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Macarthur Child & Family Interagency

Date: 12 th October 2010	Time: 10am-12pm	Venue: MDSI – 101 Queen Street, Campbelltown
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dena D’Antone – Macarthur Community Support Team (ADHC) ▪ Lorena Munoz – MDSI ▪ Kym Booth – KU Inclusion Support Agency ▪ Nicole Collins – Camden Council ▪ Leanne Franklin – Northcott Family Resource Links ▪ Karin Vasquez – MDSI ▪ Steve Chan – DoCS ▪ Gabriel Thomsen – Burnside ▪ Nancy Ward – Focus on New Families ▪ Sandra Templeton – Focus on New Families ▪ Coral Ison – MDSI ▪ Matthew Ferguson – Department of Premier and Cabinet ▪ Margaret O’Dea – Benevolent Society ▪ Veronica Brazenell – Rosemeadow Public School ▪ Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect 	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Louise Pilon – Homestart Wingecarribee ▪ Judith Taylor – MDSI ▪ Fiona Devine – Wollondilly Shire Council 	
Guest Speaker		
	Camden Kids – Nicole Collins	
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camden Kids Website is an initiative of Camden Council. - The Camden Kids website was launched on the 25th August 2010 and has had a great response since the launch date - Camden Council has been actively promoting the website through information stalls, press releases and presentations - The website targets kids 0-12 year old children. - Aim: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support parents ▪ Build a child friendly community in Camden ▪ Bring people together ▪ Increase awareness and availability of resources 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability is another main aim of this service also and there are many great ideas for further extending this service - Why was Camden Kids developed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Camden has a high population of children and the young population within Camden is expected to grow significantly in the coming years - Features of Camden Kids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>The Home Page:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lists upcoming events, notice board, mailing list and photo gallery ○ What's on Calendar ▪ <u>Child Care:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lists the contact details for child care in Camden ○ Can search child care availability by suburb ▪ <u>Fun & Play:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lists the details of playgroups, playgrounds, sporting clubs, spaces and places, website for kids and school holiday activities within Camden ▪ <u>Support Services:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lists family services, social support services, children with a disability services, language services, parenting & grandparenting services, & child protection services within Camden ▪ <u>Health & Safety:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides information around health services in Camden as well as tips for parents around healthy eating practices, breastfeeding, physical activity, immunization and child safety ▪ <u>Learning & Development:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information available around local primary schools in Camden, tutoring and support services, library services, child development, sleep patterns and service providers within the Camden Local Government Area <p>If you would like to add an event or service information please contact Nicole on camdenkids@camden.nsw.gov.au or visit www.camdenkids.com.au</p>
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicole Collins – Camden Council ▪ Margaret O’Dea – Benevolent Society
2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes	
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3. Standing Items	
	3.1 Issues & Concerns within the Service Sector
	<p>DoCS realignment process can be confusing for some agencies. This is due to the fact that there is a lot to take in and understand, particularly around the two streams (Community Builders & EIPP). It was identified that the Macarthur Child & Family Interagency needs to be aware and up to date about the process and provide an opportunity for monitoring of the realignment process.</p> <p>Time constraints are another issue in keeping up to date with all the information.</p> <p>Additionally, agencies were wondering whether support will be available during the restructuring process. As well as additional support being available for those agencies that are singularly funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was identified that open communication is available through the website, and peak agencies etc. - If agencies have questions about the process they are able to contact their CPOs
	3.2 Supported Playgroups Working Group
	<p>This group was brought about due to issues arising relating to provision of supported playgroups. A number of members of the Macarthur Child & Family Interagency decided to establish a working group to focus on the issues a number of agencies were experiencing in relation to playgroup provision across Macarthur. It was identified that the Supported Playgroups Working Group and Camden 4 Children group were both dealing with similar issues. Therefore, the groups have amalgamated for the time being to address playgroup provision in Camden, along with other issues within Camden in relation to children services.</p>
	3.3 Highlands Child Update
	No one from Highlands Child present at the meeting
4. Items without Notice	
	Nil
5. Information Share	
	The group shared information about services and upcoming events verbally. This information was not recorded in the minutes, however completed information share forms are attached as follows

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Macarthur Community Support Team

Who are we?

The Macarthur Community Support Team(MCST) is a multidisciplinary team, made up of Case Managers, Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

We offer support to people with an intellectual disability, their carers and families. We can provide local information and referrals as well as direct services to people with an intellectual disability, their carers and families.

For information and general enquiries, please feel free to contact our local office directly, on 4629 1600.

To make a formal request for services, please contact our Intake Team at Burwood Regional Office, on ph 9334 3700.

Information for those who may not know about Companion Card:

The Companion Card allows people with a significant and permanent disability, who require attendant care for the rest of their lives, to participate in community activities and events without discrimination. We have recently been advised that The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club and Campbelltown City Council have recently affiliated to accept the companion card. EVENTS Cinema is also an affiliated organisation.

To find out more about the Companion Card NSW, visit the website:

<http://www.nswcompanioncard.org.au/>

Information about "Sleep Time" seminar:

ADHC are hosting a Free "Sleep Time" Seminar at our Campbelltown office on Friday, October 22nd, 2010. This workshop will run from 10-12am. For more details and bookings please contact Kathryn: 46 291600

Information regarding Communication Workshops:

This year we have held parent workshops on: Language development; Literacy; How to support positive behaviours; and Communicate to Participate.

The final parent workshop for 2010 will be on Signing on Monday 25th Oct 2010.

Held at our office in Queen St Campbelltown, at 10 am.

We also run the Open Communication Mornings (10-12) at the MDS Communication Room on the first Monday of each month.

Although the room has not been crowded we had very positive feedback from parents that have attended and have gone home with resources ready to be used.

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Next Meeting	Meeting Date	
	7 th December 2010 <u>Venue</u> : Sector Connect – 351 Welling Drive, Mount Annan <u>Time</u> : 10am-12pm	