



Aboriginal Family Support Services Newsletter

November - December 2016



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... and more!

AFSS office hours during the holiday period

All offices (excluding
Accommodation/
Residential Service
locations), will shut
from close of business
Friday 23 Dec and
re-open on Tuesday
3 Jan.



AFSS welcomes Ceduna community members to AGM

As a South Australian
community-controlled Aboriginal
organisation we strive to ensure
that we maintain links with our
regional offices and communities
as well as Aboriginal community
members in the Adelaide
metropolitan region.

This year's Annual General
Meeting was held in Ceduna,
providing a great opportunity
to meet AFSS Ceduna staff and
carers, local Aboriginal people
and the service providers with
whom we work.

Bev Ewen, AFSS Chairperson,
welcomed all attendees, and

community member Peter Miller
welcomed those present to
Country.

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*Pictured above back row, left to right:
Katharine Micka - Manager Ceduna,
Greg Sinclair - Board Member, Wayne
Rigney - Board Member, Sophia
Thompson - Coordinator Out of Home
Care Residential Services, Shelley Hertz
- Support Worker Residential Services,
Taryn Roswell - Support Worker
Residential Services. Front row, left to
right: Margaret Nelson - Board Member,
Bev Ewen - Chairperson, Leata Clarke
- Senior Manager Regional Services.*

A message from the Chief Executive

We were extremely pleased to hold our Annual General Meeting in Ceduna this year, where we were provided with the opportunity to meet with local AFSS staff and carers, as well as engage with the Ceduna community and local service providers.

It is heartening to see the wonderful working relationships that the Ceduna team, under the able leadership of Manager Katharine Micka, has established with the Department for Child Protection and other organisations in the area. This contributes to ensuring that we provide the best possible service to the community. Congratulations to the team on a job well done.

I also congratulate our newly elected Board; Bev Ewen (Chairperson), Tauto Sansbury (Treasurer), Greg Sinclair (Secretary), Margaret Nelson (Executive Member), Wayne Rigney (Executive Member) and Ivan Copley (Executive Member). I look forward to working with you all over the next two years.

As you will see in the story on page 5, AFSS has pulled out all the stops to ensure that new staff, recruited for our expanded Residential Care Services, are ready to take up their new positions. AFSS trainers, Tania Elliott, and Arnold Bonilla (newly appointed), have been working tirelessly to ensure that staff are fully equipped for the challenges they will face in their new roles.

Finally, as another year draws to a close, I take this opportunity to wish all readers of the AFSS Newsletter – our wonderful carers, our Board and staff, the organisations that support us, and of course the special children in our care and families with whom we work – a joyous and safe holiday period.

We look forward to another year of growth and challenge in 2017.

*Sharron Williams
Chief Executive*



The Board, Chief Executive,
Management and Staff of AFSS wish
you the compliments of
the season and best
wishes for 2017.



AFSS welcomes Ceduna community members to AGM

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In her report to the meeting, Sharron Williams, Chief Executive, highlighted the great working relationships that AFSS Ceduna office maintains with the Department for Child Protection and other service providers with whom we work to ensure the wellbeing of Aboriginal children and families in the region.

Following the presentation of reports, the new AFSS Board was elected for 2016-2018, comprising Bev Ewen (Chairperson), Tauto Sansbury (Treasurer), Greg Sinclair (Secretary), Margaret Nelson (Executive Member), Wayne Rigney (Executive Member) and Ivan Copley (Executive Member).

While in Ceduna, the Board, CEO and Adelaide team were pleased to visit AFSS Ceduna Residential Service house (see photo page 1) which is staffed by Sophia, the Coordinator, 10 permanent part time support workers and seven casual support workers.

The Service is licenced to accommodate up to five children and young people between the ages of 0-17. All placements are made through a referral process with the Department for Child Protection.

The staff were extremely welcoming and the house had a wonderful feel to it – modern and comfortable.

Our staff certainly are dedicated in the work that they do with Aboriginal children and young people.

Port Lincoln Foster Carers share quality time

The Port Lincoln Family Based Care team has enjoyed their final morning tea with Foster Carers for 2016 with a fantastic turnout!

