

Community Sector Roundtable – Communiqué

The Community Sector Roundtable (CSR) is an advisory body that reports directly to the Director General, Department for Child Protection and Family Support, providing advice and information that improves outcomes and strengthens the relationship between the Department and the community services sector in relation to the funding and the provision of services.

Mechanisms for Supporting the Sector

The CSR is developing a set of principles to guide members to ensure mechanisms for supporting the sector are considered and incorporated into the work being undertaken by the committee.

Macro issues impacting the out of home care system

This working group has agreed to contribute to the steering committee for the development of a strategic plan for the out of home care system, working with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the Alliance.

Development Fund

The Development Fund is an initiative of the Commonwealth Government, as part of the one year Transitional NPAH Agreement, for capital projects and requiring States to match the contributions. The Department of Housing has consulted with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support to submit applications for this Fund. Information on the outcomes of this process will be announced when it becomes available.

Expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Hubs

The evaluation of the Armadale Family Support Network (AFSN) is almost complete. This will provide valuable learnings' for the expansion of the Family Support Networks (FSN).

The Murchison FSN, which will begin operations later this year, is funded by Karara Mining and managed by Parkerville, using the same model as the AFSN. The Mirrabooka region has been working to develop a FSN, this is progressing and will be going to tender soon.

It is valuable to have three live examples of the FSNs to provide a comprehensive picture and understanding of the effectiveness of the model before seeking the funding for the expansion of the network.

CSR EOI

The EOI for membership of the CSR has now been completed. The successful applicants were Mr Ashley Reid, Ngala; Ms Irina Cattalini, WACOSS; Ms Veronica Rodenburg, Yaandina Family Centre Inc; and Ms Martine Pitt, Communicare Inc.