Public Consultation on Common Codes and Guidelines

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) invites you to provide feedback on reviews of common guidelines and codes of conduct (for most National Boards), which have been released for public consultation by the 14 National Boards regulating registered health professions in Australia. The National Boards are consulting on the following proposed Guidelines which are common to all National Boards:

- revisions to the Guidelines for advertising (common to all National Boards)
- a Social media policy (common to all National Boards), and
- revisions to the Guidelines for mandatory notifications (common to all National Boards).

Most Boards are also consulting on a revised Code of conduct (either the code shared by most National Boards, or for some Boards there is a profession-specific code). The Medical Board of Australia and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia will consult on their codes at a later time.

Consultation is an important part of the National Boards’ engagement with registered health practitioners, members of the public and other stakeholders. The feedback provided is greatly valued, and informs the Boards’ development of these important documents.

Feedback on the consultation document will generally be published, unless you request otherwise, although the Boards have discretion not to publish submissions. Please let the Boards know if you do not want your submission published, or want all or part of it treated as confidential.

Feedback can be provided by email to guidelinesconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by the close of business on 30 May 2013. Further information can be obtained by visiting the AHPRA and national boards’ consultation pages.
The NSW Healthy Children Initiative
Western NSW & Far West Local Health Districts

The Healthy Children Initiative (HCI) Team is responsible for implementation of the Healthy Children Initiative (HCI) across Western NSW and Far West Local Health Districts (LHD).

The HCI is funded by the Commonwealth Government as part of the National Preventative Partnership. The HCI aims to reduce childhood obesity through enhancing childhood healthy eating and the physical activity environment of the Early Education and Care Services, School and family settings.

LHDs are required to meet Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set by the Ministry of Health by June 2015. These being:

- 80% of Early Education and Care Services trained and achieved key practices
- 80% of Schools trained and achieved key practices and
- 80% of Schools have fully implemented Crunch & Sip.

Some of the programs operating within Western NSW and Far West LHDs include:

- Munch & Move - is a fun play based program for educators that work directly with children in NSW Early Childhood Services. The program aims to support the healthy development of young children aged 0-5 years by implementing practices that promote physical activity, healthy eating, breastfeeding and reduced small screen time (eg TV and computers) in Early Education and Care Services.

- Crunch & Sip® - this program encourages schools to incorporate a time during the school day when students eat vegetables and fruit and drink water. It aims to make eating vegies and fruit and drinking water a normal part of a student’s school day, and establish healthy eating behaviours early in life.

- Live Life Well @ School - is a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and NSW Health. The program aims to provide on-going support to all primary schools in NSW to implement ‘whole of school’ initiatives, which include teaching quality nutrition and physical activity in schools. The program aims to encourage students to get more activity, more often & develop Fundamental Movement Skills necessary for participating in physical activity over their life span. It also provides a renewed focus on developing healthy eating habits in students from an early age.

- Fresh Tastes – The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy aims to provide children with access to healthy food and beverages at school. The strategy is mandatory for all government schools and is supported by Catholic and Independent schools. The Healthy Children Initiative Team supports canteen managers to implement Fresh Tastes by providing newsletters, grants and holding an annual expo.

The HCI Team will be working with services and schools across Western NSW and Far West LHDs. If you would like more information on any of the abovementioned programs please contact the Healthy Weight Coordinator, Hayley Vaughan on 02 6363 8099 or via email at Hayley.Vaughan@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au.

Some ideas on how you could support and assist in the programs and their key messages in your town include:

1. Promote the key messages at any opportunity:
   - Promote/encourage breastfeeding
   - Get active for an hour or more each day
   - Choose water as a drink
   - Eat more fruit and vegetables
   - Switch off the screen and get active
   - Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives.

2. Order the free Healthy Kids fact sheets and distribute to anyone that has contact with children

3. Encourage Early Education and Care Services, Schools or parenting groups to promote and register for any of the above programs.
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Notice of Intent of Advertisement
Associate Professor – Professor of Allied Health
Child and Adolescent Health Services, Perth, Western Australia

This is an early notification of the intent to advertise a joint appointment of A/Professor or Professor of Allied Health between the Child and Adolescent Health Services (CAHS) and Curtin University in Western Australia. The position will be advertised from Curtin University in early May 2013 (please see website below) and will be open for a period of 6 weeks.

