

**B**ankstown  
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**S**ervices  
**F**orum

**MINI  
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DAY**

**18<sup>th</sup> August 09  
9.30am - 2.30pm**

**Bankstown Community Resource  
Group  
Level 2, 23 Marion St Bankstown**

**PRESENTING:**

**The Early Years  
The Nation's Priority  
Becomes the Bankstown Agenda**

**Early Childhood set to achieve significant attention**

In the 2008-09 Budget, the Commonwealth Government set out a comprehensive plan to make the **early years a national priority**. The plan involves reforms to early childhood education and care and a greater focus on healthy childhood development.

**This seminar will explore key elements within the:  
National Quality Framework for Early Childhood  
Education and Care & the Early Years Learning  
Framework**

*It is suggested that participants familiarize themselves with the frameworks before the seminar; they can be viewed in more detail at [http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Policy\\_Agenda/Quality/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Policy_Agenda/Quality/Pages/home.aspx)*

- The seminar will focus on factors that influence children's development at the local level & will explore collaborative & reflective practices that drive better outcomes for families & children within the community.
- The seminar will help participants develop strategies on how to use new local & national resources with families accessing their services.

**Guest Speakers**

**Dr Rebekah Grace** *Macquarie University Post Doctorial Research Fellow Guest Lecturer Institute of Early Childhood Post Grad & Undergrad levels*

Families as a context for children. Discussing the importance of children, families & communities. The importance of working collaboratively to ensure positive outcomes for children & families in the early years. Understanding the fact parents are key players and family experiences are linked to community

**Kelera Mar** *Children's Services Central*

The Early Years Learning Framework will be an important tool to help professionals and parents achieve the best learning and developmental outcomes for children. It describes the principles & practices which enhance young children's learning from birth to 5 years of age, as well as their transition to school. Children's Services Central will have a key role in assisting child care services to implement the Framework within their services.

**Maria Marmarinos & Kathy Theofilopoulou** *Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc on behalf of Karen Ferrante DET NSW AEDI*

The AEDI (Australian Early Development Index) is a population measure of young children's development completed by all kindergarten teachers. The AEDI will provide communities with a tool to help understand what seems to be working well and what may need to change in the community to support families. It provides a baseline for measuring change in children's development over time.

**Nisrine El-Chouefati & Rebecca Galea** *Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc*

The TICL Program: Discussing every day practice examples of how research and practice comes together in our community. Using existing resources such as the Early Childhood Learning Resources Project (Literacy & Numeracy cards) & BONGO's Big Day Out and how these resources have been expanded on within local early childhood settings.

**FREE  
BUT REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL!!!**

**ONLY 30 registrations per seminar**

**RSVP Ph: 9796 1561**

**Maria Marmarinos & Kathy Theofilopoulou  
CSCDO (Children's Services Community Development Officer)**

**Or email: [cscdo@bcrg.org.au](mailto:cscdo@bcrg.org.au)**

**Your registration will be confirmed by email**

**Bankstown Children's Services Forum**

**MINI SEMINAR SERIES**

**WHAT ARE THEY ???**

The BCSF Mini Seminar Days are an opportunity for local workers to explore topics of common interest as they come through the local child & family networks i.e. through

- \* Bankstown Child Protection Interest Group (BCPIG),
- \* Bankstown Early Childhood Intervention Committee (BECIC),
- \* The Child Care Authorised Supervisors Link up (ASLU),
- \* The Bankstown Interagency Group -Families NSW (BIG).

**The seminars will include guest speaker presentations on key theme areas and will provide local services an opportunity to show case relevant projects and resources.**

It is an opportunity to contribute to local discussion and work through the topics at hand in order to gain a greater understanding on how it impacts on your service and on the Local Government Area.

It is a great networking event which provides opportunities to explore future partnerships with services who work with families of the same target group.

We encourage participants to come prepared on how their projects & service relates to seminar topics.