

Hello from the Project Team

Welcome to the Spring edition of the PPSS newsletter highlighting upcoming activities including support groups, forums, training programs and social activities. For details regarding individual events please contact the Post Placement Resource Centre; Tel. (03) 9020 1833, Email: info@ppss.org.au



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Children's Week –

Showcasing Mirror Families

A new approach which focuses on enduring support networks for vulnerable children and young people. This workshop is for professionals who support children where there are drug and alcohol problems in the family..

Sponsored by

*PPSS and Odyssey House VIC
Tuesday October 25 – 9.30 – 1.00pm.*

Venue: To be advised

RSVP: aparkes@odyssey.org.au

Upcoming Training Events

Adoption Workshops:

Presented by Deb Riley, Executive Director,
Centre for Adoption Support & Education (C.A.S.E)

◆ Fri Oct 7- Adoption & Mental Health Issues

A workshop for professionals working in adoption and permanent care agencies; counsellors, psychologists; teachers; and other school personnel . *Venue: Fitzroy*

◆ Sat Oct 8 - Beneath the Mask – Adoption through the eyes of adolescents

This workshop provides parents with an understanding of how adoption influences the normal challenges of adolescence

◆ Sat Oct 8 – Talking with children about adoption

This practical workshop for parents covers the basics of communication with children (ages birth – 12) to help them understand their adopting

◆ Sun Oct 9 – W.I.S.E. Up!

Kid's workshop: for ages 6 to 12 years, providing children who have been adopted with the tools to handle comments and questions about adoption.

Parents' workshop: providing strategies to talk to young children about adoption, as well as ways to support and encourage children to comfortably share their questions, thoughts and feelings.

Venue: Oct 8 – 9 sessions held at West Richmond Primary School

Adoptive Parent/Carer Workshop

◆ Weds Oct 5 - Nov 9 Tuning into Kids

A 6-session group parenting program for kinship carers, permanent carers and adoptive parents that helps children learn to understand and regulate their emotions. **7pm – 9pm; cost is \$12.00 per session**
Venue: PPSS - Flemington. Registration required

Stay Tuned for:

◆ Bringing Fun Home for Grandparent Carers - Oct

This interactive workshop gives grandparents an opportunity to reflect upon ways to enhance connections and relationships with grandchildren.

◆ Discussion Evening with a guest speaker - Nov



Support Groups and Community Events

■ Journal Club

A short article is chosen each month as a way of opening up discussion about a topic of interest to those involved in the care of children raised in non-biological families.

Collingwood Library

First Thurs each month 8.00pm—9.30pm

■ Adult Adoptee Network

An adoptee support network offering regular social activities for young adults and teenagers adopted from overseas.

Call Andrew – 03 9020 1835 or email

adultadopteenetwork@gmail.com

■ Northern “All Ways Playgroup”

Call Dan Barron - 0422 050 689

Jika Jika Community Centre

Every second Thurs 1pm—3pm

■ Inner-South *Forever Families* Playgroup

Call Belinda - 0421 610 931

Port Melbourne Family & Children’s Hub

Every second Thurs 10am—12pm

■ As Eye See It

A photographic exhibition by children and young people launched by the Child Safety Commissioner

The Atrium at Federation Square

Frid 9 Sep at 10.30 am

■ PPSS Family Picnic Day

An enjoyable event for carer and adoptive families with lots of fun for the kids including face painting, pony rides, hay rides and sausage sizzle. Free entry.

:BYO picnic lunch - RSVP info@ppss.org.au

Collingwood Children’s Farm

Sun 6 Nov – 10am – 2pm

■ Kinship Care Forum

Kinship and grandparent carers, and professionals are invited to this annual forum sponsored by the Office of the Child Safety Commissioner. Supported by PPSS, Bethany, Anglicare, DHS and The Centre for Excellence, the forum features speakers and workshops covering a range of topics such as: responding to challenging behaviours, navigating the education system, Centrelink carer entitlements, self-care and recent kinship research and model demonstrations. For more information please call Andrew 03 9020 1835

Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE (NMIT)

Mon 28 Nov - 9:30am - 3:15pm



Kids’ Magic Show at the PPSS Resource Centre

Become a PPSS member

Joining PPSS is free. Membership is open to any person in the Australian community who has an interest in kinship care, foster care, permanent care or adoption.

Members receive our regular newsletter and information about upcoming social events, support group activities and education programs. Other advantages include access to our lending library of donated books plus discounted fees for our training sessions.

Contact Michele or Deb for a membership form

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