



Newsletter

for the
Kimberley
Regional
Children's
Services Plan
(RCSP)
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FINAL UPDATE ON THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

The Kimberley Regional Children's Services Plan was funded by Royalties for Regions under the Regional Community Child Care Development Fund.

Over the past two years Wunan has undertaken critical analysis and extensive consultation identifying the specific regional trends for the sector across the Kimberley. Working closely with the Regions Children's Services Wunan identified five key strategic goals. These included:

- Develop a regional workforce strategy to address the shortage of staff across the Early Childhood Education and Care sector (Childcare)
- Establish and support a regional governance group to drive strategies that address issues specifically impacting on the Early Education and Care Sector across the Kimberley. (This is still needed but there are opportunities to achieve this)

- Increase collaboration and networking across the children's services sector by supporting early years networks. (This is going well. See the Early Years Network information!)

- Provide increased access to flexible and innovative education and training for the Children's Services sector. (Training organisations are supporting this across the region)

- Improve access to shared resources and standard templates to bring alignment across the whole Children's Services sector in the Kimberley. (Individual services now have their own templates and access the Early Years Learning Hub)

The Implementation phase has now been completed and the Final Report submitted to the Department of Local Government and Community Services. A State Plan is now being finalised informed by each Regions own findings.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Wunan Foundation would like to thank all of those who collaborated, supported and provided information, input and encouragement for the successful Kimberley Plan.

Special acknowledgement must go to Candace Maunder, the Regional Development Officer who developed and implemented the plan for the Kimberley.

The work isn't finished however, there is still much to be done to ensure the focus Children's Services and the vital Early Years is not lost. Several of the key achievements will continue supported through other organisations. This includes the Connecting the Early Years Networks (CEYN) project and DropIN! through WACOSS eyn.dropin.org.au the ongoing identification of key programs and organisations via Communities for Children, workforce development and bringing Asthma training to the East Kimberley in April.

Some Helpful Websites



<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Used by Parenting Coordinators, Professionals and families.

mychild.gov.au 

Click here to find out about places available in Early Childhood Education and Care Centres (Childcare) and more.

Watch this! Early Years Innovation - Darkan Kids Central [27:28 minutes]:

<https://vimeo.com/146061887>

Find out how a little community organised itself to get what it wanted and needed!

Funding opportunities

- **REAPing Rewards**
education outcomes in rural and remote communities.
Closes 24 March.
- **Small Grants**
supporting small communities with grants of up to \$5,000.
Closes 24 March.
- **CANWA Catalyst.** Up to \$5,000 funding support to community-driven arts and culture activities, inclusion, self-determination
Closes 30 March.

2015 AEDC results are out!

What are they and why are they important? Go to www.aedc.gov.au to find out more about your community and what's happening in the early years.

What is SNAICC?



The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care.

A national non-government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. Great information, resources, policy updates.

Go to [SNAICC | Home](#)

Asthma Training is coming to Kununurra this April. See Page 4!

Other Upcoming Events

Early Childhood Australia 2016 Conference Registrations are open now! The 2016 ECA Conference registration brochure is now available on the conference website—available here <http://online.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/tools>
Register before 30 June 2016 for the discounted early bird price.

ECA's fortnightly e-newsletter *WebWatch* offers great information on: early childhood development, growth and learning; early childhood practice, programs and policy; emerging issues and research.

It's an easy way to stay informed and up-to-date ... and it's free!
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The ECA Learning Hub brings Professional Development to you at home and your own Centre on-line.

The ECA Learning Hub provides services with quality-assured resources by early childhood experts for an annual fee.

Learning modules are short self-paced online professional development courses that provide an overview of research and practice on a topic relevant to the NQF (National Quality Framework). A great way to source PD for everyone! The latest module is "Reconciliation in action" Part 1 of 2.

Go to

www.ecalearninghub.org.au

or check out the information on their Facebook.



The Working with Children Check - WWCC

For information about how to apply for a WWCC Check, please see

<https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/applicants-card-holders/applying-for-a-wwc-check/how-to-apply>.

This will also explain what to do if you don't have enough identification, or if you can't get to an authorized Australia Post outlet - or both!

