Government Establishes Commonwealth’s First Chief Allied Health Officer


Tanya Plibersek, Federal Minister for Health, recently announced that the Government would establish the Commonwealth’s first Chief Allied Health Officer to support the work of thousands of important health professionals.

“Allied Health professionals make up about 20 per cent of the health workforce in Australia, providing vital services to patients and the establishment of a Chief Allied Health Officer will further strengthen and support their work,” said Ms Plibersek.

“They play a key role in patient care, especially for people with chronic and complex conditions, and the services that they provide are becoming increasingly important with an ageing population.” “The Government recognises the work that Allied Health professionals do and the Chief Allied Health Officer will provide advice on how best to strengthen their role,” said Ms Plibersek.

The establishment of a Chief Allied Health Officer also responds to a recommendation of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee, following its inquiry into the factors affecting the supply of health services and medical professionals in rural areas. The committee found that Allied Health professionals face additional challenges in delivering services to regional, rural and remote Australia. While the Chief Allied Health Officer will have improving the delivery of Allied Health services in the bush as a key focus, all Australians will benefit from well integrated medical, nursing and Allied Health care services.

Medicare Locals also provide important new opportunities for Allied Health services to be more effective and more accessible in local communities across Australia.

The Minister also congratulated Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA), Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) and Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA) on their commitment to advancing allied health care and supporting Allied Health students and practitioners across Australia.
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Bill passed through the Parliament on the 21st March 2013. This is a major step towards providing peace of mind to people with disability, their families and carers, and to Australians who may acquire a significant and permanent disability in the future.

The NDIS will give people with disability choice and control over the care and support they receive, rather than exposing them to the cruel lottery that currently exists. The Bill establishes the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the NDIS Launch Transition Agency (the Agency) to deliver the launch of the scheme.

About 26,000 people with significant and permanent disabilities, their families and carers, will benefit from the first stage of the NDIS. The Gillard Government has provided $1 billion to launch the NDIS from 1 July this year.

As a result of the historic agreement reached between the Australian and New South Wales governments in December last year, the NDIS will roll out in full across NSW by July 2018, providing care and support to around 140,000 NSW residents with disability.

The Australian Government continues to work with other states and territories towards agreement to roll out the NDIS across the country.

The Agency now has an established presence in the launch sites. When the scheme launches in July this year, there will be more than 250 suitably trained people working in seven regional offices in the launch locations. The Agency will work with people with disability to develop a personal plan that identifies the person’s needs, goals and life aspirations, and recognises the support they receive from family and friends. This plan forms the basis of the person’s funded NDIS support package which they can choose to manage themselves or with the help of local Agency workers, family or friends.

The Bill, and the amendments agreed during the Bill’s progress through the Parliament, was heavily shaped by the feedback the Government received from people with disability, their families, carers and service providers, through consultations across the country.

Agreed amendments included:

- Elevating the importance of certain obligations that Australia has as a party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and explicitly recognising the broader context for disability reform. This ensures that the rights of people with disability, their families and carers are at the heart of the NDIS.
- Clarification that people who need early intervention therapies and supports, including for degenerative conditions, and who are not better supported by another system such as the health care system, can access the NCIS.
- Clarification that all people who are NDIS participants will be able to choose to remain in the scheme after they turn 65.
- Changes to the compensation provisions so that the NDIS Launch Transition Agency (the Agency) can conduct legal proceedings on behalf of a person with disability who does not choose to conduct those proceedings.
- Ensuring the NDIS Board receives and considers actuarial advice, helping to safeguard the financial sustainability of the NDIS.
- Recognising the important role of advocacy in the lives of people with disability.
- Bolstering the requirements for representation of people with disability on the NDIS Advisory Council.

This week, the Government also announced the name for the scheme – DisabilityCare Australia. This name reflects the core principle of the NDIS, namely that all Australians with significant or profound disability receive the care and support they need and have choice and control over their care, regardless of how they acquired their disability.

Like the name, which was informed by consultation with people with disability, their families, carers and peak organisations, the NDIS is the result of the combined efforts of many passionate people and organisations. The passage of the Bill through the Parliament today is a testament to their hard work. The Government will continue to work closely with people with disability, their families, carers and service providers as we build the NDIS.

