligned under The Nest Framework is the What Works for Kids website, a searchable database of evidence-based programs and tools that have been shown to improve outcomes for children and young people. You can search by target cohort, age range, the outcome you are trying to achieve, level of evidence available etc.

The Common Approach training is a way of working that helps anyone who works with or interacts with children on a regular basis to have quality conversations about their well-being. The training is based on the premise that protecting children is everyone’s business, and it supports a child-centred, strengths-based approach that considers all aspects of a family’s circumstances.
Other initiatives mentioned were:
- Our work on Parent Engagement, which has been shown to reduce the impact of socio-economic disadvantage on educational outcomes
- The Right@Home trial of sustained nurse-led home visits.

And, of particular relevance to the current TEI Reforms, the First 1000 Days Partnership which recently resulted in the release of a report summarising the body of evidence for how and why the early years (including the pre-natal period) is of critical importance

**FACS Update**

Targeted Early Intervention covers 5 funding streams. All districts are working on final plans for their own areas – that is looking at what services are needed, the priority groups for each area and then matching services to the priority groups. The first year of the reform won't see a lot of change however over the next 3 years there will be a transition. There will be a Sector Assistance strategy for peaks to help services transition.

**Highlands Child & Wingecarribee Youth Interagency**

Highlands Child Youth and Family is the new name of the network. A planning day was held to align the direction of the network with the WSC youth strategy. Terms of reference are also being visited.

**Paint the Town REaD**

- **Wingecarribee** planning will commence early 2018 for an event early in the year.
- **Campbelltown** PTTR event had to be held in doors due to bad weather but still a highly successful event. First outing for McReadie (mascot). The event theme was strongly linked inclusion and hosted a seeing eye dog and braille machine.
- **Warragamba** – pilot project in Warragamba/Silverdale looking at producing a resource for distribution at local childcare centres and playgroups
- **Camden** – Grandparents day held 10 of November after a reschedule due to bad weather on the 27th of October. Highly successful. Working on a 'suggested book list' under the PTTR banner. Event organisation for 2018 should start early 2018

**Parenting programs**

- 123 Magic scheduled to start from the 8th of February. Contact Community Links.
- Challenging Behaviours contact Community Links
- Bringing up good kids – contact Uniting will be held in Campbelltown and Bowral.

**Funding Opportunity**

Start Strong Pathways transition to early childhood [click here](#) for more information

**Training/Information**

Australian Institute of Family Studies 10-12 principles for developing playgroups. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Next Meetings**

3rd of April
1.00-3.00
Tahmoor Community Hub
6 Harper Close Tahmoor

Meeting dates for 2018
6 February, 3 April, 5 June, 7 August, 2 October, 4 December
Roaming venues