Every three months we invite all of our Foster Carers to join us for coffee and cake at Del Giorgio's Café to introduce new Foster Carers, share strategies and enjoy adult conversation.

We had a great turnout and the Carers enjoyed being able to reflect upon the year that was, before the madness of Christmas kicks in.

It was lovely to see so many new faces of those who are



currently going through the assessment process and allow them to network with our current carers and develop new friendships.

We look forward to catching up again in the New Year and are hoping we will have many new wonderful carers join us throughout 2017.

AFSS' first Winangay Assessment

In 2015 AFSS hosted the Winangay Team at a three day workshop at AFSS Head Office in Adelaide. The Winangay team is based in NSW and was developed by a small group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women, led by Aunty Sue Blacklock and Paula Hayden.

While South Australia's Out of Home Care sector is required to use the Step by Step Foster Carer Training Assessment tool, AFSS was keen to participate in an Aboriginal-specific assessment tool. The tool reflects a more appropriate way of working with Aboriginal people who want to become foster carers..

In May 2016, DCP gave AFSS permission for a 12 month trial, using the Winangay Assessment Tool, for assessing both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal foster carers.



I would like to congratulate Jessica Backman from Port Lincoln (pictured above left), for being the first AFSS Support Worker to submit a Winangay assessment with the Carer Assessment and Registration Unit (CARU).

Martin, Lea and children (pictured above) were wonderful participants throughout the process and we look forward to supporting them in their caring role in the future.

ZONTA's continued support of young women appreciated



Above: Zonta has provided funds for AFSS to purchase quilts and pillows for clients to take when they transition to longer term accommodation.

The Adelaide Flinders Zonta Club is a source of continuous support to our Youth Accommodation (YAATSISS) program.

The Zonta Club has recently donated a sum of money for us to purchase quilts and pillows for the vulnerable young women to take with them when they leave YAATSISS to transition into longer term sustainable accommodation.

These resources, although basic, contribute to client wellbeing and create a source of self esteem and dignity.

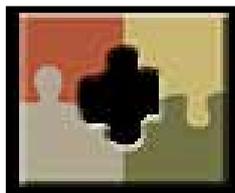
The women, children and young people who come into our service have often come from traumatised backgrounds, with limited supports and financial stability.

While with AFSS, the women and children require nurturing and support throughout their short stay.

The process of clients transitioning out of the program requires a holistic response, ensuring that every effort is made so that they are supported in essential ways with various goods that will enable clients to live a life as normal as possible.

This is greatly assisted by organisations like Zonta who work tirelessly in gaining funding to help us support our clients.

On behalf of AFSS and the YAATSISS staff, we say a big “thank you” for Zonta’s ongoing support and look forward to our continued relationship with Zonta.



Strength to Strength with SBC!

During October and November we were happy to celebrate the certification of three more Stronger Families staff in Solution Based Casework (SBC).

Kim Key and Grace Sublin from Coober Pedy have both achieved certification as has Helen Maher from our Metro team.

This represents a great deal of work and commitment, not only by those staff but also by Wendy Wicks, the Stronger Families SBC coach.

Rebecca Starrs, Department for Child Protection, came to the metro office to present Helen with her SBC certificate (see picture below).

Helen will be leaving us at Christmas to go on maternity leave. She has been with AFSS since November 2015 and has delivered an exceptionally high level of case management practice to our families.

Helen was trained in SBC in February 2016 and has demonstrated competency as she embedded it into her practice. Helen will be greatly missed by the Stronger Families team, especially Metro where she is based, and by her families.

We send our best wishes to Helen for the upcoming birth of her little one.



Above: Rebecca Starrs (left), is pictured with Helen Maher, who is proudly displaying her Certificate of Competency in SBC.

Murray Bridge Mental Health Expo

The seventh annual Mental Health Expo was once again held in the Murray Bridge Town Hall. This free event is for regional service providers and the community to raise awareness, de-stigmatise mental health and provide opportunities for community residents and support agencies to learn more about what mental health support is available in the Murraylands region for themselves, friends or clients.