The position - This is a joint appointment between Curtin University and the Child and Adolescent Health Services. The appointment will be made for a period of up to 5 years at the academic level of D/E (Associate Professor or Professor). The successful candidate will be an Allied Health Professional who will build a national and international reputation for Curtin University and the Child and Adolescent Health Service through vision, leadership and strategic management of research in Allied Health. The successful applicant will translate this knowledge into practice to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, safety and quality of health care at CAHS and to improve the health and lives of children and young people of Western Australia.

The person - Individuals with an Allied Health qualification and experience, a significant track record in research excellence proven by publications and grant income, and ability to build research capacity and contribute to translational outcomes are encouraged to seek further information.

The location - The successful applicant will work at both CAHS and Curtin University and have a dedicated space in the New Children’s Hospital due for completion in 2015. They will work with the multiple clinical Allied Health professionals in both the community and hospital setting. They will also have direct links and collaborations with the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University which includes all the major Allied Health professions.

For further information - After the 8th May 2013, please visit the website at www.futurestaff.curtin.edu.au/job-vacancies. To obtain further information after the 8th May, please contact Professor Garry Allison, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University, via email at G.Allison@curtin.edu.au.

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 will take around 24 hours.

Upcoming sessions:

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How can I find out more?
Further information is available at http://www.nhet-sim.edu.au/ or by contacting 03 9905 0221.
Don’t Be Late: Save the Date to Vaccinate

Immunisation protects the community against vaccine-preventable diseases. Each vaccine plays an important role, so timely vaccination is the best way to protect children. This website offers parents access to comprehensive information on immunisation as well as easy-to-use free tools designed to help you save the date to vaccinate.

A mobile App for iPhone and Android phones has recently been released by the Ministry of Health. The App allows families to track their child’s vaccinations. They can enter the child’s name, date of birth and their GP’s contact details and the App will calculate the next immunisation due date and will send out reminders.

The App is free and can be viewed and download from http://www.immunisation.health.nsw.gov.au/.

Guidelines for Medical Referrals to Royal Far West

Have you often wondered what information is necessary to supply when referring children to Royal Far West? Then please read on…

Prerequisites for patients referred to Royal Far West

- Must be aged 0 to 12 (entering Royal Far West prior to their 13th birthday)
- Must live north of Taree, west of the Great Dividing Range or south of Nowra
- Be unable to access equitable or similar services in the area in which they live
- Diagnosis or query must be a developmental/emotional/behavioural or learning difficulty issue such as ADHD, ODD, intellectual disabilities, speech and language disorders, global developmental delay concerns, ASD or Asperger Syndrome
- Any child under 6 with query ASD can be referred directly by a GP if the waitlist for local paediatrician is long
- If there are multiple patients in the same family, Royal Far West can only admit and treat two clients at any one time (others may accompany as siblings but may not be treated at the same time).

Minimum requirements for referrals

- Completed Parental Questionnaire signed by the patient’s legal guardian.
- Completed School Questionnaire completed by school staff.
- Copies of all reports from Allied Health professionals who have assessed or treated the patient.
- Where a patient is under the Parental Responsibility of the Minister or in Out of Home Care, a copy of relevant court orders and parental responsibility orders must be provided. In addition to this, a signed letter of consent by the Department of Family and Community Services representative for the child and their carer to attend Royal Far West for the purposes of multi-disciplinary assessment must be provided (medico-legal requirement).

How to avoid delays

To avoid delays in referral and intake, the following information is required on referral forms or in a comprehensive referral letter:

- Patient name and date of birth
- Parent or guardian names
- Parent or guardian email
- Name and address of patient school
- Copies of all reports
- Specific diagnosis or query/referral question clearly articulated
- Patient address
- Parent or guardian address
- Parent or guardian phone numbers
- Full patient history
- A clear request for specific actions or services by Royal Far West

Need more information?

