

## Welcome to the Inner West Child & Family Interagency

The Inner West Child & Family Interagency is a network of agencies that provide services for families and children 0 - 12 years old living in the Inner West local government areas and the suburb of Glebe.

The Child and Family Interagency is a project of Targeted Early Intervention funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. The Targeted Early Intervention Program is focussed on providing children, young people and families with strong community connections and support, including integrated local service systems, in line with the TEI program vision to meet people's needs early and prevent the escalation of crisis. The interagency will achieve this through sector planning and sector development programs to improve the skills and knowledge of staff.

The IWCFI aims to make access to services more seamless for children and families. Bi-monthly meetings are one way we come together to network, develop relationships and seek opportunities to work together to support and build capacity of parents and carers to raise children. We value and promote:

- Relationship-based service delivery
- Working together collaboratively
- Respect for diverse and different perspectives within the membership
- Respect for the confidentiality of clients and colleagues
- A welcoming and friendly environment

The strategic direction of the interagency is reviewed and a work plan is developed annually. Members are welcome to participate in local collaborative projects and initiatives that arise during annual planning and/ or discussion at meetings. In recent years the interagency has initiated or participated in projects contributing to:

- Early literacy development
- School readiness
- Parenting program awareness and coordination
- Building capacity of the local service network through professional development opportunities

The IWCFI is open to professionals working in government and non-government agencies. It may from time to time invite participation from service users and community members to provide input into the work of the interagency.

Notices of bi-monthly meetings are forwarded to the interagency via an email distribution list.

For further information as well as updates on local services, training, events and best practice, email youth@innerwest.nsw.gov.au to request your address be added to the list.



