



WACOSS eNews - 17th June 2015

- [General WACOSS News](#)
- [WACOSS Workshops and Seminars](#)
- [Sector News](#)
- [Sector Grants](#)
- [Sector Events](#)
- [Community Sector Jobs](#)

General WACOSS News

Media Release: Cutting Financial Counselling Services Leaves WA Families with Nowhere to Turn in Tough Times, Mon 8th June 2015

The WA Council of Social Service has condemned the State Government's decision to cut all funding to financial counselling services in the Perth metropolitan region by September 30.

"These cuts go much further than what was foreshadowed in the State Budget last month and will have a direct impact on some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens. Financial counselling is needed now more than ever at a time when the WA economy is slowing, unemployment is rising and increasing numbers of households are finding themselves in financial difficulties," said Irina Cattalini CEO of WACOSS. [Read more...](#)

2015 State and Federal Minimum Wage Decisions

In recent weeks, the WA Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) and Fair Work Commission (FWC) have handed down their respective annual minimum wage orders, applicable from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2015. The WAIRC provided a 2.1% increase, and the FWC provided a 2.5% increase to adult (Federal and State) award rates. [Read more...](#)

Sector Services and Development - Team Announcement

The Sector Services team at WACOSS has recently undergone a restructure which included some staff changes. The team is now comprised of a Managing Consultant: Megan Worsdell, Events Coordinator: Maree Jones and Program Support Officer: Bree Van Haeften. These changes are intended to ensure that we are continuing to deliver quality, value for money learning and development products to the community services sector in WA. For more detailed information please [Click here](#).

Save the Date: 2016 WACOSS Conference

The biennial WACOSS Conference will be held on Tues 3rd (networking day), Wed 4th and Thurs 5th, May 2016. The WACOSS Conference is highly recognised for its contribution to the professional development of staff across all sectors, and provides a unique opportunity to share new approaches to practice, innovation, service design and delivery.

Watch this space for more details on the conference over the coming months. For sponsorship opportunities contact bree@wacoss.org.au

DropIN Champions' Webinar Training Part One – Advanced Editing Thurs 18th June

DropIN, the online collaboration platform set to revolutionise collaboration in the community sector, returns with its much anticipated advanced training series – DropIN Champions. Champions' Training is a series of three 45 minute training webinars designed to up skill DropIN users so that it can maximise this powerful tool to foster collaboration and to develop meaningful outcomes for our community. For more information please [Click here](#).

Child and Parent Centres - An Update for the Community Sector - Fri 19th June

Every year WACOSS hosts an event to provide an update to the community services sector on the Child and Parent Centres initiative. This years event will feature a presentation from [Dr Tim Moore](#), senior research fellow at Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Manager of the Research and Policy team at the Centre for Child Health at the University of Melbourne. Dr Moore will present on "*Engaging and Partnering with Vulnerable Families and Communities: the keys to effective place-based approaches*".

Dr Moore's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion involving representatives from Child and Parent Centres, the Department of Education and other stakeholders. Please [click here](#) to register.

Measuring the Impact of Training

WACOSS has entered into a partnership with the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) at the University of Western Australia (UWA) to evaluate our training courses. The Learning for Purpose is a ground breaking, national research program investigating the social return on education and training in the Australian not-for-profit sector. For more information, please [click here](#).

WACOSS Training, Workshops and Seminars

- [Managing Conflict in the Workplace](#) - Mon 22nd June
- [Financial Management Strategies for Boards](#) - Thu 23rd Jun - WEBINAR
- [Making the most of meetings with Minister's & MP's](#) - Thu 25th June
- [Communication for Influencing Policy Change](#) - Thu 25th Jun
- [Managing Staff Performance](#) - Tue 7th Jul
- [Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) - Wed 15th Jul
- [Foundations in Governance](#) - Wed 15th Jul
- [Coaching Skills for Managers](#) - Tue 21st Jul
- [Managing Challenging Behaviours](#) - Wed 22nd Jul

[Subscribe](#) to our events alert and keep informed on the latest events and workshops.

Sector News

WAPHA Request for EOI Providers of Last Resort

The WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) will, from 01 July 2015, be responsible for operating the three Primary Health Networks (PHNs) in Western Australia. WAPHA is seeking, through this document and the associated responses, expressions of interest from healthcare providers who wish to be appointed onto this panel for 'providers of last resort'. Please [Click here](#) for more detail.

Enter The Collaboration for Impact Small NFP Lottery

The Centre for Social Impact, Social Leadership Australia and Collaboration for Impact are proud to present a special lottery for 10 small not-for-profit organisations* to attend the Collaboration for Impact conference on 16th-17th July 2015.

Entries are open until 25th June 2015 for the chance for one person from your organisation to attend Collaboration for Impact for free. There is no limit on the number of entries from each organisation, so we encourage you to get your staff and supporters involved! [Enter here](#).

WA Seniors Awards and Seniors Week Community Grants

Program 2015

Grants of up to \$1000 are available to support community organisations arranging events or activities during Seniors Week 8th-15th November 2015. Nominations and Applications packages will be available from Tues 16th June from COTA WA. [Read more...](#)

Transition Support for Young Refugees and Other Vulnerable Young Migrants

The Government will invest \$22 million over two years to support four new initiatives for young refugees and other vulnerable young migrants under 25 to make a successful move to work.

The transition support for young refugees and other vulnerable young migrants program will assist humanitarian entrants and other vulnerable migrants to make the right choices to be in study and work and create a positive future for them in Australia. The program will see thousands of young refugees and vulnerable migrants undergo employment and education courses, and take part in sporting activities, from 2016.