For more information about the Bill, visit www.ndis.gov.au.
NAHSSSS Allied Health Continuing Professional Development

NAHSSSS is a program aimed at supporting practicing Allied Health professionals to attend continuing professional development activities such as short courses and conferences and is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

The NAHSSSS Allied Health Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scholarship applications are scheduled to open on 2 April and close on 6 May. The online application will be available on the Scholarship Page under Continuing Professional Development on the SARRAH website when the applications open on the 2 April. A list of eligible Allied Health professions can also be found on the website.

For more information email the Postgraduate Team on Postgrad@sarrah.org.au, or free call on 1800338061.

2013 NSW Rural Allied Health Postgraduate Scholarship

The NSW Rural Allied Health Postgraduate Scholarship Program commenced in 2003 in line with the announcement made in the NSW Rural Health Plan. The aim of the Scholarship Program is to provide Allied Health professionals living and working in rural NSW with financial assistance to undertake Postgraduate qualifications in their chosen field. The Program aims to support the retention of Allied Health clinicians working in rural NSW.

Scholarships of up to $10,000 are available to fulltime or part time Allied Health clinicians employed by, and currently working in, a rural located public health service within a NSW Local Health District (information about included areas can be found by visiting http://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/content/scholarship-rural-classification-maps/), to assist with educational expenses directly associated with postgraduate study.

To find out more information please go to the HETI Website at http://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/funding/nsw-rural-allied-health-postgraduate-scholarships/ to obtain a copy of the application form and guidelines applicable to this Scholarship Program.

Applications must be received by post on or before Friday 12 April 2013.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Scholarship Coordinator on 02 9844 6570 or email alliedschol@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

American Psychiatric Association

DSM-5 Scheduled for Release in May 2013

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) is scheduled to be released in May 2013. Further details can be obtained by visiting the American Psychiatric Association’s website at www.dsm5.org.
NHET-Sim Program or the National Health Education and Training in Simulation Program is a nationwide training program in simulation for healthcare professionals. It is designed anyone who currently or intends to use simulation as an educational method to support the development of healthcare students and professionals.

Why should professionals register for the NHET-Sim Program?
The Program provides a way for current and future simulation educators and technicians to consolidate or expand their knowledge and skills. Modules have been developed utilising content experts from across Australia. The program provides flexible learning with e-learning, workshops and tutorial. **The Program is provided free of charge.**

What does it involve?
Registrants can choose from two learning options; Stream A (e-learning and face-to-face workshops) and Stream B (e-learning and online tutorials). Both streams complete two core modules and Stream A two elective modules and Stream B four.

Completion of the components for either stream will take around 24 hours.

**Upcoming sessions:**

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**How can I find out more?**
Further information is available at the NHET-Sim website [http://www.nhet-sim.edu.au/](http://www.nhet-sim.edu.au/) or by contacting the

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**Keeping Connections: Childhood Bereavement Group**

The Forensic Counselling Unit within the Newcastle Department of Forensic Medicine is planning to launch a new childhood bereavement group for parentally bereaved children (aged 9-12) and their parent/carer. The group is for children and young people who have been bereaved of a parent. A fun, interactive, evidence-based program has been developed to help children adjust to their loss and rebuild positive futures. The group will run for **8 weeks from July to Sept 2013 from 3.30-5.30pm** at a “child-friendly” venue in the Newcastle area. Parents/ carers will be required to attend the **parents group** which will be facilitated concurrently to the **children's group** at the same venue. A meeting with families will be organised prior to the group starting to decide together whether the group will be suitable to meet their needs.

If you know a family who may be interested in or benefit from attending the group for 9-12 year-olds **OR another childhood bereavement group if it could be facilitated in the future based on expressed need**, then please contact me directly. All expressions of interest need to be received by **30th April 2013**.

If you have any other ideas, information or interest about support and services for bereaved children and young people, or if you or your agency may be interested in attending a **childhood bereavement education session**, please contact me.

I will be presenting an education session for the Allied Health Telehealth Program on May 14th. This session will provide an introduction to supporting bereaved children as well as some background information about the Forensic/Coronial aspects of my role.

Danny Nugus
Ph: 02 49223700
Email: [Danny.Nugus@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Danny.Nugus@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)
For more details about any of the information included in this newsletter, or if you have something you would like included in a future edition, please contact one of us.

