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The Skills Plan Website continues to grow! Recently added are the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), a Guide to Cert III and Diploma resources (further information below) and additional resources that support the Australian School Based Apprenticeship Program.

MAAP

At a recent Roundtable meeting Brett Geeves from Mentoring Australian Apprentices Program (MAAP) <http://maap.vetnetwork.org.au/> presented to the group. MAAP is aimed at matching young Australian trainees with experienced mentors to increase workplace participation, strengthen retention rates and to support and raise apprenticeship completions.

The response from the Roundtable was very positive and MAAP are currently seeking enrolments from all services who would like to participate in the program and attend free training sessions that will be held in September in the South, North and North West. For further information email Brett.Geeves@vetnetwork.org.au or download EOI forms from [ECA MAAP Project](#)

Sector Skills Survey

http://www.cshisc.com.au/?cm_mid=3595241&cm_crmid=22820dab-976a-e211-bb93-005056920608&cm_medium=email

Your views on training and workforce development issues and opportunities in Aged Care, Disability and Mental Health, Child Care, and Children's and Youth Services are wanted!

If you have an interest in the development of the workforce in these sectors, please complete the short CS&HISC Sector Skills Survey by following the above link before Friday 18 July.

Communicating with Families - EOI sought from services in the North and North West to join the project

Through the Skills Plan ECA have been fortunate in securing an additional \$50 000 26TEN grant to expand the Communicating with Families project to some services in the North and North West. This project provides services with the opportunity to train work place literacy mentors, develop an organisational plan focused on improving the work place literacy of all staff, access to an Adult Literacy Support Officer (ALSO) who can provide 1:1, small group and whole staff literacy support and tutoring and the ability to have support in preparing work place documentation, policy and procedures that are written in plain English. If you would like to register your interest in joining the project please complete the attached EOI and return it to me by Friday the 18th July 2014 or download the form [here](#).

ECA Guide - Resources to support Cert III / Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care

This guide lists some Cert III competencies that have been linked to resources - it provides background knowledge on what resources could most benefit students and staff who are working on or teaching Cert III or Diplomas.

At this stage it does not include all the competencies - just the ones that link to resources that can be recommended. This document is a 'working document' which allows flexibility in adding competencies that link to resources. This will ensure the document is always current and up to date.

A copy of the document has been included with the newsletter email, a copy can also be found at this link [ECA Guide](#).

Dates to Remember

July

- 14 EOIs for MAAP close
- 18 Sector Skills Survey closes
- 18 EOI for Communicating with Families Project closes

August

- 20 Statewide & AGM (tbc) - Launceston

September

- 4 - 7 ECA National Conference
- 17 Roundtable - The Grange, Campbell Town

October

- TBA Training & Assessment Guide Implementation Workshop

November

- 19 ECA Statewide - Hobart

ASbA update

The successful two day Career Awareness Program (CAP) that has been held in the South for the past two years will be run in the North West on the 17 & 18 September and in the North (date TBC). These programs are an important early step in identifying potential ASbA applicants.

Parent information sessions on the ASbA Program will be held from 6-8pm in Hobart (28 July), Launceston (29 July) and Burnie (30 July).

NAIDOC Week 6-13 July

The flag raising ceremony will be held at Risdon Cove on the 7th July. Further information about this can be found on the attached invitation.