For further information please call Royal Far West on 02 8966 8500.
The Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and provides an opportunity for ALL health professionals including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community professionals to build their knowledge and develop skills in palliative care.

PEPA aims to:

- Further improve the skill and confidence of the generalist health workforce to work with people with palliative care needs; and
- Provide opportunities to ensure palliative care providers across the continuum are aware of, and provide culturally appropriate palliative care and end of life support including care preferences, spiritual requirements and bereavement expression.

PEPA offers:

- Supervised clinical placement in specialist palliative care services (community and inpatient)
- Integration of learning into practice
- Post-placement support
- Tailored workshops

Placements are observational in nature and are between 2 – 5 days. Placements are organized at a time mutually convenient to the participant and the Host Site. For health professionals working in paediatrics placements are available at both the Children’s Hospital at Westmead and the Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick.

PEPA placements and palliative approach workshops are offered free of charge. There is some financial assistance available to placement participants traveling greater than 100kms to attend a placement.

More information can be found at: www.pepaeducation.com or PEPA NSW Phone: 02 95156424; Email: pepansw@sswhs.nsw.gov.au

Supporting Allied Health Professionals Working with Children

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.
Resources

**EasyRead Colour Screens™**
Helping People (Young and Old) Who Find Reading Difficult

If your eyes seem to dart all over the place while reading causing you to lose your place and if the page seems to swim right before your eyes, then EasyRead Colour Screens™ might be for you.

**A New Treatment**
- For a long time the only treatment for visual distraction problems associated with reading and dyslexia was to work very hard doing lots of eye exercises or using coloured (tinted) glasses.
- However, during the last couple of years it has become possible to address these issues with a coloured piece of plastic tinted to an individual’s selected colour and placed directly on the page and for a fraction of the price.

**EasyRead Colour Screens Assessment Kits**
**YOU CAN DO THE ASSESSMENT YOURSELF...** Choose from a DELUXE kit, a COMPACT kit or an ABRIDGED kit.

Assess clients or students in your own practice rather than having to refer them on to another provider, where the cost is often quite significant. Regular use of these screens can help to address issues relating to hesitant reading, visual distraction and some elements of dyslexia.

Contact Neville Hopper of Hopper Education Services (Sydney) on:
Email: easyreadcolour@bigpond.com or Mobile phone: 0404003644
Look at each menu item and explore the possibilities. Armed with this information and an Assessment Kit, Health professional and teachers at schools can now provide support strategies for students which a few years ago would have been unheard of.

Workshops/Conferences

**4th Biennial Update in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine**
Friday 7th June 2013, 9.00am – 5.30pm
Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick

Places are limited and registration close 27th May 2013
Program enquiries to Dr Younis Albalushi on 02 9382 1760 or Younis.Albalushi@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Registration bookings and enquiries to Georgina Papaioannou on 02 9382 1855 or Georgina.Papaioannou@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

**SAVE THE DATE!**
**The Rural Occupational Therapy Forum**
“Challenging Behaviours across the Lifespan”
6th and 7th June 2013

**Cost:** Free to all NSW Health employees!! $50 per day fee for external delegates.

The Rural Occupational Therapy Forum offers a two day program targeted at therapists working in a broad variety of clinical areas and specialties, including both adult and paediatric concurrent streams. Presenters at this stage are both local and interstate; Sylvia Rogers, Paul Whiting, Deborah Koder and Val White with a paediatrics stream still to be confirmed.

A more detailed program and registration form will be distributed in the coming weeks. For further details please contact Rebecca Hoy on 02 6767 8177 or via email at Rebecca.Hoy@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.
**Trauma, Abuse and Attachment (2 part series)**

**Presented by Professor Carolyn Quadrio**

**Friday 24th May 2013**

**Orange General Hospital**

**Part 1: 9.30 – 12.00pm**

The morning session will look at *Child Abuse and Family Violence from a Trauma and Attachment Perspective*. It is aimed at anyone who works with children and families experiencing domestic and family violence.