Submissions for Future Editions of Allied to Kids
Let us know about your workshops, new programs, events, research or positions vacant. Clinical articles need to be evidence based with a relevant (albeit short) reference list. Submissions can be sent to any of the Allied Health Educators (email details are listed above) and need to be received no later than the 25th of each month to ensure inclusion in the following month’s edition. Remember, Allied to Kids is a newsletter for paediatric Allied Health professionals by paediatric Allied Health professionals.

Please note the inclusion of event/resource details in this newsletter does not constitute endorsement by the NSW Child Health Network. Individuals are responsible for determining the credentials of events/resources in line with their own professional standards.

Workshops/Conferences

OTs in the Apple: Occupational Therapy in a Paediatric Setting
Core Skills Education Day

Date: Monday 29th April 2013
Time: 8.30am - 4:00pm
Venue: Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick
Contact: Harriet Violakis Ph: 9382 1073 or email harriet.violakis@sesias.health.nsw.gov.au

This education day is aimed at Level 1-2 paediatric Occupational Therapists (particularly new graduates); undergraduate Occupational Therapy students interested in paediatrics; experienced adult Occupational Therapists wanting to move into paediatrics and/or rural and sole Occupational Therapists with mixed caseloads. It aims to provide Occupational Therapists with knowledge of the core skills required to practice in a variety of clinical areas within paediatric practice. The day will consist of both theory and practical learning experiences, which will be presented by Occupational Therapists working at Sydney Children’s Hospital as well as external presenters.

The morning will include the following presentations:
- What a cognitive approach brings to treatment planning (presented by Elspeth Froude)
- A reflection on family centred practice
- Pressure care in paediatrics
- The Occupational Therapists role in modification of child restraints.

The afternoon session will consist of concurrent workshops which will give participants a hands-on experience in learning core paediatric skills. Each participant will have the opportunity to attend two of the following workshops:
- Handwriting assessments
- Clinical approach to paediatric seating
- Upper limb assessment
- Occupational Therapy developmental motor assessments
Statewide Telehealth Education Opportunities

Available to Allied Health professionals who provide services through NSW Health

NSW Child Health Network Allied Health Telehealth Education

2nd April
Procedural Support
Janet Burke, Irene Adam & Kirsty Goymour; Play & Music Therapy Department, SCHN Randwick

30th April
Paediatric Feeding in the Community
Anne Rosten; Speech Pathology, Liverpool Hospital

14th May
Childhood Bereavement
Danny Nugus; Department of Forensic Medicine, Newcastle

Allied Health Telehealth will continue to be from 1.00 - 2.00pm. Contact Fiona Lamb (Fiona.Lamb@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) if you would like to link into the sessions. The complete 2013 Allied Health Telehealth calendar can be viewed on the Allied to Kids website at http://www.nchn.org.au/a2k/index.html.

Don't have access to videoconference equipment? You can dial into the Allied Health Telehealth sessions by phone. More information can be obtained by contacting Fiona Lamb (Fiona.Lamb@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au).

John Hunter Children’s Hospital Paediatric Grand Rounds

The JHCH Paediatric Grand Rounds Education Program is held each Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming session topics include (more specific details are released one week prior to the session):

2nd April
Quality
Bruce Whitehead

9th April
Endocrinology
Bruce King

16th April
Gastroenterology
Scott Nightingale

23rd April
Genetics
Anna Hackett

30th April
Neurology
Gopi Subramanian

7th May
Respiratory/Sleep
Bruce Whitehead

For instructions on how to view these sessions online or to access previous sessions, please email Sonia.Hughes@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Sydney Children’s Hospital Medical Grand Rounds

The SCH Medical Grand Rounds Education Program is held each Wednesday from 1:00 - 2:00pm. Upcoming sessions:

3rd April
Therapy for Tuberous Sclerosis & Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders
Dr David Mowat & Dr John Lawson

10th April
TBA
Nursing

17th April
The ‘F-words’ in Childhood Disability
CP Team

24th April
TBA
PDU (Nursing)

To book into a session or participate in the WebEx trial contact Katy on 9382 1641 or via Katy.Sterling-Levis@SESIAHS.HEALTH.NSW.GOV.AU. To view previous sessions on the SESIAHS intranet go to http://sch.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/education/video/.

