



# 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 June Taskforce Meeting

The Taskforce held its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on 23 June 2006 in Brisbane.

### Purpose Statements and Draft Terms of Reference

The Taskforce Purpose Statements and Terms of Reference which had been amended after discussion at the Taskforce meeting held in May, were ratified.

### Taskforce Focus Areas and Future Meetings

At the previous Taskforce meeting members agreed on three focus areas:

- Placement and Support
- Indigenous Services
- Prevention and Early Intervention.

Tables had been drawn up on the workplan program:

1. Summary of the focus areas
2. Role and Activities of Taskforce, Principal Planning and Partnerships Officers and Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers
3. Meeting Agendas for Future Taskforce Meetings.

Following discussion, it was agreed that amendments would be made to the first two tables and ratification sought out of session. The proposed Taskforce forward agenda was accepted as the work program.

### Planning and Partnerships Resource Kit

Background was provided on the development of a resource kit for the Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers. This kit is to be used as a broad starting point and developed further over time.

An overview of the kit was presented and included:

- Purpose
- Scope
- Key components

### Reporting/Information Gathering Template

Taskforce input was sought on the Reporting / Information Gathering Template being developed for Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers and Taskforce members.

The Taskforce discussed whether key areas were covered and if so, if the correct questions were being asked about socio-demographic data and service types and investments, as well as good practice, system challenges and issues.

Suggestions were made by Taskforce members concerning zonal profiling and innovation / challenges and opportunities.

Taskforce members agreed to complete and return their reporting templates by 17 July 2006.

Meaningful analysis and collation of the information provided by Taskforce members and Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers is to be provided for discussion at the next meeting.

### Report on Multicultural Child Protection Forum

Ian Muil of the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland provided a report back on the Multicultural Child Protection Forum, which had been very successful.

### Briefing on Budget Initiatives

Department of Communities presented details relating to four early years service centres which are to be established for services to children up to eight years old and located in areas of high growth.

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### Next Taskforce Meeting

The next Taskforce meeting is to be held on 31 July 2006

### Agenda Items for next meeting

- Placement and Support – local/zonal perspective
- Reporting/Information Gathering Template
- Multicultural Forum report issues

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