**Part 2: 1.00 – 5.00pm**

The afternoon session will provide opportunity for small group work looking at *homicide in family violence*. It will include case study presentation of female victims who have killed an abusive partner analysed from the theoretical perspective presented in Part 1. This session will only be opened to NSW Health employees who will be required to complete an EOI (must be submitted with registration).

Enquiries about the workshop or registration can be directed to Carrie Cox (Domestic Violence Project Officer) on 63 63 8121 or via email at Carrie.Charnock@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au or Carmel Blayden (CHN Allied Health Educator) on 6363 8120 or via email at Carmel.Blayden@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively, the registration form can be accessed by visiting the Allied to Kids website at

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**Cerebral Palsy Outreach Education**

**Monday 3rd June 2013, 9.00am – 1.00pm**

**Lorimer Dodds Lecture Theatre, Level 4, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead**

**Morning tea included**

**Program Outline** (may be subject to minor changes):

- 9 am: Overview of casting practicalities for upper and lower limbs
- 9.30 am: Complex CP case studies- video presentations looking at assessment and management (therapy & medical)
- 10.15 am: Orthopaedic surgery in CP- overview of equipment & surgical procedures including post-op protocols
- 11.15 am: Morning tea
- 11.30 am: Introduction to gait analysis

This workshop is suitable for medical staff, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. Registration for part of the day is permissible. Limited access to videoconferencing may be available - please email Jenny.Lewis@health.nsw.gov.au if interested.

**RSVP:** 27th May 2013

For further information please email Jenny.Lewis@health.nsw.gov.au or phone 9845 2704.
Statewide Telehealth Education Opportunities
Available to Allied Health professionals who provide services through NSW Health

NSW Child Health Network Allied Health Telehealth Education

14th May  Childhood Bereavement  Danny Nugus; Department of Forensic Medicine, Newcastle
26th May  Developmental Delay – What is it and will it happen again?  Bruce Hopper, Genetic Counsellor, Taree CHC

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):

7th May  Respiratory/Sleep  Bruce Whitehead
14th May  General/Adolescence  Julie Adamson
21st May  General/Endocrine  Don Anderson
28th May  Quality  Bruce Whitehead
4th June  Orthopaedics  Eric Ho

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:

8th May  Stertor, stridor snore  Sleep Medicine Department
15th May  Unexplained Cardiac Arrest in Infancy – When is a Forensic Assessment Necessary?  Child Protection
22nd May  Measuring Quality in Healthcare  ICU
29th May  TBA  Palliative Care

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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The Complex Hip in the Paediatric Population
Paediatric Group Evening Lecture

6th June 2013, 6.00 – 7.00pm
APA NSW Branch, Gateway Business Park, Parramatta Road, Silverwater

Dr Oliver Birke will present on a variety of hip conditions specific to the paediatric population including, DDH (and the use of ultrasound/radiology), Perthes and SCFE. This event is suitable for students. To obtain further information or to register (registrations close 5th June 2013), visit https://www.physiotherapy.asn.au/iMIS/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=PG130606L.
Redbank House Lecture Series

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 straight forward 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

Parenting & the Family System
Unravelling the Complexity of Child Focus
21st & 22nd June 2013
Mary MacKillop Place Conference Centre, North Sydney
Early bird registration prices available if registering prior to 10th May
Keynote speakers are Elizabeth Skowron PhD and Margaret (Peg) Donley MSW.
For further information visit the website at:
**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](http://www.InteractiveDrawingTherapy.com)

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**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/](http://www.feedingworkshops.com/).

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**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.

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Hanen Interest Group
Eastwood, Sydney – Thursday 9th May 2013

The Hanen Interest Group will provide an opportunity to meet up with other Hanen-trained SLPs in your area to share what you are doing with Hanen in your workplace and to hear what others are doing. Feel free to attend even if you aren’t running any parent programs, since there are lots of people using the Hanen materials and approach in different but exciting ways that we’d love to hear about! This informal get-together is free of charge.

