The Linker Network - Skills Development Session

Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2017  
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Venue: Family Worker Training - In House Training Room (Seven Hills)  
Presenter: Damian Cooper  
Event Code: PR06TLN

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We are proud to introduce our new name: LEAD Professional Development Association Inc.

Please bear with us as we transition to our new name and branding.

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Happy Holidays from Our Team to You

Kerry | Heather | Narelle | Reginald | Sharmila  
Vicki | Veronica | Bindi | Giodhini | Jane | Nicole

Our Office will be Closed from December 22 to January 8

Special Offer:

Pre-purchase ten workshop sessions for 2018 and receive two extra workshops free - Call for details: 9620 6172

December

Standard training rates - 2018

$93.50 for members | $154.00 for non-members  
Rates include morning tea and lunch.

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Creative Approaches to Working Therapeutically with Aboriginal Families and Communities

Date: Tuesday, 6 February 2018
Venue: TBA - Penrith Area
Presenters: Aunty Bev Eaton & Sue Wildman

This workshop aims to give an understanding of the therapeutic processes involved in art therapy and art as therapy and some different approaches that can be used for working with Aboriginal families and communities. It will incorporate experiential (hands on) activities that will assist participants to understand how to effectively work with clients using different techniques and will incorporate the use of different arts media.

The Linker Network - Skills Development Session

Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018
Venue: Family Worker Training - In House Training Room (Seven Hills)
Presenter: Damian Cooper

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Impact of Neglect on your Children—CALD Focus

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2018
Venue: Dooley’s Lidcombe Catholic Club
Presenter: Tricia Williams

This workshop will assist you in understanding and addressing the issues relating to neglect of children and its impact when working with culturally and linguistically diverse families. Key areas of exploration include: How do we think about and work in the space between neglect and ‘good enough’ parenting and how do we engage in meaningful conversations with CALD parents to support improved understanding and effective support strategies.

The Grey Areas Between Disciplining, Neglecting, Harming and Abusing Children

Date: Monday, 19 February 2018
Venue: Family Worker Training - In House Training Room (Seven Hills)
Presenter: Bronwen Elliott

When do smacking, yelling or lack of attention become physical abuse or neglect? This workshop will help you recognise and respond to concerns about safety and well-being with more confidence, and will address strategies for talking to parents about these concerns and assisting them to avoid the progression to significant harm.
## February

### Smart Phones & Tablets—Are They Good for our Babies/Children? How Does Technology Impact our Young Children’s Development

**Date:** Thursday, 22 February 2018  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club  
**Presenter:** Barbie Bates  
**Click here for registration:** CP15SPT

Addressing the challenges of being “Tech Savvy” for young children and the impact it causes on their development. Technology is an essential part of life but it is important to have the knowledge and understanding on how to manage it to minimise the impact so they don’t feel left out. How technology needs to be used importantly as a “Tool” and not as an “Entertainment device” for children in the CALD Community.

### Working with Children and Anxiety: Facilitating Resilience in Young Children and Families

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 February 2018  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub  
**Presenter:** Colleen Hirst  
**Click here for registration:** NP17WCA

If you have concerns about children and anxiety – this workshop will help you facilitate resilience in young children via practical tools, strategies, supports and a safe environment. How do you recognise anxiety in children 1-8 years?

When and how should you talk to parents or carers if you have concerns about a child? What strategies and resources could you use when working with children’s anxiety?

## March

### Supporting Young Parents

**Date:** Wednesday, 7 March 2018  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Novotel Rooty Hill  
**Presenter:** Colleen Hirst  
**Click here for registration:** BH02SYP

Young parents face the challenge of meeting not only their own developmental needs at a time of significant growth but also the needs of their children. Young Parents often face additional pressures and problems, including social stigma. This days training will highlight models of good practice for working with young parents.

### Group Work Facilitation Skills—Intermediate

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 March 2018  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Family Worker Training - In House Training Room (Seven Hills)  
**Presenter:** Andrew King  
**Click here for registration:** BH03GWF

Deepen the use of key group work skills! This one day workshop develops the necessary skills for group leaders to facilitate creative group work. The focus includes changing group dynamics, trauma informed group work practice, increased understanding of motivational group work models for change and the use of practical creative exercises. Effective leadership is a powerful phenomenon that uses a group leader’s own self confidence and belief systems. Subtle body language and self-presentation skills of group leader’s will be explored because they impact on ultimate achievement of group members’ goals.
March

**Having Difficult Conversations with Parents and Carers About Child Protection**

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 March 2018  
**Venue:** Black Gold Country Cabins / Motel, Wallerawang  
**Presenter:** Bronwen Elliott  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm

Increase your capacity in negotiating difficult conversations with families about child protection issues. Increase your understanding about Family and Community Services’ processes in this area. Workshop will include practical exercises, strategies, resources & tools. A great networking opportunity. **Intermediate to advanced level.**

**The Science of Creative Play**

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 March 2018  
**Venue:** Rooty Hill RSL  
**Presenter:** Kirsty Fantini  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm

This one day workshop will discuss and unpack the importance of quality art experiences and creative play spaces for children’s brain development and functioning well being. Workers will come away with more in-depth understanding of this connection as well as ideas to extend these experiences further.

**Working with “Stuck Clients”**

**Date:** Friday, 23 March 2018  
**Venue:** Holroyd Centre, Merrylands  
**Presenter:** Dr Ari Badaines  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm

FWT+DP is pleased to introduce this new workshop that will equip you with practical strategies and techniques to keep therapy moving when clients get ‘stuck’.

It is designed for participants to acquire a range of action methods which can enhance therapeutic work with individuals or couples, such as ‘Future Projection’, ‘Saying the Unspeakable’, ‘Unsticking “stuck points” and much more...

**Children’s Mental Health—Supporting Children Impacted by Parental Conflict and Separation**

**Date:** Monday, 26 March 2018  
**Venue:** Family Worker Training - In House Training Room (Seven Hills)  
**Presenter:** Bradley Foxlewin  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm

This training will look at the impact of parental conflict and separation on children’s social, emotional and cognitive development. Learn skills to support them and their parents using a trauma informed, narrative approach. A strength based approach will also be used to build resilience and self-worth.

**Strength in Diversity Forum**

**Date:** Tuesday, 27 March 2018  
**Venue:** Penrith City Council  
**Keynote:** Dr William DeJean  | **Presenters:** Various  
**Time:** 8:45am – 4:00pm

Experience interactive keynote sessions with the dynamic Dr William DeJean. Explore how identity, diversity and social justice can empower or limit people’s possibilities – and courageously we will inquire into breaking through barriers, collectively and individually. Forum includes breakout workshops which will help increase workers’ capacity to proactively respond to diversity in their workplace.