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ECA Tasmania is the local branch of Early Childhood Australia, the peak early childhood advocacy organisation, acting in the interests of young children, their families and those in the early childhood field.

Skills Plan Progress

The Steering Committee are currently working on a submission to Skills Tas for funding to continue the implementation of The Skills Plan over the next 2 years. Additional funding will also be sought for ECA to work collaboratively with the sector and RTO's to map skill set gaps between the old and new training packages and to cover the costs of staff undertaking the identified skill set training.

EScan



The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) is inviting industry stakeholders to provide input into the 2014 CS&HISC Environmental Scan (EScan).

They need to hear from you about how changes in policy and service demand are impacting on the current and required community services and health workforce. The [quick online survey](#) closes on Wednesday 25 September 2013.

They are encouraging everyone to complete the survey and in particular:

- Employers delivering health and/ or community services
- Registered Training Organisations delivering health and or community services training
- Peak bodies, unions and professional associations operating in the care industry.

The EScan is used to guide future directions of training packages and inform workforce development planning and decisions. It also provides industry a voice on how government policies and industry practices are impacting on the community services workforce.

Professional words of the Month -

Gross Motor Skills = Being able to use large muscles to do things like, roll over, crawl, sit, stand and walk.

Information & resources available at <http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/education/DLiT/2000/FINAL/grossmotors.htm>

Fine Motor Skills = Being able to use and control the small muscles, especially in the fingers and hands

An excellent article - 'Supporting Children's Development—Fine Motor Skills' was attached to the Newsletter email.

Sector Website of the month

http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/early_childhood_news/eca_webwatch.html



WebWatch is a fortnightly e-newsletter that offers an eclectic mix of information on: *early childhood development, growth and learning, *early childhood practice, programs and policy and *emerging issues and research.

Dates to remember

September

- 10 **Training Package Implementation Workshop**
Hobart (mainly for RTO's)
(Register at www.cshisc.com.au)
- 11 **Foundation Skills Workshop**
Hobart (RTO's)
(Register at www.cshisc.com.au)

25 EScan survey closes

30 First day of school holidays

October

30 Roundtable 'Career Pathways, Planning & Options for school leavers'

November

16 ECA Forum - Hobart

Grant Alert



Tasmanian Community Fund

<http://www.tascomfund.org/home>

Grants close 2nd October 2013

Employer of Choice Breakfast

Why do people stay? Building trust, pride & enjoyment in work places

Thursday 12 September 2013

7.15am - 9.00am

The Old Woolstore, 1 Macquarie St, Hobart

Interactive Panel Discussion (7.45am - 8.45am) - Tasmania's recognised Employers of Choice share their experiences and

Cheers

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