Sydney Children’s Hospital Mental Health Grand Rounds

The SCH Mental Health Grand Rounds Education Program is held fortnightly on Monday from 10:00 - 11:00am. Details of upcoming Mental Health Grand Rounds sessions will be distributed by email. Should you wish to be placed on the distribution list please contact Pat Cleary via Patricia.Cleary@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au. To view previous sessions on the SESIAHS intranet go to http://sch.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/education/video/.
Congenital Talipes Equinovarus (CTEV) Education Day

Friday 21st June 2013, 8.30am – 4.30pm
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

$100 including GST - morning tea & lunch included

Physiotherapists from the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network and Kaleidoscope would like to invite you to attend an education day on CTEV. The workshop is suitable for new staff who need training and those who would like to renew skills in the assessment and management of CTEV.

The program will address the following topics:

- Assessment and treatment of clubfeet – The Ponseti method
- The Achilles tenotomy and tibialis anterior tendon transfer
- Objective measurement of clubfeet
- Non-surgical treatment of recurrence
- Bracing
- Ponseti treatment of atypical clubfeet
- Case presentations and discussion
- Hands-on workshops
  - Initial assessment
  - Boots and bars treatment
  - Recurrent assessment and atypical feet

Participants in the education day program will receive:

- Access to the CTEV e-learning module, for completion prior to the workshop
- A morning of theory and lectures
- An afternoon practical workshop including attendance of patients for assessment and treatment demonstration
- Workshop handbook and CD-ROM of resources

Enquiries can be directed to Jenny Nicol or Sue Sims (CHN Allied Health Educators) on 02 9382 4471 or via email at Jennifer.Nicol@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or Susan.Sims@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au.

Registrations to: pam.mehta@health.nsw.gov.au (NB: Registrations close on 12th June)

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Keep the Whole Person in Mind
Professional Development Seminar

Wednesday 22nd May 2013, 8.30am – 4.00pm
Studdy MS Centre, Lidcombe NSW

MS Australia - ACT/NSW/VIC would like to invite you and your colleagues to a celebration of MS Awareness Month, to hear and learn about the latest in the management of multiple sclerosis (MS).

To obtain further information or a copy of the program for this day, please contact Diane Browne via email at educationnsw@msaustralia.org.au or phone on 02 9643 1486. For registration enquiries please contact 02 9646 0657.
Regrettably there will be no regular lectures for 2013. We hope that the lectures may restart at some point and will let you know any updates.

If you are not already on our email distribution list and would like to receive updates about the lectures, please email kerry.hart@wsahs.nsw.gov.au with your details.

The Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) NSW Health is a state-wide unit responsible for training programs in the specialised areas of adult and child sexual assault, domestic and Aboriginal family violence and physical and emotional abuse and neglect of children across NSW.

Upcoming courses:

Children & young people: Trauma & Neglect
15-16 May 2013, Parramatta
Increasing recognition is being given to the impact of early interpersonal trauma on children and young people. Exposure to many forms of interpersonal violence is implicated in the etiology of challenging behaviours in childhood and adolescence and potentially greater health and psychological difficulties in adulthood. This 2 day course will build on workers’ existing knowledge about the effects and dynamics of abuse and identify trauma frameworks. It also explores a range of tools to use with children and young people to address trauma responses. Case planning and goal setting for families where there is risk of harm for children and young people will also be explored.

Resetting the baseline: Attunement to the Infant Voice in Situations of Trauma, Abuse & Neglect
24 July 2013, Parramatta
Infants & young children living in situations of neglect and/or trauma can have a range of adaptive responses that are not always straightforward for health professionals to observe. This 1 day workshop will bring together principles of attachment theory & purposeful infant observation, as well as what we now know of resilience & early childhood brain development to inform work with families where there is suspected abuse or trauma. It will consider what the nurse/health professional can do to encourage empathic attunement in parents, to assist them in noticing & responding to what the infant/child is communicating. Based on study undertaken during a recent fellowship to the Tavistock Clinic in North London, the home of psychoanalytic infant observation, as developed by Esther Bick and John Bowlby, the workshop will consider these approaches in the context of a system that often accepts ‘good enough’ rather than encouraging optimal parenting & will demonstrate how purposeful infant observation can offer an important contribution to the underlying methods, attitudes & approach of health practitioners. For further information regarding ECAV and courses available visit http://www.ecav.health.nsw.gov.au/.

