



Childrens Services Biannual Conference Macarthur
3 March 2012

Embracing Changes, Challenges & Choices

Family Day Care • Long Day Care • Occasional Care • Outside School Hours Care • Preschool

Agenda

8.15am - 8.45am - Registration

8.45am - Opening address and welcome

9.15am - Keynote address

Janette Comish - FISH! Inspiring employees to love their work.

The four basic principles are:

- Be there
- Play
- Make their day
- Choose your attitude

These powerful principles will work in your business to:

- Recruit and retain talented employees who maintain a deep commitment to the organisation
- Create a positive, high energy environment where team members coach each other honestly and respectfully
- Delight customers (both internal and external) who enjoy doing business with people who are upbeat and fully present
- Inspire accountable employees who take personal responsibility for helping the organisation reach its goals.

10.45am - Morning tea

11am - Workshops - session one

With so many changes and challenges facing our industry we would like to take you on an inspiring and uplifting journey!

Workshops - session one

1) Weaving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resources into our curriculum - Sallianne Hancock

This training will focus on learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, as well as practical ideas that you can implement easily into your daily program. This is only the beginning of your journey, a starting point for you to continue to research and collect resources. Who knows where this journey will take you and the children in your care? It is really important when you begin to integrate Aboriginal studies into your program to look at both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture.

2) My Time, Our Place - Network of Community Activities (OSHC)

This workshop will be an opportunity to explore the new school age care framework to be implemented as of 2012. The background to the framework will be explained and practical strategies for implementing the framework in your service will be discussed. If you are new to the framework, or feeling unsure about the implementation in your services, this workshop is a must!

3) Leading the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) - what does this mean and how can it be done?

Anthony Semann - Frontline staff

What does it mean to lead the EYLF and to create cultural change in a team to ensure the principles and practices of the EYLF are embedded into practice? Leadership is hard at the best of times, however leading with intention can be harder. This presentation will support leaders to create a culture in the workplace where the EYLF comes to life and is sustained.

4) National Quality Framework (NQF) - frontline staff – Donna Brooks

This workshop will give participants an in depth understanding of the NQF. Analysing each quality area independently, participants will be guided through the NQF in its entirety and given practical strategies to assist them to reflect on their current practice and implement changes where necessary. We will examine where the EYLF and My Time, Our Place (MTOF) sit within the NQS and look at the methods of assessment that may be used to assess quality. This workshop will provide participants with information to inform their practice, an opportunity to have their questions answered and strategies to support reflective and critical thinking skills.

12.30pm - Lunch and networking

During the lunch break, there will be a variety of registered training organisations present with information for upgrading qualifications, as well as educational resources and books available for purchasing.

1.30pm - Workshops - session two

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1) Celebrate culture with music - Peter Morgan

This dynamic workshop gives teachers and child care educators the opportunity to develop skills and confidence to celebrate culture through the exploration of music, song, dance and story. This practical workshop is highly interactive and will introduce participants to a variety of music, instruments, dance and stories from many cultures that can be shared with children and adults.

2) Leadership styles - Carol Lymbery

One of the keys to successful provision of services, is to understand your communication styles and behaviours. It is equally important that you understand the styles, behaviours and motivations of those with whom you work. This professional learning program will equip your team to thrive in a rapidly changing environment.

3) Theories and practice - looking deeper into the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Anthony Semann - leadership staff

The EYLF is full of rich potential and is latent with possibilities. How we engage with the document is left to individuals and teams. This presentation will take us deeper into the EYLF exploring some of the key theories and their relationship to practice.

4) National Quality Framework (NQF) - Donna Brooks - Leadership staff

This workshop is designed to provide managers and coordination unit staff with the skills required to support educators in their NQF journey. Participants will be provided with current information on the NQF and how these changes may impact on their role with educators. The Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) will be examined closely and strategies for completing the plan explained clearly. Participants will have the opportunity to practice writing QIPs and to reflect on methods of engaging with educators to extend their journey of continuous improvement.

3.30pm - 4.30pm - Keynote address

Inspiring Change "Walkin' the Talk" - Judy Feldman

It's probably a fair statement that parents and carers are often the ultimate role models for our children. Sure, celebrities show them what's trendy and for a time, being accepted by their peers is all that counts. But when the dust settles, the values we instil and the behaviours we've modelled are what we hope our children and young people will return to. How do we manage to maintain and demonstrate those values and "good behaviours" when our own lives are not going so well; when we are hurt, upset, having more than just a "bad day"? Are there strategies and tools we can use to stay centred in the midst of chaos? "Walkin' the Talk" offers a chance to learn about, laugh about, share and evaluate these options.

4.30pm - Close

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