

**Bankstown  
Children's  
Services  
Forum**

**MINI SEMINAR  
SERIES 1**

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

**9.30am - 12.30pm**

Bankstown Community Resource Group  
Level 2, 23 Marion St Bankstown

**REGISTRATION  
ESSENTIAL!!!**

**ONLY 40 registrations  
per seminar**

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**PRESENTING:**

**Working with parents from  
African backgrounds**

**THE SHOW CASE**

**STARTTS (Service for the Treatment and  
Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors)**

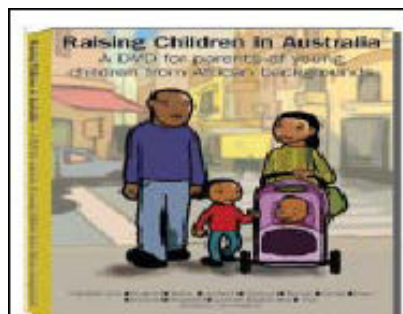
STARTTS NSW helps refugees recover from their experiences and build a new life in Australia. It is one of Australia's leading organisations for the treatment and rehabilitation of torture and trauma survivors. STARTTS works with other organisations & individuals to help them work more effectively with refugees.

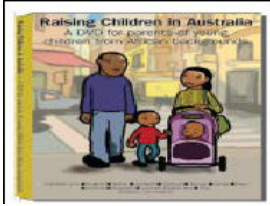
JEANNIE O'CARROLL *Families in Cultural Transition (FICT) Project Officer* - will show case STARTTS, it's programs & activities, and will help Bankstown workers explore the issues they are finding when working with parents from African Backgrounds.

**Participants will need to contribute to discussion by coming prepared** with a short presentation 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.

**THE RESOURCE**

**Raising Children in Australia**





**Raising Children in Australia is a resource kit for early childhood services working with parents from African backgrounds.**

**This resource includes a DVD for Parents.**

**Targeted at:- Practitioners** who work with families from African backgrounds and their young children, & **Community organisations** who work with or support families in their respective communities & provide guidance around parenting issues

- The Raising Children in Australia resource kit was developed out of the *Parenting Information Project for African Communities in Australia*, funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) (2005-2007).
- It comprises: a guide for early childhood services working with parents from African backgrounds a DVD for parents from African backgrounds with young children who arrived under the Refugee and Humanitarian Program.
- The DVD is available in English, Arabic, Amharic, Tigrinya, Somali, Dinka, Nuer, Kirundi, Kiswahili, Liberian English and Krio.

## **Bankstown Children's Services Forum 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.**

All participants will be asked to come prepared with a short presentation on how their projects & service relates to the topic & target group, what they currently provide & issues they would like to explore possibly in partnership with other services who work with families of the same target group.

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

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

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

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