



Salisbury Communities for Children

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Let's learn to care for our children better

Children Communities Connections 2010 Conference

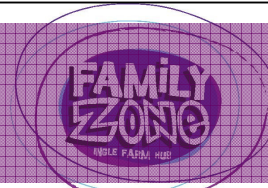
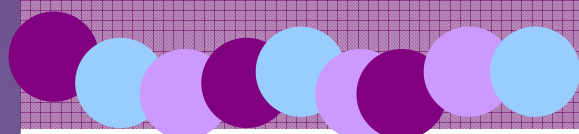


Creating a child-friendly community environment for children 0-12 years

On November 25-26 delegates from communities in the north and around the country will gather at the Hawke Centre in Adelaide to work on better ways of connecting children with their families and communities. This conference is about creating better opportunities for great kids to become great adults. We will be privileged to have some of the best thinkers and practitioners share with us some of their wisdom about the challenges of being parents, community workers, teachers, health workers, grandparents and all of the other roles that contribute to a community that works. How can we better work together for the sake of our children instead of competing with each other? How can we better protect and support families? How can we prevent children from developing too much anxiety? What makes families work?

These are some of the questions Professors Marianne Berry, Paula Barret, Margaret Sims will be looking at together with more than 30 other presenters. You can find out more about the conference on our website www.salisburyc4c.org.au or phone 08 8397 9333

Connecting families with local services, agencies & community groups



Schools and Agencies Network Launched

Some twenty representatives from local schools and agencies attended the first meeting of a new Salisbury Communities for Children initiative on September 17th at the John Harvey Gallery. We are partnering with the Schools Ministry Group to develop a number of initiatives to support children aged between 6 and 12 and their families. The network is being facilitated by new schools worker Michael Edgecomb who spoke recently about his new role.

“My role as Children & Family Support Coordinator is twofold. First, to develop, source, implement, and evaluate support programs for children aged between 5 and 12 and their families who are deemed to be at risk. The outcomes of these programs include developing pro social skills, developing and enhancing peer relationships, establishing and developing emotional intelligence and resiliency, managing emotions and skills to survive and begin healing from complex trauma. I also deliver parenting skills workshops and interventions. The second part of my role is the establishment and ongoing support of a Salisbury Community for Children Schools and Agencies Network. It is anticipated that through this, we will begin to develop and build on existing processes to enhance the holistic support of children and their families both at school, and outside the school environment in a coordinated approach. The way in which this occurs and how this network operates will be determined by the people involved, including you, with myself acting as a support person and facilitator”.

Network meetings will be held each term in various locations. Please contact Michael for more information. Email michael.edgecomb@smg.asn.au

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Early Childhood Leadership Training 2010

Assisting parents in building family relationships

Parents of some of these children took part in the 2010 Early Childhood Leadership Course in July-September at the Salvation Army Ingle Farm. They learned lots of new skills in parenting, understanding child development, how to resolve conflicts and other relevant topics. Most of those who did the course are involved with FamilyZone Ingle Farm, Salvation Army First Steps Playtime or FamilyZone Para Hills.



Some Comments

"I have gained more confidence in my home life, talking with others and in my abilities"

"I have gained confidence to continue with study and have a clearer view of the areas I want to go into through the contact with TAFE lecturers."

"This course was better than I expected. I now feel confident and motivated to complete further studies."

"It has made me a better mum and more knowledgeable as a person who runs a mum's group."

"This course has challenged me to understand how to give a child a healthy self image, to build self esteem and self worth."

In partnership with TAFESA we plan to run the course again in second term next year and already it is filling up fast!

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Young Mum's DVD/Booklet
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Coming Soon...

- ★ **Kids in the Kitchen** Cooking lessons for children aged over 3 years. Learn about health foods and try new foods with songs & stories. Every child must be accompanied by helper. Thursdays 12:30 – 2:00pm @ FamilyZone Ingle Farm Phone 8349 6099.
- ★ **Positive Parenting** Why do children misbehave? How can we build self esteem and help children change their behaviour? How can we deal with our own anger? Course & crèche are free. FamilyZone Ingle Farm Oct 28th – Dec 2nd Ph 8250 6555
- ★ **FamilyZone Ingle Farm End of Year Function**
With 'Kool 4 Kids' Thursday December 16th 5 – 7:30pm Cnr Montague & Belalie Rds Ingle Farm
- ★ **Young Mums and Dads Parenting Together** A new DVD/Booklet is being developed to support young mums and dads involved in the very challenging task of bringing up young children.
- ★ If you are interested in being a volunteer helper at the **Children Communities Connections 2010 conference** please contact Cathie on 0413 153 160.

