



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT NEW LEGISLATION

Achieving Child Safe Standards in Ethnic Community Organizations

The Victorian Government now requires both professional and voluntary organizations, sporting clubs and associations which have contact with children to implement Child Safe Standards by 1st January, 2017.

Child Safe Standards aim to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse or neglect of children. The leadership of all organizations has the responsibility to implement policies for their organizations that achieve these standards.

We are pleased to partner with the **Commission for Children and Young People** in assisting organisations to meet the Child Safe Standards through the development and delivery of tailored training. The Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) and the Victorian Cooperative on Children's Services for Ethnic Groups (VICSEG) have been selected to work with the leadership of ethnic community organizations in Victoria to meet the new laws supporting children's safety. We will carry out this important work over the coming months by:

Consulting with ethnic community leaders on the best ways to implement the Child Safe Standards in their own organizations, by way of:

- A simple online survey
- Consultation sessions on 20th & 27th October (See attached flyer)

Promoting an understanding of child safety through:

- A presentation at the ECCV Conference Expo in Ballarat on 11th November
- Information Kits and online resources

Training up to 120 organizational leaders/representatives in implementing the Standards at

- Five free half day training sessions in metropolitan and regional Victoria (See attached flyer)

For more information or to register see attached flyers or contact: Toula Elefsiniotis on 9353 5811

We look forward to you and your organization taking part to help make all children safe.

Yours Sincerely,

Irene Bouzo

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Executive Officer

Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria

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