

## **Community Sector Roundtable – Communiqué**

The Community Sector Roundtable (CSR) is an advisory body that reports directly to the Director General, Department for Child Protection and Family Support, providing advice and information that improves outcomes and strengthens the relationship between the Department and the community services sector in relation to the funding and the provision of services.

### **Macro issues impacting the out of home care system**

This working group is preparing a literature review on the complexity of out of home care and is looking at ways to connect other current research to the work of this group.

### **Child and Parent Centres**

The CSR discussed important issues around the principles and key elements of the Child and Parent Centres and how best they can collaborate and connect with Family Support Networks. This work on on-going and more information and clarity in this space will be provided in the coming months.

### **Self-Directed Service Design**

The Self-Directed Service Design (SDSD) working group is examining models and frameworks currently being implemented by other agencies to inform research and determine if and how SDSD may be more broadly implemented in the community services sector.

### **Leadership and Partnership Forum**

The development of the agenda for the Leadership and Partnership forum is progressing. The focus of the day will be around the role of government, civil society and the impact of the reform environment. Please keep an eye out for the invitation to attend this forum as numbers are limited. The date has been set – Thursday, 31 October, 2013 and it will be held at the University Club of Western Australia.

### **Integration of Youth Services**

The Integration of Youth Services working group is meeting with other organisations including WA Police, the Telethon Institute, Youth Advisory Council of WA (YACWA) and the Department of Indigenous Affairs ensuring all key stakeholders are involved in their research.

### **Expansion and Development of the Family Support Networks**

Work on the Mirrabooka Family Support Network has been progressing well. Over the past two years agencies in the local area have been building relationships and developing means of improving integration and engaging the support services as well as the local community. Engaging the local Elders has been an important part of the process, resulting in positive on-going outcomes. Sound relationships have also been established with the CPCs in the area.

The draft evaluation report of the Armadale Family Support Network has gone to the membership of CSR for review and further discussion before it will be officially tabled with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.