Ph: (02) 9840 3737 Fax: (02) 9840 3754 E-mail: ecav@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Functional Hand Use in Hemiplegia
Evidence-based treatment for children with cerebral palsy
Occupational Therapy specific training
2nd & 3rd May 2013
John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle NSW
$500 for 2 days including: resources, morning/afternoon tea and lunch
Spaces are limited. For further information and to register, visit the website.

http://cpteaching.com
**Tool Kit for Kids**  
Hosted by Deb Hopper  
Based on world expert Diana Henry’s research  
Tuesday 9th April 2013  
9.00am – 3pm, Coffs Harbour NSW  
- Are you a parent of a child that struggles with simple tasks such as eating, dressing, socialising, concentrating or co-ordination?  
- Are you a teacher that wants to know how you can keep your class focussed and engaged all the time?  
- Or do you work with children and would like to understand how Sensory Processing works and how it affects behaviour?  
- Do you sometimes feel frustrated and powerless to help?  
This one day workshop will empower you with the tools and knowledge that you need to help the children around you. Once you begin to understand Sensory Processing and how it works, you will begin to see the world through the eyes of the children. This workshop is a fun, user friendly event with movement, music and take away strategies to use right away, at home, school and day care. Tools Kit for Kids is the work of Diana Henry, internationally recognized as a paediatric expert in Occupational Therapy and Sensory Processing.  
Bookings essential Call 02 6555 9877 or email workshops@lifeskills4kids.com.au or go to www.lifeskills4kids.com.au to buy your ticket.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
PICKY EATERS VS PROBLEM FEEDERS: The SOS Approach to Feeding  
WORKSHOP DATES 2013  
SYDNEY - Westmead Hospital  
SOS Basic Training Course: 18-20 August (Sunday – Tuesday)  
Special Interest Days: 22-24 August (Thursday - Saturday)  
To express an interest please visit http://www.feedingworkshops.com/.

**Marte Meo with the Territory Mob**  
A Workshop for building social connections through natural everyday interaction  
20th & 21st May 2013  
Northern Territory Museum & Art Gallery Theatre  
The Marte Meo Program was developed by Maria Aarts in the late 1970s. The program provides a practical approach to supporting development through relationships in everyday communication. It can be used with all age groups and is applicable for infants, toddlers, school age children, people with disabilities and aged people.  
Please contact Genevieve Bradshaw on 08 8945 4977 or genevieve.bradshaw@carpentaria.org.au for enquiries or registration details.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Further information can be obtained by visiting http://www.cdesign.com.au/nahc2013/. To keep updated, subscribe to the NAHC 2013 mailing list by emailing Hannah@cdesign.com.au.
Occupational Therapy Course
Handwriting – Getting it Write
Presented by Lisa Scott & Suzanne Wakefield
Melbourne - April 12th & 13th
To register your interest, please contact Frank at lscott67@optusnet.com.au

Clinical Reasoning with Diverse Populations
Including Autism, CP & Visual/Hearing Impairments
July 2013
Auckland 4th – 6th
Melbourne 8th – 10th
Sydney 12th – 14th
Presented by Dr Susanne Smith Roley
This course is only open to Occupational Therapists. For further details and/or to register, please visit www.sensorypotential.com.

Sensory Integration Certification Program (SIPT)
Sponsored by USC/WPS
Sydney 2013 - 2014
Module 1: 8th – 13th May 2013
Module 2: 28th Sept – 2nd Oct 2013
Module 3: 10th – 14th May 2014
Module 4: 12th – 16th July 2014
Presented by Dr Susanne Smith Roley
This series is open to Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Neuropsychologists.
Options to complete one, two or three modules with payment options available. For further details and/or to register, please visit www.sensorypotential.com.

Delegate Sponsorship Funding Available
You have done all the hard work and have something valuable to contribute, and gain, by attending the 2013 PHC Research Conference. The only thing standing in your way maybe the cost of registration, travel, accommodation – or all three. Why not consider applying for delegate sponsorship? Sponsorship may be granted to delegates residing in Australia who would not normally be able to attend the Conference because of funding difficulties. Part and full sponsorship packages are available.
For further information or to submit your application simply follow this link to the website www.phcris.org.au/conference/2013/delegate_sponsorship.php.
Closing date – Friday 26 April 2013
To discuss anything further please contact:
Fiona Hawkins
Conference Coordinator, PHC RIS
P: 08 7221 8515
E: fiona.hawkins@flinders.edu.au
Interactive Drawing Therapy
Foundation Course – Unit 1 and Unit 2
Courses are available in Adelaide (March), Sydney (April), Brisbane (July), Canberra (July), Melbourne (September), Perth (September) and Darwin (October).

