

**Bankstown  
Children's  
Services  
Forum**

**MINI SEMINAR  
SERIES 2**

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

Bankstown Community Resource Group Level  
2, 23 Marion St Bankstown

**REGISTRATION  
ESSENTIAL!!!**

**ONLY 20 registrations  
per seminar**

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**PRESENTING:**

**Promoting the  
Importance of Play**

Play is a powerful way for parents to forge strong and loving relationships with their children. It is often an underestimated tool that can be utilised by parents but its importance is recognised by many professional and enforced by research.

This seminar will show case services who work in Bankstown to engage families around the importance of play. The seminar is an opportunity to discuss the achievements and challenges that service providers face when working with families to promote the concept of play.

**THE SHOW CASE**

**Benevolent Society PLAY POWER**

Play Power gives parents & professionals fun play activities to build into a family's daily routines providing practical information about how children grow & develop.

Play Power includes resources and workshops that target parents and professionals.

**Creating Links PAINT & PLAY**

Paint & Play is a Families NSW initiative which involves taking the playgroup to families rather than the other way around. Services are invited to join in the playgroup experience in order to support family needs.

**Jannawi Family Program PLAY SESSION**

Jannawi is a specialist child protection service working with at risk and abused 0-9 year old children and their families. Jannawi offers a number of parent support & information groups which then link into a play session group. Play session allows parents an opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt in those groups in order to forge better relationships with their children. Play session teaches parents how to access cheap & affordable toys & the benefits of play.

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# **MINI SEMINAR SERIES**

## **WHY ??? WHAT ???**

The BCSF Mini Seminar Days are an opportunity for local workers to explore topics of common interest as they come up through the networks (Bankstown Child Protection, Bankstown Early Childhood Intervention Committee, Child Care Authorised Supervisors Link Up, and through BIG-Families NSW).

**The seminars will include presentations of  
new resources, service show cases  
and discussions on key theme areas.**

**FUTURE MINI SEMINAR DATES LEFT FOR 2008 ARE:**

**28<sup>th</sup> October**

**For more information please contact Maria or Kathy on 9796 1561**

Participants need to contribute to discussion by coming prepared on how their projects & service relates to this topic & target group. ie, what they currently provide or would like to provide and any issues they would like to explore possibly in partnership with other services who work with families of the same target group.

**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP**

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