This event was “Welcomed to Country” by Auntie Sandy Wilson and was confidently MC'd by Cathy Smith, which laid the foundation for the event, attended by over 400 people.

First guest speaker and dignitary opening the Expo was John Dawkins MLC. John is the Liberal spokesperson for Suicide Prevention, Legislative Council Opposition Whip and Liberal Member of the Legislative Council.

Music was performed by Year 10 student Hannah Smith, from the Murray Bridge High School, who played her guitar and ukulele and sang throughout the day.

The second guest speaker was Frauke Hobbs, Manager of Headspace, Murray Bridge. Frauke took us through the journey of Headspace and highlighted their achievements from their inception in Murray Bridge.

Lunch consisted of healthy veggie hamburgers and Four 'n Twenty pies, which were provided free to the community by Mobilong Rotary. Pies were



Pictured, Auntie Sandy Wilson and AFSS Community Development Worker, Bronte Warneke, at the expo.

donated by Murraylands Training and Employment with the bright yellow promotional Sandman ute parked in the front of the Town Hall, set up with pie warmers in the back.

After lunch, Trevor Smith from Mental Illness Fellowship South Australia introduced the audience to over 12 people on the stage who were to showcase their drumming skills. The drums were made by the players, who demonstrated that mental health issues are no barrier to achieving excellence. Trevor has been working with the drummers during the year to perfect their skills, enabling them to provide some great entertainment for the audience.

AFSS ensures new staff for expanded services are equipped for their roles

AFSS has expanded services recently with the establishment of seven new houses to accommodate children and young people who are unable to live with family. Accordingly, a new Senior Manager, Susan Richards and two Managers, Kylie Degenhardt and Melissa Taylor, have been employed to oversee the new service.

The process in establishing the new houses has been a monumental task, from advertising for new employees, to interviewing, appointing and finally training all staff. AFSS trainers Tania Elliott and newly appointed Arnold Bonilla, have undertaken three week blocks of training to deliver a comprehensive range of sessions on topics ranging from Child Safe Environments to Trauma Informed Practice.

AFSS is committed to delivering training that is evidence-based, and is designed to assist our staff in protecting and supporting children and young people in Out of Home Care.





tips and info for foster carers

bits 'n pieces is designed with our foster carers in mind!

Here you'll find some useful information and news that will help you in your vital role as a carer. We hope you find it interesting and informative.

Dealing with children's behaviours

Behaviours we see in children are really coping mechanisms that children have developed to manage their emotions and the distress that they feel inside. We take a look at some of these behaviours, explain why they are occurring and provide you with tips and information to cope with them. The material is taken from the "Iceberg Model" fact sheets, Department for Child Protection.

Building relationships

Building positive relationships is a very difficult task for children who have been maltreated. The maltreatment, as well as multiple placement disruptions, often means these children have never had experiences of positive, stable relationships. Consequently, children might begin to feel vulnerable or unsafe when you begin to form a closer relationship with them – this is a new, and therefore frightening, experience. Children may often fight against building a relationship with you because of this.

Tip of the Iceberg – Children's Behaviour

Children who have been maltreated have often developed unhealthy views of relationships. As you begin to develop a relationship with the child in your care, you may notice the child behaving in unexpected ways. The child in your care might begin to push you away or avoid contact with you; behave aggressively toward you and others in the family; or engage in behaviours knowing you will respond by imposing a consequence (for

example, destroying family property knowing that you will punish the behaviour by grounding them). It may seem that the child in your care is intentionally trying to break down the placement with you, despite all of your attempts to develop a good relationship. Children may also respond to the developing relationship by becoming overly demanding, possessive or clingy. This may seem unnecessary, because you've always shown the child that you're there for them. This behaviour may also become frustrating, placing huge demands on your time, possibly taking time away from the other children in your care.