Children & Adolescents
Sydney 15th-16th July
Brisbane 30th September – 1st October

Intermediate course
Sydney 18th-20th July

Advanced course
Brisbane 22nd-24th August

IDT Conference
Brisbane 15th June

For further details go to www.InteractiveDrawingTherapy.com

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier!
The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self esteem and confidence in children aged 7-13 who are above their healthy weight.

What?
Go4Fun is run by a Dietitian and a Physiotherapist. The multi-disciplinary program combines all the elements known to be vital in treating and preventing overweight or obesity in children, including family involvement, practical education in nutrition and diet, increasing physical activity and behavioural change. Time is spent learning about healthy eating, food groups, portion sizes, supermarket tour, as well as looking at goal setting and behaviour management.

Where?
Various locations across Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland.

When?
Each program runs over a 10-week school term with two sessions a week after school. The next program begins in Term 2, 2013. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

How much?
FREE for families (funded by NSW health and run through Population Health and Kaleidoscope at JHCH).

Call today to register on 1800 780 900
For more information, contact Maria or Katie on 4921 4113 or visit www.mendcentral.org/go4fun.

Practical Change Management and Leadership Development Workshops
We are taking five practical and affordable workshops in the fields of Leadership, Change Management and Presentation Skills around Australia. Whether you are in Humpty Doo, Boolaroo, Pinaroo, Seymour, Esk or Edgecliff...if you have more than 10 keen participants, we can come to you (ask for a quote) or you can join one of our workshops.

Download the flyers from our website for more info, www.changechampions.com.au
Infant GORD and its Complications
One day conference
Saturday 20th April 2013
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Please join us for a detailed and comprehensive educational event on infant Gastro-Oesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD). This event will cover all aspects of this common disease from recognition of symptoms, to general management strategies, surgical techniques, food allergy-related conditions and complications related to poor or difficult disease management.

Costs - $110 (includes full-day conference, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & 1 hour drinks and canapés).

For registration and payment please go to www.reflux.org.au/conference/.

For further information, please email risaconference@ymail.com.

South Eastern Sydney Paediatric Physiotherapy Network

A group of Physiotherapists who work in Paediatric Physiotherapy in South Eastern Sydney have started meeting as a group to support each other on a professional and educational level. The group is open to any Physiotherapist working in Paediatrics in the South Eastern Sydney area (from the hospital system, government organisations, non-government organisations or private based services including private practice). Meetings will occur quarterly and will focus on a range of educational activities including case presentations, journal article discussions, guest speakers, course/conference feedback.

Time: 9:00 - 10:30am
Venue: ADHC Hurstville Office
Meetings: Thursday 2nd May 2013
              Thursday 1st August 2013
              Thursday 7th November 2013

If you would like any further information with regards to this group you can contact Renee Bowran on Ph: 9113 3643 or via email renee.bowran@sesiabs.health.nsw.gov.au

More Than Words®
Perth July 3 - 5
Melbourne July 24 - 26

TalkAbility™
Perth September 2 - 3

Learning Language and Loving It™
Perth September 4 - 6

ABC and Beyond™ NEW
Sydney November 25 - 26

Target Word®
Sydney July 15 – 16 or 18 - 19

Can’t find what you are looking for?
Go to:
http://www.hanen.org/Professional-Development.aspx

Contact the Hanen Hosting Coordinator, Tom Khan, to discuss the possibility of bringing a Hanen workshop to your area. Tom may be reached at tom.khan@hanen.org.

2nd Annual Conference for ICAMHS Research and Clinical Practice
“Cool It! Focus on Anxiety”
Friday 10th May 2013, Liverpool Hospital
Registration fee: $100 (includes lunch)

Speakers:
Associate Professor Jennifer L. Hudson
Professor Bryanne Barnett
Professor Rhoshel K. Lenroot
Professor Valsa Eapen
Dr Rajeev Jairam
Ms Natalie Medel
Ms Mai Than Trong

Topics for keynote lectures:
- Anxiety, Attachment,
- Selective mutism,
- Home-bound children,
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

For enquiries contact: Maribel.Helen@sswahehs.nsw.gov.au
The Learning App Guide Workshops

Presented by author and Speech Language Pathologist, Bronwyn Sutton.

