

Community Sector Roundtable – Communiqué

Leadership and Partnership Forum

The Department for Child Protection, together with the Community Sector Roundtable, is convening the 2013 Leadership and Partnership Forum on 31 October 2013. The purpose of the Forum is to contribute to the development and implementation of an integrated state-wide child protection, placement and secondary services system that supports families and individuals at risk or in crisis.

Membership of the Forum includes the members of the Community Sector Roundtable, twenty one additional management level community sector representatives and senior executive members of the Department for Child Protection.

Outcomes based funding

The sector is concerned about the validity, nature and subsequent measurement of outcomes. Discussion focussed on different levels of government and different government agencies including outcomes that may target elements such as population, community, programmatic and service type. The Department is developing a position paper on outcomes and the consultation that will occur with the sector on this subject.

Expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Networks

The CSR is working with the Department in establishing and monitoring the development of the Secondary Family Support Networks. Discussion at the April meeting centred around the importance for common criteria across all family support networks. Members felt that while it is necessary for local flexible models to emerge, it is best done under a central framework that facilitates the establishment of networks in a way that can be joined up, create good outcomes and be sustainable.

CSR EOI

You will be aware that the EOI for new CSR membership was distributed to the sector via email a few weeks ago. The closing date for applications is Friday 17 May 2013.