All roads lead to the WWCC Screening Unit: free-call 1800 883 979 or 08 6217 8100. They will walk you through what needs to happen next. For alternate lodgment to the Post Office they will ask you to **email** a range of documentation to them such as:

- a completed 'Request for Alternate Lodgement Form',
- a completed application form,
- certified copies of Proof of Identity documents,
- certified photo ID and digital photograph,
- a receipt of payment of the application fee,

and then **posting** hard copies of the lot!

Do you have a current WWCC Card which is coming up for **renewal**? The WWCC Screening Unit has a **new** on-line renewal process.

Your **on-line renewal** will reduce time and effort and has been designed with remote communities in mind.

Visit the **WWCC** website at www.workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au.

Want to know more? There are a series of Workshops happening in the Kimberley now or call (08) 6217 8109

Fax (08) 9221 6634

Toll-free 1800 883 979

PO Box 1262, West Perth, 6872

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DropIN to find out more about the Kimberley Early Years Networks... and others across the State.

DropIN is a great resource with a Portal that provides access to all the great things happening in the Early Years sector.

Want to know more about an Early Years Network in your community?

Contact Pauline Gallacher at WACOSS on 62791203 or email pauline@wacoss.org.au

Meanwhile read about one based in Kununurra and the CfC.



East Kimberley Early Years Network (EKEYN)

Members of this network (EKEYN) meet on a bimonthly basis in the East Kimberley with the aim to:

- Share learnings in this challenging and rewarding field
- Introduce newcomers to the region
- Set up informed collaborations with fellow services
- Discover ways to augment and support services being delivered
- Plan for events such as Children's Week and NAIDOC Week

At the invitation of Bluearth Foundation, the EKEYN has agreed to be the Steering Committee for the Parental Engagement & School Readiness Project (a Bluearth program). This Project aims to engage parents in active play with their children on a regular basis and to prepare children for transition to school by developing core strength, active play, fine and gross motor skills. The rationale, borne out by research, shows children are better learners when they are active.

EKEYN has been active since 2014 and looks forward to a productive 2016. Membership is free and open to all interested stakeholders.

For more details about East Kimberley Early Years Network, contact Belinda Wong, Save the Children Australia, belinda.wong@savethechildren.org.au Mobile 0450 295 265

Don't forget Free Asthma Training is coming to Kununurra!

**April 27th to
April 30th 2016**

Register direct with Asthma WA on **08 92893624** or training@asthmawa.org.au before April 4th.

Opportunities include:

HLTAID004 (see below), Asthma Friendly Schools and ECEC Services, "Helping others Live Well with Asthma" sessions and Emergency Asthma Management if required.

Plus: Opportunity to become a local endorsed trainer. Contact Asthma WA to see if you fit the requirements!

HLTAID004 - Provide an emergency response in an education and care setting.

This training is specifically designed to deliver knowledge and skills to provide first aid response to infants, children and adults. For educators and staff working within an Education and Care setting who are required to respond to a first aid emergency, including asthma and anaphylaxis.

- Meets the current ACECQA requirements for Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid Training. Includes CPR training and completion of an Incident report form.
- Two Delivery options available in Kununurra. Free! Just register before April 4th.

*Two Days Full Face to Face. **Thursday and Friday April 28th and 29th**. Training over two days at Kimberley Training Institute.

*On-Line and One Day Face to Face. **Saturday April 30th** at the EWIN Early Learning Centre.

Subsidized Accommodation for outlying areas may be available to eligible participants.

Contact Glenice Batchelor on 0428 371221 or email glenice.batchelor@wunan.org.au for details by Thursday March 24th.

Dampier Peninsula Children and Family Wellbeing Project

Last year Save the Children talked to lots of people about their worries for children on the Dampier Peninsula.

Now it's time more thought on some new ideas to help babies, young children and their families in this region.

There are Community meetings happening at:

- Beagle Bay: Wednesday 16th March, 11am Beagle Bay Women's Centre
- One Arm Point: Thursday 24th March, 11am at the One Arm Point Community Hall
- Djarindjin/Lombadina: Thursday 31st 10.30am at the Djarindjin Early Learning Centre

Lunch and Pickups provided and for any further information please contact:

Jasmine Angus "Save the Children Australia" Broome. 0417832360

Jasmine.angus@savethechildren.org.au

An additional stakeholder meeting will be held in Broome on Wednesday 6th April 12.30pm Venue TBC and will include discussion on the Report and recommendations and possible Early Years Network or steering committee.

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You can also right-click the text or picture and then click **Hyperlink** on the shortcut menu.

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