Underneath the Surface – Children's Emotions

From the moment we are born, we all have an instinct to interact with others and our world. When we are unable to do this in a healthy, positive way, we will settle for less healthy or negative options to satisfy our social needs. Building healthy, positive relationships is very difficult for children who have been maltreated, and particularly difficult for children who have

experienced multiple placements with lots of different caregivers. These children have usually never known what it is like to have stable, positive relationships with anyone, and therefore they don't expect future relationships will be this way either. These children often believe that their experiences of maltreatment and poor relationships were their fault, because they are bad inside and do not deserve good relationships. They may also believe that people who want to have a relationship with them really only want to hurt them, as this is what happened in past relationships.

As your relationship with the child in your care starts to develop, the child may begin to feel vulnerable, or expect that you might hurt them. In attempts to keep themselves safe and taken control of the relationship, these children may engage in the behaviours described above, or begin using their safety behaviours again. Then, if their relationship with you begins to fall apart, the child's views of relationships as bad and unsafe, and the views of themselves as unlovable, are strengthened. For the child, seeing relationships and

themselves as bad may actually feel safe because it's known and familiar to them, whereas positive relationships are unfamiliar and therefore scary.

Using the Iceberg Model – Strategies for caring for maltreated children

When a child who has been maltreated comes into your care, it is important to manage the behaviours the child shows you as your relationship develops (the tip of the iceberg) by addressing the child's emotional issues (under the surface).

1. Always try to focus on the emotional needs behind the behaviour.

Remember that maltreated children often believe they are unlovable and relationships are unsafe. Interact with the child in ways that sensitively challenge those beliefs, letting them know that they are lovable and worthy of a relationship, and that your relationship with them is safe and unconditional (no matter what behaviours they might demonstrate).

2. Eye contact is important in connecting with children

Encourage and model eye contact in everyday situations, such as when sharing a meal or playing a game. Especially encourage eye contact when the child is behaving in ways you like! We often tell children to "look at me!" when reprimanding them for bad behaviour. For children who have been maltreated, getting them to look at you when you're upset reinforces their belief that they are bad, and that relationships are unsafe. Asking children to look at you when you're happy with them will help the child to see themselves through your eyes – as good and lovable.

3. Interact with the child using the PACE strategy

Playful – Play, humour, fun and non-competitive games are a great way to safely engage children in a way that shows them that relationships can be fun.

Accepting - Accept the child's thoughts, beliefs, feelings and behaviours, without judgement, and with understanding of where these came from.

Curious - Wonder out loud with the child about why they behave as they do. Suggest possibilities to help them understand themselves better (eg "I wonder if you slammed the door just now because you felt angry?" "I wonder if you felt angry because you thought I was leaving without saying goodbye?") Accept when the child rejects this, as initially it may be too hard to manage.

Empathic - Show understanding of why the child is behaving as they are (eg, "You seem so sad right now. It must be so hard for you when...").

4. Assist the child to learn about their emotions

Children who have been maltreated often struggle to work out what they are feeling or how to make it better. Help the child to name their emotions (eg "I would feel angry if someone left without saying goodbye to me. Is that how you feel?") Naming and talking about emotions is the first step for children to understand and work through their feelings.

5. Encourage the child to accept comfort and support when they're upset

Being nurturing, empathic and appropriately affectionate can be calming, reassuring and soothing to a child who is distressed. It also helps to show the child they

can rely on you to be a "safe base" when they feel upset, which will help you to build the relationship.

6. Model and teach appropriate social behaviour

Children who have been maltreated often don't know the rules in relationships. Model appropriate social behaviour, talk children through situations and give alternatives as to how they might behave. For example, when the child is angry, model a calm attitude while saying "I can see that you're angry. I think we should read a book together to help calm down".

7. Constantly show the child you want to keep them safe

Children need to know that you want them to be safe. Take control of situations when you need to protect the child's emotional or physical safety, and be bigger, stronger, wiser and kind.

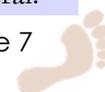
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Erratum

In the July-August 2016 edition of the AFSS Newsletter an article was published relating to NAIDOC activities in Port Augusta.

AFSS wishes to acknowledge that the Remembrance Ceremony that took place on 6 July 2016 is an annual event organised and facilitated by Family Violence Legal Service (Aboriginal Corporation (SA)) and Red Cross Port Augusta.

