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AECSSU NAME CHANGE

Please be aware the Aboriginal Early Childhood Services Support Unit (AECSSU) will now be known as the ATSIECSAG Secretariat. Our new email addresses are director@atsiecsag.org.au and admin@atsiecsag.org.au. Our website is www.atsiecsag.org.au.

Much learning does not teach
understanding.

*Heraclitus,
Greek philosopher
(540 BC - 480 BC)*

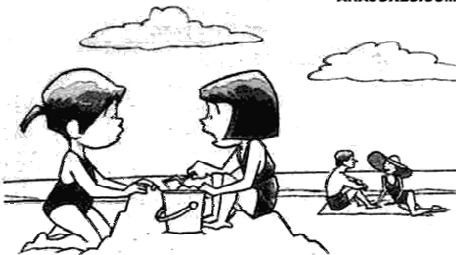
COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CO-OPERATIVE CEE-CEE AWARDS

The Inaugural Cee Cees Awards recognizing the achievements of Childcare workers in NSW was announced on October 19 at NSW Parliament House

There were several preschools that ATSIECSAG supports were successful with awards The ATSIECSAG Management Committee and staff at the ATSIECSAG Secretariat extends their congratulations to the following recipients of an award.

- Gai Lindsay Director Lyrebird Preschool received the award for Advocacy.
- Lyrebird Preschool Management Committee winner of the Management Committee Who Shines.
- Sallyanne Yoemans Director at Koolyangarra Preschool Walgett who was a finalists in the category of Director Who Shines.

AHAJOKES.COM



"I'm never having kids. I hear they take
nine months to download."

FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE TRAINING

Catherine Chen and Norman Laing are continuing to deliver training in Financial Compliance and Governance to the Preschools supported under ATSIECSAG.

Over the past three terms, they have provided training to fifty-five preschools and in term four, will be servicing twenty-one other preschools.

Catherine is also providing intense training to some of the preschool's bookkeepers who are switching over from a manual process to an electronic process utilizing the MYOB financial system. She has made several other visits to assist preschools to be compliant with their financial status.

The feedback through formal evaluations and from correspondence received by ATSIECSAG in relation to the training has been nothing but praise and gratitude by the preschools. They have stated that they are amazed that two very professional people who know what they are talking about can provide such a service to them free of charge. Also that they are able to assist the services to ensure that they are up to date with their financial requirements and are implementing good governance practices at their services.

Mr. Arthur Townsend NSW/ACT State Manager for DEST has also acknowledged the excellent work they Catherine and Norman are doing for the preschools.

RECORD KEEPING SOFTWARE

We have had feedback from a couple of auditors of some preschools using "e-records". Please note that this programme has no audit trail thereby making it difficult for the auditors to audit your records. It is not possible to print a Profit & Loss Statement from the programme. For preschools using this software, please discuss it further with your auditors before your financial year end. If you need assistance to set up MYOB and your bookkeepers need training please do not hesitate to contact our office as we can assist you at no cost to the preschool.

CONFERENCE 2008

We are seeking persons who would be interested in delivering workshops for the Early Childhood Conference, 2008. We are currently pursuing venues, and so far the Novotel Hotel at Wollongong meets our requirements. Tentative dates for the Conference are 29th April to 1st May. Please contact the ATSIECSAG Secretariat on 02 9516 4473 or email admin@atsiecsag.org.au to register your interest.

JOB VACANCY - Bourke, NSW

Bourke Child Care Centre is seeking an Authorised Supervisor. Please contact us for the Job Description and Selection Criteria. Applications close 17 December, 2007.

DEST Performance Report/Financial Acquittal

DEST Performance and Financial Acquittals are due on May 31 2008. It is advisable that services start on their INDIGO reporting.

The aim is to have the reports finalized by the end of the year but not to go to the Indigenous Representative before DEST officers have viewed the report to ensure accuracy. By services following this process, it will ensure that your reports are accurate.

The Independent Indigenous Representative (IIR) has to read the report and make comment on the report. Services need to ensure that the IIR has access to INDIGO and an understanding of how to use INDIGO. If required training can be organized for them through, the DEST Education Officer attached to your service.

There were quality issues with some reports. DEST are now requiring reports that have quantitative and qualitative data as well as good news stories. This information could then be fed into the *National Report to Parliament 2005*. To ensure that providers are compliant a correct/accurate report needs to have been submitted by the due date. This will provide an opportunity for DEST staff to have a look at the report for accuracy. Accurate data that makes sense must be in the report. The qualitative data must be half a page in length:

- Need to ensure that outcomes are reasonable
- Review and edit the report
- Is the information against each indicator liable
- Measurement of Literacy/Numeracy indicator, Preschool Profiles as data can only occur where it has been negotiated with DEST.

When a service is doing their report, ensure a copy of the handbook is with you to refer to.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:CLUSTER PRESCHOOLS

Payment of Goods and Service Tax (GST) for Cluster Preschools.

If your preschool is in a Cluster of Preschools and has a Cluster Co-ordinator who receives funds on behalf of them, it is their responsibility to ensure that they pay the GST component to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

When the Cluster Co-ordinator passes on to the preschools in that cluster their share of funds, they must remember not to add on any more GST. The GST component is not a fee for service and the Co-ordinator is just passing on the preschool's entitlement.



"The doctor said he needed more activity. So I hide his T.V. remote three time a week."

JOB VACANCY - ATSIECSAG, Sydney

PROJECT OFFICER- Part-time 3 days per week
Salary package: \$28,000 plus employers' contribution to superannuation.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: Aboriginality, Drivers License.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Aboriginality, excellent communication and liaison skills, proven ability to collate and record data, high level of computer skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

Please Note: All positions will be employed on a contractual basis under funding agreement with funding body.

Applicants must be prepared to submit to a "Working with Children check".

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977.

For enquiries and information package contact
Damita McGuinness Phone 95164473 or email
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Applications marked **CONFIDENTIAL** and posted to:
The President ATSIECSAG PO Box 276 ENMORE NSW
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YARNIN' UP

We will be working on the next edition of Yarnin' Up shortly. Please contact us if you would like to contribute.

*The staff at
ATSIECSAG
wishes
everyone a
very merry
Christmas and
happy New
Year!*