Have Your Say on e-psychology and Online Mental Health Resources

Clinical researchers at the Australian National University are exploring health care service providers' views about and experiences of using e-MH in their work. The 2015 survey takes about 15-20 mins to complete online. Data will inform policy makers, eMHPrac training and be written up for scientific publication.

Please let them know what you think (even if you haven't used eMH)! To read more or participate in the 2015 survey, please [click here](#). eMHPrac is funded by the Australian Government.

New Policy Briefs on Aboriginal Education and Regional Lives

Acting Commissioner Jenni Perkins has released two policy briefs, which examine in more detail data from the [Wellbeing Monitoring Framework](#). The policy brief 'Aboriginal Children and Young People's Education,' discusses the importance of education in positively influencing a child's life.

These policy briefs are available to download via the resources section of the Commissioner's [website](#).

New Appointments at Foundation Housing to Help Sustain

Tenancies

Affordable housing provider Foundation Housing will be making it easier for its tenants to access support services that can help them to maintain their tenancies. A Sustaining Tenancies unit is being established whose staff will work with tenants who have social or financial issues that are putting them at risk of eviction and subsequent homelessness. [Read More...](#)

Sector Events

2015 CEO SleepOut - Thu 18th June

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout event will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year. The organisation is aiming to reach a \$10 million fundraising target. There are many CEOs currently registered to participate in this years event here in Western Australia. The event will take place at the WACA. To learn more please [click here](#).

National Conference on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - Wed 24th - Fri 26th June 2015

It is estimated that approximately 100,000 professional staff within the public service and private sector have become mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse.

The national platform for "The Children a Resource Most Precious: "Collaboration – Communities, Government and Non-Government Organisations Working Together conference 2015, consists of three days of engagement. It is an exciting time for all involved in this conference as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always flexible, motivated and responsive to the theme for the conference: "Children, young people and families across Western Australian communities: focusing on collaborative prevention strategies, initiatives and programs for minimising harm". [Read More...](#)

ACA Approved Clinical Supervisor Training - Wed 24th - Fri 26th June

Australian Counselling Association Approved three day training course: Clinical Supervisor Training suitable for Counsellors, Social Workers, School Counsellors, OT's and anyone in the helping professions. Upskill, and gain valuable Professional Development with ACA approved training over three days at very competitive cost. [Click here](#) for more information.

Anglicare WA Professional Development Workshops and Customised Training

Anglicare WA delivers events, professional development workshops and customised training for human services organisations across WA.

Special Events

- [Complexities and Opportunities in Accountability for Men Who Perpetrate FDV \(2 July 2015\)](#)

15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology - Sun 5th - Thurs 9th July

Victimisation, justice and healing: Challenging orthodoxies. The theme is designed to provide a focus on sharing best practice, emerging responses, and critical reflection on contemporary conceptualisations of victimisation and justice in various settings and disciplines – from the world of 'ordinary' crime, to post-colonial and post-conflict settings, and to transnational, cyber and institutional environments. For mor information [Click here](#).

Better Boards Conference - Fri 24th - Fri 26th July

This year's Better Boards Conference Charting New Horizons: Governance with Passion & Purpose, will explore lessons, strategies, tactics and innovations to assist boards, chief executive officers and senior management teams of non-profit organisations to navigate the new reality in which they must operate. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Fresh Start Recovery Programme - Recovery Seminar "Just in Time" Fri 31st July

The 2015 seminar, "Just in Time", will focus on the importance of timeliness in recovery from addictions, including the time it takes to get treated and the length of treatment time.

It is being held at Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research (6 Verdun Street, Nedlands) on Friday 31 July and will include presentations and workshops on the worldwide problem of drug addiction by experts in the field. [Read more...](#)

2015 WA Early Childhood Education & Care Conference - Fri 7th & Sat 8th Aug

Our 2015 conference '1 Voyage' acknowledges that the journey continues and that we are all on the same voyage of discovering what excellence via continuous improvement looks like.

The voyage's destination is ensuring positive outcomes for all children. The word voyage also acknowledges that this may mean we need to sail in new waters and to be brave enough to reflect critically and change our practice when

necessary. Our voyage is one of ongoing discovery as the evidence about children's development and learning and the role of families and services continues to build. [Find out more...](#)

National Housing Conference: Opening Doors Wed 28th – Fri 30th Oct 2015

The WA Department of Housing together with the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) are convening the ninth biennial National Housing Conference at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 28 – 30 October 2015. WACOSS's CEO, Ms Irina Cattalini, is also part of the NHC 2015 Program Advisors Group, who are providing their expertise and valuable input into the program. [Click here](#) for more detail.

Community Sector Jobs Board

The following positions are currently advertised on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs Board. [Click here](#) to view the vacancies in full.

- [Community Engagement Advisor x2](#)
- [Network Support Facilitator x2](#)
- [Community Engagement Officer \(Full-time\)](#)
- [Advert Family Drug and Alcohol Worker](#)
- [Program Support Officer – Social Policy](#)
- [Program Support Officer – Early Years](#)
- [Early Years Project Officer – Community Engagement](#)
- [St Bartholomew's House – Crisis Team Leader](#)
- [Chief Executive Officer](#)
- [St. Bartholomew's House – Aged Care Support Worker](#)
- [AnglicareWA – Youth Worker](#)
- [HR Coordinator](#)

If you would like to advertise your vacancies on the WACOSS/ANSON Community Jobs page please contact John Broweleit at ANSON at jcho@anson.com.au

[Subscribe me to this list.](#)



wacoss.org.au

© Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc 2013