

Great Expectations

How schools can support children in out-of-home-based care and adoption more effectively.

The Post Placement Support Service (VIC) is pleased to offer this relevant and practical professional development to assist teachers and allied professionals to best meet the needs of children being raised in foster care, kinship care, permanent care and adoption.

This professional development will complement and assist schools in their implementation of 'The Partnering Agreement'. The presenter Ian Seal has recently authored a resource guide on this, also called *Great Expectations*, which will be distributed to all schools by the Office of the Child Safety Commissioner.

Ian is currently a secondary school Leading Teacher focussing on student engagement, a foster parent and works with the RCH Centre for Adolescent Health. He consults extensively within both educational and community sectors. He has extensive experience in delivering professional learning and has been instrumental in facilitating whole-school / organisational change. Ian currently divides his time between Mildura and Melbourne.

Ian's program is interactive, allows time for discussions and builds on the knowledge of participants. Ideally the professional development runs over two 90 minute sessions - however the content and duration of the program can be altered to suit individual schools.

Session One - Foster care, kinship care, permanent care and adoption

- Living in out-of-home care
 - including issues such as attachment, transitions, building relationships, the effects of trauma and neglect etc
- The impact of these issues
- What children and young people need

Session Two - Taking a whole-school approach

- Supporting children in care
- Building relationships between carers and school
- Student engagement
- Curriculum
- Social and behavioural issues
- Responsibilities under the DHS/DOE Partnering Agreement

Cost - Session Presentation \$ 100 per hour
Travel Time \$ 50 per hour

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