The App Guide to Autism and Positive Behaviours
Parramatta on Wednesday 3rd April 2013
Coffs Harbour on Monday 8 April, 2013

Discover how apps can make a difference in supporting a child with autism to learn. This workshop is based on over 300 apps which support the child’s social and emotional learning, positive behaviour, organisation and sensory regulation.

Who should attend: Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Psychologists, teachers and families supporting children in Early Childhood and Primary School.

Cost: $190

Free Bonus: All registrations receive a full one year’s subscription to The Learning App Guide Website.

The App Guide to Language and Literacy
Parramatta on Friday 5 April, 2013

This interactive workshop is based on 350 apps for children with language disorders, reading difficulties and diverse learning needs. Learn about new apps and apply this knowledge to support the child’s literacy, expressive language and language comprehension.

Who should attend: Speech Pathologists, teachers and families supporting children in Early Childhood and Primary School.

Cost: $190

To register and for further details please see www.learningappguide.com

Call for Abstracts

The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Conference will be held at the Sheraton on the Park, Sydney in November 2013. The Conference Committee is now calling for abstracts to be submitted. In keeping with the conference theme “Our Time”, the Committee seeks a range of proposals covering current and emerging research, clinical and educational practice, and the everyday life experiences and achievements of people with intellectual and developmental disability and families.

For further information about the conference or how to submit an abstract, please visit the Conference website at https://www.etouches.com/ehome/ASID2013/.

Clinical Teaching:

Strategies for Developing Skills to Support Clinical Learning
Coffs Harbour - Monday 8th April 2013, 3.00 – 5.00pm
Tamworth – Tuesday 16th April 2013, 6.30 – 9.00pm

This workshop provides a context and overview of an online learning package that addresses clinical support and supervision skills, competencies, attitudes and behaviours, and:

- Presents practical strategies to enhance your ability to teach and support a range of students during their clinical placements.
- Teach you how to give and receive feedback more effectively. Offer suggestions regarding how to handle difficult students or situations.
- Introduce an innovative online learning program that is informative and provided free of charge.

For further details contact Vicki Asciak vasciak@une.edu.au.
Tracheostomy and Ventilated Children in the Community

Friday 2nd August 2013
Kids Research Institute, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Non-invasive ventilation, tracheostomy and ventilation are becoming more common in the community. However the process of transitioning into the community can be complex and daunting. This day will focus on ventilation types, tracheostomies and ventilation in the community; nutrition and feeding considerations; communication considerations; the process of discharge planning and ongoing management in the community; psychosocial considerations of the children, their families and carers; equipment, home modifications, and getting about (including travelling); how the hospital supports transition into school and education; and parent reflections.

This day is recommended for anyone involved with children with tracheostomies or home ventilation including hospital and community medical staff, nurses, allied health, GPs, school teachers, carers etc.

For further information contact Sandra Pengilly on 02 9845 3369 or Sandra.Pengilly@health.nsw.gov.au.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech
Dr Caroline Bowen

Monday 23rd September 2013
Fitzroy Room, Campbelltown Catholic Club, Campbelltown

Topics covered will include implementing assessment procedures aimed to differentially diagnose CAS, deriving therapy targets, developing intervention procedures and activities, exploring likely literacy issues and discussing the roles and responsibilities of the child, family and the therapist.

For further details or to register please contact Lisa Rickard on 02 4647 6777 or email on Lisa.Rickard@talkspeech.com.au.

Clinical Supervision Support Program 2013 Masterclass Series
Conversations that Change

Various Dates in April, May and June 2013
Metropolitan and Rural NSW Venues

The CSSP Masterclass Series are high level workshops for current clinical supervisors across all health disciplines. The theme for the 2013 series is communication and teaching and learning concepts for the next generation of health care workers.

For further information about specific dates and venues please contact Sharyn Brown, Senior Program Coordinator on 02 9844 6525 or csspmasterclasses@heti.nsw.gov.au.

Spinal Cord Injury Core Course
From Injury to Independence

17th – 21st June 2103
Level 5 Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital

This 5 day course offers a comprehensive and interactive learning experience. It provides a multi-disciplinary focus of the management of the patient with a spinal cord injury from the time of injury across the acute, rehabilitation and community reintegration phases. Long term issues, complications and current research will also be presented. The final afternoon is designed to consolidate the week’s learning through an experiential learning session that receives exceptional evaluations. It aims to provide practical and theoretical knowledge which is relevant to everyday practice.

