



# Child Safety Planning and Partnerships Network

A joint initiative between the Department of Child Safety, government and community stakeholders

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*This communique provides an update on the progress of the Child Protection Statewide Partnership Taskforce and Zonal Planning and Partnerships Networks. For more details visit the website at: <http://www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/partnerships>*

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## Update from May Taskforce Meeting

The Taskforce held its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting on 19 May 2006 in Brisbane.

Interface between Department of Child Safety work and non-government partners was recognised as being key to the challenge which lies ahead and opportunities on which to deliver.

### Purpose Statements and Draft Terms of Reference

The Taskforce Purpose Statements which had been developed were endorsed subject to:

- Capacity Building being reflected as the first purpose statements as this is achieved by means of Facilitating Partnerships (which is the second purpose statement); and
- The statement of purpose relating to capacity building being altered to read: The Taskforce will identify strengths, gaps and weaknesses that require a whole of system approach and contribute to strategies to address these, in order to build a viable, sustainable, seamless, integrated service system that effectively responds to needs of children, young people and their families, through the planning and partnership initiative.

The draft Terms of Reference were discussed and are to be finalised at the next meeting, after slight amendments have been made.

### Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers' Reports

Main areas of work focussed on by Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers (ZPPOs) relate to involvement in:

- Referral for Active Intervention
- Engagement with Indigenous service providers
- CREATE Facilitating Participation Workshops
- Work around CALD communities
- Network analysis and mapping networks in zones
- Relationship building and establishing network arrangements and forums

It was agreed that to effectively use the ZPPO networks the Taskforce needs a framework to ensure that a systems view of issues identified by ZPPOs can be shared with the Taskforce and the Taskforce could discuss and influence change.

## Workshop

Taskforce attendees discussed questions in small groups relating to:

1. Endorsement of Key Focus Areas
2. Mapping Workplan deliverables

The Taskforce supported four areas of focus for the future work:

1. Prevention and Early Intervention as it relates to tertiary child protection, with an initial focus on Referral for Active Intervention.
2. Placement and Support Services, including consideration of the SAAP service placement model.
3. Indigenous Service Delivery with a particular focus on building the capacity of Indigenous Recognised Entities and the establishment of local Indigenous networks.
4. Partnership capacity building.

The Taskforce also identified the need for the Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers to map needs and current services across the child protection system.

The Taskforce supported feedback mechanisms (in particular ZPPO feedback) to promote problem solving and the sharing of innovation.

### Agenda Items for next meeting

- Ratification of Terms of Reference
- Validation for items raised in small groups
- Report back on Multicultural child protection forum
- Briefing on budget initiatives for Department of Communities and Department of Child Safety which impact on planning and partnerships and interface with work of Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers
- Where the Taskforce is up to and what issues need to be further developed

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### Next Taskforce Meeting

The next Taskforce meeting is to be held on 23 June 2006

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