



# Tasmanian Pathways Network News – October 2018

A combined publication from the Launceston and Northern Tasmanian, and  
Greater Hobart Networks

## What's On

### Child Safety Services

The presentation is an update for community and professional services that work with children and may be required to make mandatory reports to Child Safety/Child Protection. The presentation will include an update on the current practice frameworks and principals that Child Safety use to inform their work with families; and information on the new Children's Advice and Referral Service (CARS) which will replace our intake services towards the end of 2018. The session will include how the new CARS model will be different for people who make mandated reports. We will also make time for questions/conversation at the end of the session

[BOOK HERE](#)

### Let's talk about Family Violence

This is a forum style event that brings together workers from Justice, Department of Education, FASS, Child Safety, FVCSS, and CHYPP. We will present a scenario and each service will address how they would go about assisting the family as a unit, and the individuals within that unit.

Book [here](#) for Launceston Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 4-6pm. Afternoon tea will be available on arrival.

Immediately after this event we will be holding our annual Pathways **Christmas** networking event where you can mix with colleagues from the sector and enjoy some light refreshments and canapes. The link above has the option for you to book one or both events on the day. To book both, you will need to go onto the booking site twice.

We will be holding a similar forum on the NW coast on the 6<sup>th</sup> December (central location venue TBA) with Christmas refreshments to follow – SAVE THE DATE and keep an eye out for updates

### UPDATE

CSS events in Launceston and on the NW Coast will now be held in the new year due to training and roll-out of the new CARS system being held in November and December. Watch this space for further info.

**Family Law Pathways Networks is a national program for professionals working with families who are separating, or have separated. It is funded by the Attorney-General's Department. The aim is to support practitioners to work collaboratively, maintain strong working relationships and develop appropriate referral mechanisms, across the broader Family Law system.**

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### Coming up

We are hoping to secure some major guest speakers in the coming months who will cover topics such as

- Confidentiality and litigation
- Adversarial Family Legal System: Lawyers as part of the solution not the problem
- The impact of separation on kids; what they want.



# Sector issues



COTA and Legal Aid Tasmania have teamed up to offer free appointments for older Tasmanians on the first Wednesday of each month (excluding January) from 10am until 12 noon.

Contact COTA TAS 6231 3265 or email [admin@cotatas.org.au](mailto:admin@cotatas.org.au) to make an appointment (appointments are essential).

Ask the Experts:  
Dual Roles and Hybrid Processes; Ten Things to Consider  
Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD

If there is anything close to an absolute ethical directive within the practice of almost every mental health field, it is the admonition against serving in dual roles, or having multiple relationships with clients. [Read full article here](#)



## The economic costs of child abuse and neglect (an AIFS resource).

### Overview

The purpose of this resource sheet is to outline the economic costs of child abuse and neglect. The resource sheet looks at both the direct costs (e.g. child protection, out-of-home care (OOHC) and family support services) and the indirect costs (in terms of prevention and in the long-term costs of supporting victims/survivors of child abuse). Access the resource [here](#)





## Media

### Family Court Changes

Change is never without controversy. A new head has been appointed to the Family Court to oversee Attorney General Christian Porter's proposed changes. The ABC article is available [here](#). The Western Australian retiring head of the Family Court was scathing in his critique of the proposed changes. Read full article [here](#)

## MHCT Survey

Our year 2 survey for friends, family and carers is open for you to provide feedback to us so we can advocate for services and support for mental health carers. Follow this [LINK](#) to complete the survey.

## The Pathways Services Directory

**Update your details** – if any of your contact details have changed in the past 12 months, could you please send updated details to [taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au](mailto:taspathwaysofficer@reltas.com.au) so that we can update our database.

**Tas Family Law Pathways website**

<https://www.tasfamilylawpathways.com.au/>

**National pathways website**

<https://www.familylawpathways.com.au/index.php>

**Judgments on Family Court website** have been updated

**September 2018**

First Instance Judgments at the following link: [HERE](#)

**Full Court (Appeals) Judgments** have been updated **September**

**2018** at the following link: [HERE](#)

### World Mental Health Day – October 10<sup>th</sup>



#### Make a Promise

Help shed a more positive light on mental health by making a #MentalHealthPromise.

At home, at work, with family and friends, or in the wider community, we can all do something to help reduce stigma around mental illness and make way for more people to seek the help and support.

Select a suggested promise, or write your own promise – it's up to you. If you write your own, you can upload a photo of yourself or something connected to your promise. We also have a range of images for you to choose from if you prefer.

You can make as many promises as you like, you don't have to stop at just one if you feel you have more to give!

For other ways to help visit [1010.org.au](http://1010.org.au) .