To register your interest or to obtain further information, please contact Cindy via phone on 0402 119 987 or email at cindy.smith@hanen.org.

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.

Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)
2nd National Conference

IAHA is seeking abstracts for oral and poster presentations which highlight innovation and best practice in any Allied Health discipline including Indigenous mental health and social welfare, other health professions, research, education and health service delivery. Of particular interest are initiatives which positively impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing, Allied Health services and programs with a view to facilitating generational change and sustainable outcomes.

The overarching theme of the Conference, Healthy Footprints – Leading Generational Change looks at how Allied Health professionals are helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to lead healthy lives and create brighter futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

We encourage submissions from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals and students, researchers and educators, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community workers.

Paediatric Issues and the Law
“It’s all about Donald – or is it?”
Thursday 23rd May 2013, 2.00pm

Children’s Healthcare Australasia (CHA) and the Medical Insurance Group of Australia (MIGA) have recently partnered, and are proud to present a FREE webinar for all CHA members. This event will look at obtaining consent for treatment and the exchange of information where there are divergent views between the parents, the medical team and even administration.

It is presented by Gareth Thomas who is a healthcare Risk Manager with over 14 years experience in Australian and New Zealand health systems. His background is predominantly in paediatric and women’s health risk management.

To access this free event you can register here now.

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

TalkAbility™
Perth September 2 - 3

Learning Language and Loving It™ Certification
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.

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

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

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Training Workshops for Occupational Therapists

Prescribing Ramps and Landings
Various dates and venues across NSW in May 2013

Major Bathroom Modifications
Various dates and venues across NSW from August through to November 2013

Prescribing Minor Home Modifications
Various dates and venues across NSW during June, July and August 2013

To register and for further details please visit [http://www.nswhmms.org.au/events-conferences](http://www.nswhmms.org.au/events-conferences)

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/](https://www.etouches.com/ehome/ASID2013/).

Handwriting Without Tears

Melbourne – 27th and 28th May 2013
Penrith – 2nd and 3rd June 2013

The internationally acclaimed Handwriting Without Tears (HWT) Workshops use a fun, multi-sensory, hands-on approach to child development in handwriting. These workshops use dynamic instruction in teaching methodology from preschool and writing readiness level up to writing and printing both uppercase and lowercase letters.

The HWT workshops provide powerful and practical ideas and materials for immediate use in the classroom or clinic setting. Participants describe these two leading-edge workshops as the most affordable, dynamic and informative professional development available.

For further information or to register online please visit [http://shopau.sensorytools.net/](http://shopau.sensorytools.net/).

For further details visit the conference website at [http://www.iecsewc2013.net.au/](http://www.iecsewc2013.net.au/).
Tracheostomy and Ventilated Children in the Community

Friday 2nd August 2013, 8.30am – 4pm
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 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 (lkcnelly@nscca.s.health.nsw.gov.au) or Sonia Jones (sojones@nscca.s.health.nsw.gov.au).
2013 Workshops

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 please contact Denise Kinross on 02 4921 3597 or via email at Denise.Kinross@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Metford Community Hall, Metford, NSW
Tuesday 21st May, 28th May & 4th June 2013, 9.30am – 2.00pm

These free information sessions are for parents/carers who are providing care and support to a child/young person who is aged preschool to school years with a disability, mental illness or chronic condition.

Topics covered will include the emotional impact of being a parent/carer, building parent/carer resilience, siblings, introduction to self-regulation (how to develop calmer kids) and advocacy – a toolbox for speaking out.

For more information or to register, contact EDuCARE on 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or via email at Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.
Achieving Effective Outcomes: 
Language, Learning and Literacy
Parramatta RSL, Parramatta 
12th & 13th September 2013, 9.30am – 2.00pm

‘L’ plates for language? We don’t receive a drivers licence for communication, yet there is no doubt that we develop new skills as we develop language and literacy skills, and that educators and families play a major role in society as ‘communication’ driving instructors. We all want children and adolescents to be confident and effective communicators, yet how do we help them to achieve this? The road our children are driving on makes a difference. Some children come from language-rich environments that make the highway ahead of them easy to travel over. Some come from non-English speaking backgrounds, which may make the negotiation of the road a little trickier. Some may have learning difficulties, which may mean that we have to adapt our driving teaching strategies. The aim of this conference is to focus on achieving effective outcomes to help all children and adolescents transition to “fully licensed” communicators.

