



Care Proceedings:

Achieving the best outcomes for children

8:30-9:00am	Arrival and registration	All participants
Welcome and Acknowledgement		
9:00-9:05am	Acknowledgement of Country	Laurel Russ (PSM)
9:05-9:10am	Welcome	Steve Kinmond ACWA CEO
Morning session: The role of service providers in Court and the delegation of responsibilities		
9:10-10:10am	The Children's Court and The <i>Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998: A snapshot</i>	Katie Kelso Acting Solicitor in Charge of Care & Protection Legal Aid NSW
10:10-10:55am	Collaboration and decision-making in care proceedings (Part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of service providers in gathering evidence for care proceedings • Case Management policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the roles and responsibilities of service providers and DCJ • information sharing • resolving different views between DCJ/ service providers 	Catherine Samuels Director Child Protection Accredited Specialist Children's Law Department of Communities and Justice – Legal Makare Costello Manager Child Law Litigation North & West Department of Communities and Justice Michelle Smith Director, Implementation and Performance Child and Family, Strategy Policy and Commissioning Department of Communities and Justice
Morning Tea		
11:15-12:00pm	Collaboration and decision-making in care proceedings (continued)	See above
12:00-12:30pm	The obligations of the Model Litigant	Ananda Hall Principal Solicitor for Crown Solicitor NSW Crown Solicitor's Office
12:30-1:00pm	Understanding the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles as a framework for best practice	Zoe De Re Senior Care and Protection Solicitor Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)

Lunch

Venue

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140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Afternoon session:

Working collaboratively to enhance sector practice in relation to care proceedings

2:00-2:30pm	Dispute Resolution Conferences in care proceedings	Rebecca Kang Senior Children's Registrar Children's Court of NSW
2:30-3:00pm	Key challenges facing service providers in relation to care proceedings	Deirdre Cheers CEO Barnardos Australia
3:00-3:40pm	<p>Panel session: Part 1 – Collaborating effectively to achieve good outcomes for children and young people</p> <p>This part of the panel session will also focus on addressing any issues associated with the effectiveness of the engagement between DCJ and service providers about individual care matters, to ensure that going forward, relevant information from service providers informs care proceedings. The session will also examine the most appropriate means for enhancing the engagement between DCJ and service providers, and how best to facilitate this.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Steve Kinmond ACWA CEO</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Magistrate Tracy Sheedy Children's Court of NSW</p> <p>Catherine Samuels Director Child Protection, Accredited Specialist Children's Law, DCJ – Legal</p> <p>Leanne Wells Solicitor, Accredited Children's Law Specialist</p> <p>Michelle Smith Director, Implementation and Performance Child and Family, Strategy Policy and Commissioning, DCJ</p> <p>Kelly Berriman Manager Client Services, Permanency Support & FSP Response Team, DCJ</p> <p>Nigel Lindsay General Manager and Principal Officer Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Wesley Mission</p> <p>Kathy Karatasas Director Multicultural Child and Family Program, Service Delivery – Community Settlement Services International</p> <p>Deirdre Cheers CEO Barnardos Australia</p> <p>Zoe De Re Senior Care and Protection Solicitor Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)</p>

Afternoon Tea

3:55-4:30pm	<p>Panel session: Part 2 – Ongoing practice development and training needs</p> <p>This part of the panel session will explore the future training needs of the sector and how well these are currently being met, and what needs to be done to ensure that a consolidated and efficient approach to training in relation to court practice is developed and rolled out on a regular basis to the sector in future.</p>	Panellists: see above
4:30-4:40pm	Wrap-up	Steve Kinmond ACWA CEO

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