AFSS apologises if the article led to any confusion with regard to this matter, and acknowledges the important role that FVLSA and Red Cross play with regard to this ceremony and also their vital work in the region in general.





Colour in this lovely picture of a Christmas flower.
It's called a poinsettia.

AFSS Aboriginal Gambling Help Service presentation schedule



Below is the schedule for upcoming AGHS presentations.

If you would like any more information, or if you, your clients, or anyone you know would benefit from attending, please register your interest by calling the AFSS staff member, listed below, at the office in the region where the presentation will take place.

Date and time	Location	Contact
Wednesday 18 January 2017 10.30am -12.20pm Light morning tea provided <i>What am I really Gambling with?</i>	Martins Bend Berri	Norman Giles Phone 8582 3193
Tuesday 10 January 2017 10am - 12 noon Light morning tea provided <i>Deadly choices - taking control</i>	Bungala Indigenous Link Port Augusta	Charles Jackson Phone 8641 0907
Tuesday 31 January 2017 10.00am - 12.00 noon Light morning tea provided <i>Stop the chase</i>		
Tuesday 10 January 2017 10.00am – 12.00 noon Light morning tea provided <i>What am I really Gambling with?</i>	Carers' SA Meeting Room 95 Swanport Road Murray Bridge	Bronte Warneke Phone 0418 499 649

What is the AFSS Aboriginal Gambling Help Service?

AFSS Gambling Help Service recognises the need in the community to support Aboriginal people and their significant others, where gambling has become, or is potentially developing into, a problem. AFSS also recognises that education and awareness are fundamental in supporting Aboriginal people who have gambling problems by:

1. Building resilience
2. Promoting connectedness
3. Awareness and education.

To find out more, visit the AFSS website, www.afss.com.au or ring the Gambling Help Service staff member in your region:

Murray Bridge - Bronte Warneke, 8532 3192
 0418 499 649
 Port Augusta - Charlie Jackson, 8641 0907.
 Berri/Barmera - Norman Giles,



Strong children strong community *Stand with us – become a carer*

Aboriginal Family Support Services is looking for family based carers who are committed to providing safe and culturally appropriate homes for children & young people.

You can be single or a couple, with or without children. And whether you're willing to provide emergency, short term, respite or long term care, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact:

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 Port Augusta Deb Merchant debora.merchant@afss.com.au (08) 8641 0907
 Port Lincoln Toni-Lee Miller toni-lee.miller@afss.com.au (08) 8683 1909



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Dealing with children's behaviours

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8. Remember that the child may be socially or emotionally delayed.

Children, who've been maltreated often act younger than their age and, when feeling distressed, can regress and behave even younger, using old behaviours that they learned when they were little to protect themselves from harm. Remember to interact with the child at their emotional level.

9. Use 'time-in' instead of 'time-out' when the child is struggling with their emotions

'Time-out' involves sending children away when they are distressed to calm down on their own. Children who have been maltreated usually struggle to calm down by themselves, because they've never been taught this before, and can feel that being sent to 'time-out' away from their caregiver is just

another sign of rejection within the relationship. These children usually calm down more quickly when they have a calm, stable adult with them, helping them to work through their emotions. "Time-in" involves taking the child away from whatever has been distressing them, and asking the child to stay close to you, perhaps asking the child to sit with you for a while, or to help you with a task. Just by being calm as you sit with the child, you'll help the child learn how to better manage their own emotions.

10. Rupture and Repair

Children who've been maltreated have often experienced a lot of breaks in their relationships. When relationships with caregivers have broken down, these children often move to another placement before they've had an opportunity to repair their relationship

with their former caregiver. Constantly having breaks in relationships like this sends the child the message that relationships are unsafe and unstable, and that they must be a bad child who doesn't deserve better relationships.

Therefore, it's important to repair your relationship with the child after every rupture, big or small. For example, after reprimanding a child for hitting a younger sibling, immediately go to the child and share a positive experience such as reading a story or playing a game (or if the child is old enough, explain that you disliked their behaviour, but really like them as a person).

Quickly repairing a rupture to the relationship will limit the amount of time the child has to think negatively about the situation and themselves, and shows the child they are loved and valued unconditionally.