To view the conference program or to register online please visit www.cheri.com.au/conferences.html.

SAVE THE DATE!
Paediatric Update 2013
Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens 
10th - 11th October 2013

The Northern Child Health Network (NCHN) Kaleidoscope, will be holding the Paediatric Update 2013. This is an annual multidisciplinary educational event for clinicians working with infants, children, and young people within the Hunter New England, Mid North Coast and Northern New South Wales Local Health Districts. This event is targeted to clinicians in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare settings. There will be presentations from multidisciplinary teams over the two days and the update will also include a half day practical workshop (choice from several available options). A dinner will occur on Thursday the 10th, where clinicians will have opportunities to network with peers and hear a very informative dinner speaker.

If you are a clinician working within the NCHN make sure you put the dates in your diary. You won’t want to miss it. A program and registration forms will be distributed soon to Managers across the NCHN and to the NCHN mailing list.

To ensure that you are on the mailing list for information about the event, contact Kristy Morrison at kristy.morrison@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Family Partnership Model Facilitator Training Course (Level 2) 
21st, 22nd, 23rd & 28th, 29th, 30th August 2013, 8.30am – 4pm
Karitane Function & Conference Centre, 138 – 150 The Horsley Drive, Carramar NSW

Calling enthusiastic staff who work with children and families and who are interested in training other staff in the Family Partnership Model (FPM). Have you already completed Family Partnership Core Training (Level 1)? Are you interested in supporting staff to work more in partnership with parents and families? Do you have a passion for group learning? Are you able to be released to run at least 1 course per year? If you answered yes to these questions then read on!

Semi Rigid Casting Workshop
Smith & Nephew Head Office, Sydney
18th OR 19th July 2013

The semi rigid casting course will cover applications for paediatrics, serial casting, soft tissue immobilisation (alternatives to taping), simple fracture management, splinting and bracing for the upper and lower limb. It will provide an insight into new cost effective materials: Delta Cast Soft to expand your tools for management. This workshop would best benefit paediatric therapists, neurological therapists, outpatient and ED therapists (who have a minimum basic understanding of casting principles and application).

Please register to secure a position as the numbers will be capped. For further details please contact Adriana Popovic on 02 9857 3984 or via email at adriana.popovic@smith-nephew.com.

Positions Vacant

SENIOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
MATERNITY LEAVE RELIEF LOCUM
ALLOWAH PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Allowah Presbyterian Children’s Hospital is a 44 bed private hospital for children 0-18 years with severe to profound developmental disabilities located in Dundas Valley, NSW. They are looking for a sole charge Occupational Therapist for a full time maternity leave relief locum commencing in June 2013. They are willing to consider part time or job share for the right applicant.

This position closes 13th May 2013. Further information can be obtained by visiting the website at www.allowah.org.au or by phoning Scott Hurren, Executive Director of Nursing, on (02) 9858 4994.

SENIOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST
38 HOURS PER WEEK 12 MONTH LOCUM
&
SENIOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
38 HOURS PER WEEK 18 MONTH LOCUM

Northcott is a progressive, non-government organisation with a strong history of providing quality services to individuals with a disability and families, currently supporting more than 11,400 people across NSW & ACT.

Our Paediatric Spinal Outreach Service (PSOS) provides services throughout NSW to children and young people (0-18 years) who have a spinal cord injury acquired through trauma or disease.

You are encouraged to visit the website to obtain a position description and more information about Northcott. The website can be found at www.northcott.com.au.

This position closes 13th May 2013. Applications should address the Qualifications and Experience mentioned in the position description. Applications can be emailed to marieke.mcphail@northcott.com.au or posted to Marieke McPhail, Northcott, P.O Box 4055, Parramatta 2124

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