



Government of South Australia
Department for Families
and Communities

Relationships Australia
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Post Adoption Support Services



National meeting of those who work in the area of post/past adoption, from both Government and Non-Government sectors.

This meeting is being organised by Post Adoption Support Services, Adoption and Family Information Services, SA Link-Up and The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service.

Date

Tuesday 15 to Thursday September 17, 2009

Time

10.00am - 4.30pm. Thursday will finish at 2.00pm.

Venue

Nunkuwarn Yunti of South Australia
182-190 Wakefield St
Adelaide

Cost

\$100 per person to cover catering

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Registration is essential and the number of participants is limited to 50
To register, please contact Gina Martino at Relationships Australia (SA)
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Please note:

We will compile a national resource of services in each state. We will need all participants to please write a short brief about the work of their own organisation, to be included in this resource. We will compile this information together and distribute to all participants.

We would like to give the resource out to everyone on the first day, so it would be great if you could get something via email to Nikki Hartmann at Post Adoption Support Services, before September 7, 2009.

National Meeting of past adoption sector workers - for those who work in the post adoption area.

You are invited to a national meeting of past adoption workers in Adelaide.
15 to 17 September 2009

In November 2008, Post Adoption Support Services of Relationships Australia (SA) hosted a workshop for those who work in the past adoption sector in South Australia, to look at how we can continue to build and strengthen our working relationships. From this meeting, it was decided that we would meet on a regular basis to discuss current trends in past adoption work; and to share ideas and thoughts on how to best support our clients.

Also, prior to the Adoption Conference last September, there was a meeting held for those involved in working in the past adoption sector from across Australian states and territories. After the meeting there was a great deal of enthusiasm for continuing to meet at a national level.

Given that in SA we have now established regular quarterly meetings; we thought that one of our first tasks would be to arrange to meet at a national level.

The purpose of this meeting is to build on relationships which are already established, to foster new connections, and to create a space where we can discuss the complexities of past adoption work and how we can best respond to these.

We are interested in:

- Who is doing what in which state and territory?
- What are the different laws in each jurisdiction, and what effect does this have on our work?
- What guides the work we do and how we do it?
- How do the National Principles in Adoption affect our work?

We are also interested in having conversations about a variety of adoption related topics such as:

- The impact of family reunion TV shows on the work we do
- The ethics of searching
- The right to information vs the right to privacy
- What is our duty of care and to whom do we owe it?

These issues are heavily weighted by our own thoughts and values about things, and rarely is there a right way for all. We are interested in discussing these from a position of curiosity rather than from right/wrong or absolutes.

It would be great to have representation from each state and territory and from Government and non-Government organisations.

It is important to note that this meeting is for those who work in the adoption sector, not for those volunteering in community groups, or individuals affected by adoption.



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