For further details contact Louise Kelly (lckelly@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or Sonia Jones (sojones@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au).
2013 Workshops

Occupational Performance Coaching
Coaching Parents to Enable Children's Participation
19th April 2013
Fiona Graham – Brisbane

The Perceive: Recall: Plan and Perform System (PRPP) - Assessment Workshop
26th – 30th August 2013
Dr Judy Ranka & Dr Chris Chapparo – Brisbane

Occupational Therapy and Autism:
The Occupational Therapy role in diagnosis, intervention and integration/inclusion
18th – 20th September 2013
Dr Chris Chapparo – Melbourne

2013/2014 Expressions of Interest

A Guide to Using “Clinical Observations”
2 days Term 3 2013

OT Tools for Schools
2 days Term 4 2013

Developing Effective Play Skills in Children
2 days Semester 1 2014

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Allied Health Care of the Complex Infant in NICU and Beyond Workshop
Tamworth – Monday 20th May 2013, 9.30am – 5.00pm
Armidale – Tuesday 21st May 2013, 8.30am – 4.00pm

A team of Allied Health professionals from John Hunter Children’s Hospital will present a one day workshop on transitioning complex babies back from tertiary care. The workshop will provide Allied Health professionals and Child & Family Health Nurses with information to assist them in their clinical practice.

Presentations:
- The NICU experience
- Outcomes of pre-term infants

Rotating workstations/discussion groups with topics to be covered:
- Plagiocephaly and hip screening - Physiotherapy
- Supporting infants’ development in NICU and beyond – Occupational Therapy
- Optimising growth of the pre-term infant - Dietetics
- Troubleshooting feeding with pre-term infants – Speech Pathology
- Support for families with pre-term infants – Social Work

Presentation:
- The parent journey

For further details contact Denise Kinross on 02 4921 3597 or via email at Denise.Kinross@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.
Positions Vacant

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS (2 POSITIONS)
CASUAL FULL TIME
THARAWAL & AWABAKAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED HEALTH SERVICES

Two speech pathology positions are available to work full time (casual) at Tharawal (Campbelltown) and one full time position (casual) at Awabakal (Newcastle). Part-time would be considered for all positions. The positions are available to start ASAP and will continue to August with the possibility of continuation as part of the SEARCH research project.

All positions will require you to work as part of a team to provide therapy to Aboriginal children as part of the Healthy Ears and Language and Speech (HEALS) Project. You will be supervised by the ACCHS and Alison Purcell.

To obtain further details about this position, please contact Alison Purcell Alison.Purcell@sydney.edu.au.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST – CLINICAL EDUCATOR
CASUAL PART TIME
DISCIPLINE OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

One academic level A position is required for 4 days/week (casual) starting ASAP. Applicants should be suitably qualified and have some experience in, and a passion for, clinical education in the tertiary setting.

They will be required to work as part of a team arranging and providing clinical education placements for undergraduate and postgraduate Speech Pathology students to ensure quality clinical learning experiences and coordinate professional practice units of study within the Discipline of Speech Pathology.

To obtain further details about this position, please contact Alison Purcell Alison.Purcell@sydney.edu.au.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, LEVEL 1/2
FULL TIME LOCUM TILL AUGUST 2014
LIFE POINTS, ORANGE, NSW

The role exists to provide clinical services within a team structure to support children with disabilities to meet their identified needs. Our therapy services are based on a family centred philosophy, which emphasises a collaborative team approach, working towards achieving goals identified by children with disabilities and their families.

This role is based in Orange. You would be joining a team of 5 (including 1 Speech Pathologist, 1 Occupational Therapist, 1 Physiotherapist, 1 Psychologist/team leader and a team administrator) to provide services throughout the Central West region. This role offers flexible working hours, with the successful applicant able to work Saturdays if preferred. Mentoring and clinical support is provided from a senior clinician, and ongoing professional development is supported.

To obtain further details about this position, please contact Susan Knight sknight@cerebralpalsy.org.au or phone on 02 6360 1455. Further details can be found by visiting the website at http://www.cerebralpalsy.org.au/about-us/jobs/jobs-available/occupational-therapist-level-1-or-14.

TO ADVERTISE YOUR VACANT POSITIONS PLEASE SEND DETAILS TO:

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