

CCC Member's Update

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National Quality Framework Review

The scheduled 2014 Review of the National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care is currently underway. Read the consultation paper detailing key questions for discussion and feedback [here](#).

As well as the face to face consultation sessions which have been happening around the country there is an online consultation process. You can provide a [formal written submission](#) to the review or just submit a [brief comment](#) on aspects of the National Quality Framework, whatever is your preference and suits you.

The closing date for feedback is 4 July 2014.

This review is one of a number of government review processes looking at education and care this year. The government will consider the outcome of this review in the context of all of these including the Productivity Commission Inquiry.

With the affordability of the hard won reforms of the National Quality Framework consistently being questioned it is vital that this review hear from as many services and educators as possible.

Key messages to consider including as part of your feedback:

- All Quality Areas and Standards are of great importance – it is not possible to separate out some as having more significance than others as they all work together
- While of course health and safety is the bottom

line, educational program and practices and collaborative partnerships with families are also essential for children's well-being and development

- How increased educator : child ratios have improved outcomes for children at your service
- How the introduction of the NQF has improved practice across the sector and at your service in particular
- How you think the NQF can be improved
- The importance of educator qualifications
- The importance of a robust regulation and quality assurance process – the only way to make sure that children experience quality education and care no matter what service they are enrolled in.

Involve your families in standing up for quality and ask them to tell the NQF Review why the quality education and care they receive is important. Here is a [sample email](#) to send to your families.

The National Quality Framework Review process also includes a survey. CCC has concerns about the design of this survey. CCC believes that encouraging educators and families to send a comment is the most effective way to provide feedback.

Community Child Care will be making a formal submission to the National Review. Our submission will include the [recommendations we made to the Productivity Commissions](#) Inquiry. Many of you have already provided CCC with useful feedback and data by completing the recent *3rd Wave Trends in Community Children's Services Survey* which we will use in our submission. If you would like to contribute further to CCC's submission please [email](#) us your

- Top 3 strengths of the National Quality Framework
- Top 3 suggestions to improve the National Quality Framework

NAIDOC Week 2014

6 – 13 July

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

For more information www.naidoc.org.au or click [here](#) for Victorian NAIDOC events.

Congratulations to CPS Children's Centre

Congratulations to CCC member service CPS Children's Centre in West Heidelberg on becoming the first Victorian service to be awarded an Excellent rating. CCC is delighted that the first centre of excellence is a service working with vulnerable children and families using a meaningful partnership approach.

Victorian State Election

Watch the post for your latest edition of the CCC magazine *Roundtable* with interviews from Minister Wendy Lovell (Liberal), Shadow Minister Jenny Mikakos (Australian Labor Party) and Spokesperson Colleen Hartland (Australian Greens).

With the state election due towards the end of the year, CCC is in the process of finalising our state election asks and has begun meeting with members of parliament.

[Click here to read more on this](#)

Universal Access to 15 hours of Kindergarten

There is still no word on whether the Commonwealth will extend funding to support the delivery of kindergarten education. The National Partnership on Universal

Access to Early Childhood Education between the Commonwealth and States and Territories expires in December 2014. This partnership has provided approximately \$109 million to Victoria towards the delivery of funded kindergarten. In particular it has funded the increase from 10 hours of funded kindergarten to 15 hours of funded kindergarten. There are significant concerns that this funding will not be renewed. If you are concerned about the impact the loss of this funding would have on children's access to funded kindergarten and on your service's budget, email Assistant Minister Ley at assistant_minister@education.gov.au now!

Capital Grants

The DEECD 2014 – 2015 Capital Grant Round is open. In 2014-15 capital grants are available to help meet the growing demand for kindergarten and other early childhood services in communities across the State. [Click here](#) for more information.

NOSHSA Action Research Symposium - Inspiration into Practice

- Free event specifically targeted at OSHC Educators

When: Thursday 31st July, 10:30am – 1:00pm

Where: Rydges Bell City, Preston

Community Child Care requests the pleasure of your company at the National Out of School Hours Services Association's OSHC Action Research "Inspiration Into Practice Symposium".

The symposium is part of a project funded by the Australian Government's Child Care Flexibility Trials. Come along and hear from Inspiring OSHC Educators from Victoria about the research they have been doing in their services that is leading to innovation in their service delivery.

[Click here to register a place](#)

Professional Development Opportunity for Administration Staff

'People, policies and paperwork'

When: 23rd July, 10:00am-1:00pm

Where: Parkville

Designed for 2ICs and administration staff in long day care services, this CCC session researches what the NQF says about administration, and analyses social relationships amongst staff and the children's and families at the service and their impact on administration. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to discuss what effective and efficient administration looks like in practice, develop strategies for compliance with the requirements under the National Law, and assess the relevance of working methodically, communication skills, and team work.

Cost: \$160 for CCC members / \$195 for non-members

Click [here](#) to register

Save the date - Outside School Hours Care Roundtable Opportunities

CCC is proud to present our new initiative! We will be delivering 12 'OSHC Roundtable' sessions around the state in the second half of this year. [Click here](#) to find the date for your closest session!

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