

Your Carers Newsletter

Departmental Updates

Nominations for the 2024 Multicultural Queensland Awards are now open!

The awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations working towards an inclusive multicultural Queensland. This includes notable contributions by newly arrived Queenslanders, remarkable individuals and organisations who have helped others find belonging, and exceptional multicultural sector efforts that demonstrate: inclusion, innovation and positive intercultural connection. To find out more about the awards and submit a nomination, click the find out more **here**.



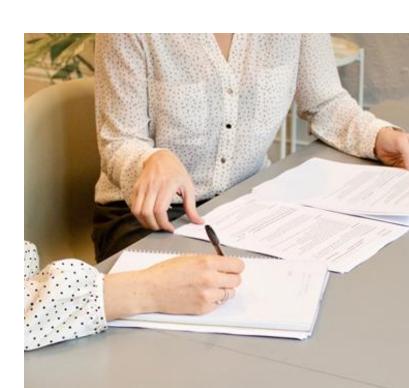
Grief and Loss Training

In May 2024, we are partnering with Evolve Therapeutic Services to deliver grief and loss training. We understand that the loss of a child can come in many forms when a placement ends. We will keep you updated about this training as more information comes to hand, but as a date saver, please block out the 5th of May from 9.30am-1.00pm.

Carer Compliance

The Hope and Healing framework - Queensland's trauma-informed framework to support foster carers in their caring work with children, young people and their families. It sets out the foundation for supporting children and young people in foster care in a way that understands and responds to trauma-related needs and other complex needs and is therapeutic in approach.

The Hope and Healing for foster care consists of 10 modules available as an online self-paced learning environment for foster carers. If all carers could please prioritise completing this mandatory training at your earliest convenience.





Team Updates

After several years at ICH, Zane Roa, the Manager of our Out of Home Care Service has decided to resign and commence the next chapter in his life.

As an organisation we are deeply saddened to see Zane leave, under his strong leadership, he has sought to move the Service forward, strengthen the support that the team can provide to our carer community and build strong relationships with a range of stakeholders including our local Child Safety Service Centres and the Department more broadly.

Quick message from Zane: Thank you so much for your support throughout the years. Your dedication to caring for children is unparalleled and I'll truly miss working with you all.



Carer Spotlight

Meet Lavinia and Clifford.

Lavinia and Clifford, experienced kinship carers for 3 years, bring a wealth of stability and security to their grandson's life. They are waiting for the PCO (Permanent Care Order) to be granted. Their dedication is evident in their focus on creating a loving and supportive environment. While acknowledging the initial adjustment of having a young person back in their home, they frame it as a positive challenge – a testament to their adaptability. Their true passion lies in building trust with their grandson and being a listening ear for him. They find immense satisfaction in helping him navigate difficulties and witness his growth. Lavinia beautifully captures the essence of kinship care: "It's honestly a great pleasure to help and encourage and support them through a challenging and difficult time and watching them grow." This statement highlights their strengths in empathy, patience, and a genuine desire to see their grandson thrive.

Meet Steven

You may have seen our communication regarding the details of how the service will be moving forward.

Steven Pattison has been appointed as the new manager of our Out of home care services from Monday 15th of April 2024. Steven brings a vast amount of knowledge, and experience having worked in both clinical, professional, and leadership contexts across the non-govenment, government, and community sector.







What going on at Inala Community House?

Children's school holiday event Please join us for a relaxed morning filled with craft, games, face painting and visit the petting zoo. Wednesday 10th April 10am-12pm at Inala Community House- 38 Sitella street, Inala, 4077. Rsvp by contacting your caseworker

Good News O'Clock

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank

Community Events

Bring along a project of your own or simply turn up and get inspired by the creatives around you. Also, enjoy a hot cuppa and quality talk with fellow participants. When: Thursday- Fortnightly (1st & 3rd week) at 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Where: Skylarkers Inala Centre- 20 Skylark Street, Inala, 4077



Feedback & Complaints

Our community of carers is so important and we want to ensure you have the opportunity to share any feedback or concerns you may have. Follow the link to access our <u>feedback page</u>.