



### **ACCSA Update:**

The Board were saddened to hear that long term ACCSA supporter and past employee, Mike Cross, passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues and recognise the enormous contribution Mike made over many years to improving Childrens Contact Services and strengthening the sector.

A Board Communique/Tribute can be found at [www.accsa.org.au](http://www.accsa.org.au), or [here](#)



### **Looking Forward into 2024**

Informed by the stakeholder activity at the March 2023 forum, the Board have reviewed the key priority areas for our focus in 2024.

We heard loud and clear that resources, information, and training are valued by our affiliates.

In addition, access to information, updates and sector related materials also featured high in the consultation. We are excited to partner with Nani Creative Agency with some new design concepts for ACCSA logo. This work links to the preparation, development and transition to our new website and Association Management system.

The board are currently reviewing the materials and look forward to progressing a launch of our new web platform in 2024.



### **Affiliates:**

We are pleased to head into 2024 with an increased number of affiliates.

We thank you for your support.

ACCSA Rules of Association enable funded, privately owners & full fee paying CCS's to apply to join. Affiliation is per CCS site and not per organisation - please check that your site is a paid affiliate.

#### ACCSA Affiliated Services:

- Are listed online on the ACCSA Affiliates Register
- Can opt to be listed on ACCSA Online CCS Directory – in the public domain on the ACCSA website.
- Can participate in operational and practice based national teleconferences (coming soon)
- Can nominate for ACCSA Board membership.
- Receive ACCSA newsletters.
- Have access to feedback and input from experienced CCS practitioners when requested.
- Have access to resources and publications in the login area of the ACCSA website.
- Receive discounted rates to ACCSA Forums

#### Join ACCSA in 2023 to support the Association in:

- Providing comprehensive, CCS related information to the community and Family Law sector
- Lobbying for the accreditation of all services
- Lobbying for better government resourcing of CCSs



#### **Contacting ACCSA:**

We have had some technical issues with enquiries via the website.

If you are trying to get in touch with ACCSA please use the email address below:

[ACCSAconvenor@outlook.com](mailto:ACCSAconvenor@outlook.com)

We will endeavour to respond within 48 hours.

A note to also update any information in your accounting systems to ensure remittance information is directed to the correct place.



#### **AIFS Family Relationships Services Program (FRSP) Review:**

Please see the information below relating to AIFS **survey of professionals**.

30-minute online Survey of Professionals. The survey seeks the views of service providers and professionals providing family relationship services to adults or children, including services funded under the Family Relationship Services Program *and* family law system professionals providing

services to separating or separated clients (including judicial officers and registrars, legal practitioners, and family dispute resolution practitioners).

Please see a link to the **Project Information Sheet** here: <https://static.aifs.gov.au/files/fl-survey/PIS-Family-law.pdf>

**The survey will close on 1st January 2024.**

You can take the survey using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/AIFS-FRSP-Professionals-survey>

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please email: [FRSPreview@aifs.gov.au](mailto:FRSPreview@aifs.gov.au) or call **1800 720 142**.

## **Submission to the AGD: Family Law Amendment Bill (no.2) 2023**

[Exposure Draft: Family Law Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2023 - Attorney-General's Department - Citizen Space \(ag.gov.au\)](#)

ACCSA were pleased to submit a response to the exposure draft and we await outcomes of this consultation and specifically the draft amendments relating to Childrens Contact Services.



Wishing you all a safe and happy festive break as we farewell 2023.

ACCSA mailbox will be unattended from 25<sup>th</sup> December - 27<sup>th</sup> December and on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024