



Safe from the Start 2012 eNewsletter #2



editorial

This second newsletter comes at an exciting time in the Safe from the Start project with many new developments and activities in the last six months.

The most significant was a successful FAHCSIA Child Aware Grant in July 2012 which funded a number of Safe from the Start activities with a focus on Aboriginal and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse services, reaching rural and remote areas with training and offering resources at no cost to all training participants.

The CHILD AWARE project included:

- A National training tour in 18 locations around Australia in five months in all capital cities including: Toowoomba, Mackay, Townsville, Karratha, Katherine, Launceston, Geelong. Due to the great response a second training day was held in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide to accommodate the numbers. This was a busy time for trainers: Wilma Gallet, Dr Angela Spinney and Nell Kuilenburg and each facilitating organisation. Our thanks to all The Salvation Army centres in each state and Bethany in Victoria that supported us in delivering the training. The training was free of charge which enabled many workers including domestic violence, family support and child protection workers, counsellors, social workers, psychologists, foster carers and child carers to attend.
- The launch of the Safe from the Start website which is now operational provides updates of new resources, 2013 training dates, links to other websites such as Play Therapy Australia and domestic/family violence related conferences, websites and research. Kit order forms, Research reports and various brochures are available for download via the website.
www.salvationarmy.org.au/safefromthestart
- Distribution of 100 Safe from the Start resource kits to Indigenous, Aboriginal and Culturally & Linguistically Diverse services, rural and remote refuges and domestic violence services. Services in remote areas are often disadvantaged with limited access to specialist training and resources.
- External evaluation of Training conducted by Associate Professor Erica Bell - University of Tasmania.

*With best wishes
Nell Kuilenburg*

NEW RESOURCES

A number of new resources are currently being trialed including the following books and other resources:

Safe from the Start DVD

The Safe from the Start DVD was finalised recently and is currently being distributed to the 750 people who have attended training this year. This DVD demonstrates how activity based play can assist in engaging a child to express their feelings through using the kits resources. To order this resource visit our website:

www.salvationarmy.org.au/safefromthestart



This **Language Feelings Ball** has been highly recommended for use in activity based play with children that may not engage with a story book. The ball has pictures of different expressions, ie Happy, Sad, Confused, Surprised, which can be used in a variety of activities either one-on-one or in a group. Also ideal for children from different cultural backgrounds.



Available from The Language Centre: email language@iinet.net.au

Duck & Goose book: Tad Hills

This lovely book features pictures which demonstrate how what we feel can affect others around us including the flowers, sky and trees. To enable children from other cultures to enjoy this book it has been suggested to print word (happy, sad, surprised) in their language on a sticky label beside or under the English word.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Childrens book

We are working with two authors and illustrators to write an Aboriginal children's story book to include in the resource kit. Three small books have been written and illustrators are working on the artwork. Books should be printed in March 2013.

Research

The Aboriginal Safe from the Start and Culturally & Linguistically Diverse research projects are currently being undertaken by Dr Angela Spinney (Swinburne University) and will be completed March 2012.

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Planning for Training for next year is ongoing and expressions of interest can be entered on website. To register go to the Training tab on the website.

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