Family Matters – Strong community Strong culture. Stronger children

Family Matters is Australia's national campaign to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people grow up safe and cared for in family, community and culture.

The National Family Matters Campaign is led by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and supported by a strategic alliance of over 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal organisations. The South Australian working group has been established

to work towards ensuring that Family Matter' goals of keeping children safe in culture and reducing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 2040 are achieved. Currently the over-representation of Aboriginal children in care is at crisis levels.

The SA working group, supported by the Child and Family Welfare Association of South Australia, held its inaugural meeting in August, and planning is well under way to promote and



create awareness, and take action at a state level to progress Family Matters' aims.

The Family Matters Report, released at Parliament House in Canberra, stated that too much money was being spent by state and territory governments on crisis responses, instead of rehabilitation services for vulnerable families.

For more campaign information visit <http://www.familymatters.org.au/>

AFSS welcomes new team members



Illira Wanganeen

My name is **Illira Alitja Wanganeen**. I was named after my nanna and it means granddaughter of Alice.

I am a proud Kurna, Narungga and Ngarrindjeri woman. My professional background is Administration but after having my beautiful children I decided it was time for a change.

I have recently finished my Certificate IV in Community Services and am very happy to be on board with AFSS. I am an empathetic, kind person who strives to do the best I can with any task given. My hobbies are spending time with my family and friends, fishing, swimming and going to the movies.

I look forward to meeting you all.

We're the new Residential Services Metro Management Team and we are really excited to be working at AFSS setting up and managing Residential Services for Aboriginal children under the Guardianship of the Minister.

Susan Richards is the Senior Manager, **Mel Taylor** manages two southern houses and one



Susan Richards

Northern house and **Kylie Degenhardt** manages three northern houses.

We have spent the last five weeks working with our new team of support workers to start setting up the houses ready for the first house to roll out in late November. During this time we



Melissa Taylor



Kylie Degenhardt

have been getting to know the team, sharing experiences and knowledge and also learning a lot from current AFSS staff members.

Between the three members of the leadership team we have a great deal of different experience, including previous work at the Department for Child Protection, NGOs and close work with Aboriginal communities on the Lands.

As a team we are passionate about making a difference for Aboriginal children in Out of Home Care and providing the best service possible to support them.

We are all located on the first floor of the Waymouth Street office so please feel free to pop in and say hello if you're in the area.



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Ceduna Carer wins Short Break

Foster carers are very special people. AFSS values our foster carers and wants to say "Thank you" by giving them the opportunity to win a \$500 Short Breaks Australia voucher in each region.

Congratulations Karen Kelly, who won the holiday voucher in Ceduna.

"I've never won anything in my life before!" said Karen, who was overjoyed when she received the news. Karen is planning to take a trip with her partner Robin in April next year for her birthday and is looking forward to a well deserved break.

Karen and Robin have four children of their own aged 15-21. Around five years ago they opened their homes and hearts to children and young people and became registered carers with AFSS. Karen and her family moved from Port Lincoln



Karen Kelly

to Ceduna approximately 1½ years ago. Karen and her family have been caring for a child in a long term placement under a family care agreement since November 2012. Karen has had approximately 22 additional children and young people in her care since becoming a foster carer, sometimes for just one night, sometimes longer for up to 12 months.

We hope you enjoy your well deserved holiday, Karen!

Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme – Community Fund consultation now open

A \$5 million Community Fund is available to support projects that promote healing among members of the Stolen Generations, their families and descendants.

A consultation process is now under way to seek ideas about the types of projects that could be supported by this fund.

Possible projects may include recording personal histories, family history research, exhibitions, artistic works, cultural activities, healing programs, memorials and educational awards.

Your ideas are welcomed. Please complete a short survey at <https://surveys.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/StolenGenerationsCommunity2016.survey> to share what projects your community is interested in.

Once the consultation is finished, people and organisations will be encouraged to submit their project proposals for funding.

To find out more about the Community Fund:

Call 8463 6519 or 0466 501 132

Email sreparation@sa.gov.au

Visit: www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/stolengenerationscheme