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Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers – SA Inc

CFC-SA is the peak body for foster and kinship carers in South Australia

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RECHARGE 2016 : Understanding mental health

Date: Thursday 29 September 2016

Times: **Day Session** 10:00am to 2:30pm Lunch provided
Creche available onsite – please advise details with booking
Evening Session 6:00pm to 10:00pm Dinner provided
Child care available through City Community Children’s Centre
Ph: 8212 2377 – requiring 7 days’ notice for children aged under 2

Location: Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton SA

*“The capacity to
care is what gives
life its most
deepest significance”*

Pablo Casals

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CFC-SA is now accepting bookings for this year’s event with Fay Jackson. Fay is the director of Vision in Mind, an organisation dedicated to delivering unique solutions to issues impacting mental health in the workplace, services and community.

As a multi award winning national motivational speaker, educator, advocate and voice for mental health, we are thrilled to have Fay as our keynote speaker for RECHARGE 2016. With humour, passion and expertise Fay will talk to us about the importance of self care. **Register online or phone us on 1800 732 272.**

www.cfc-sa.org.au

Did you know ...

... CFC-SA has over 700 members

... approximately 30% of SA foster and kinship carers are current members

... membership is free and you can join us online at

www.cfc-sa.org.au or by calling our Freecall number 1800 732 272

... the CFC-SA Facebook page has now received over 500 LIKES

... you can follow us on Facebook



Royal Commission

In response to the release of the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission Report last month, CFC-SA made a statement to the media sharing disappointment that the recommendations failed to address:

- (a) The fundamental lack of **legal rights and recognition** of carers; and
- (b) The provision of binding, autonomous oversight of decisions of Families SA that affect carers and the children in their care.

CFC-SA also welcomed recommendations, in particular Recommendations 70, 116 and 117. We look forward to discussions with Minister Close shortly.

'Who can say OK? Making decisions about children in care'

The updated consents and decisions handbook – 'Who can say OK? Making decisions about children in care' is **now available** online via <http://cfc-sa.org.au/who-can-say-ok/>

"The main thing is that making decisions about children and young people in family-based care needs to be clear and understood by everyone involved in the child's care team" p.4

Access to mental health services for children in care

CFC-SA was pleased to receive responses from 74 members and has presented the **results of the CFC-SA survey** to Minister Close via the Council for the Care of Children.

Raising Literacy Australia: "Read to Me" program

Raising Literacy Australia offer a "Read to Me" program **for young children (aged birth to 5 years) in foster or kinship care**. They provide an initial pack which includes 10 picture books, DVD, library bag, information book and play ideas. Every 3 months, 3 more books and an activity sheet are sent.

For more information and to sign up, please visit their website: www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/read-to-me .

Welcome CEO!

CFC-SA has welcomed Amanda Porter as our Chief Executive Officer. Amanda has over 10 years' experience working in community services and is looking forward to **connecting with members**, progressing advocacy efforts, seeking opportunities to expand CFC-SA and deliver further services for carers.

Already a member, but not receiving emails?

Communicating with members is an essential part of our work as a peak body. If you are a member but are not receiving information from CFC-SA, please contact us with your **current email address** and we will update our electronic mailing list.

Members will soon receive their invitation to the CFC-SA **AGM**, to be held on Tuesday 8 November 2016.

THANK YOU Families SA for support of this newsletter which is mailed to all foster and kinship carer families direct from the Families SA database