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Queensland communities support child protection with over 60 Child Protection Week activities to help keep kids safe

Over 60 community organisations will hold special events, training and awareness campaigns focused on keeping children safe from abuse and neglect as part of Child Protection Week between the 4-10 September.

Child Protection Week Queensland with the assistance of the Department of Communities, Child Safety Services funded the groups through a grants program to support communities to work towards the protection of children and young people in Queensland.

“The Child Protection Week Grants Program supports communities around Queensland to help prevent child harm and neglect in our communities,” said Queensland Child Protection Week Committee Chair Holly Brennan. “The events show how we can all do something to help keep our children safe.” Highlights include:

- Youth Service Providers are invited to join in this year’s hypothetical panel discussion, in **Ipswich** on 7 September; Amanda Margerison manager@icys.org.au 07 3812 1050.
- Silky Oaks Childrens’ Haven in **Manly** will hold a Family Fun Day on 10 September. Contact Diane Brett Swann bretts@silkyoaks.org.au 07 39068888.
- **Cairns** Emergency Services Cadets will produce a child protection themed float for the Cairns Festival on 20 September Sean McGuinness Sean.McGuinness@dcs.qld.gov.au 07 4032 8678.
- Mercy Family Services **Underwood** will hold a child protection themed family carnival on Saturday 10 September at Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club. Dianne Wagner dianne.wagner@mfsq.org.au 07 3340 5600.
- Centacare Family Services **Townsville** will hold a Mini Doll Billboards - community art project. Ruth Poultney rpoultney@isagsp.centacare.com.au 07 4749 5154.
- **Mackay Child Friendly Community Action Group** will stage a teddy-bears’ picnic at the **Mackay** Regional Botanical Gardens, 6 Sept from 9.30 till 11.30am. Jennifer Parker s.hub@georgestreetnc.org.au 07 4957 7222.
- **Kingston East** Neighbourhood Group will hold a community event Kylie Jackson kyliejackson@keng.org.au 07 3808 1684.

A full list of the community events being held for Child Protection Week in Queensland is available at:

www.childprotectionweek.org.au

The Child Protection Week Queensland Committee acknowledges the Minister for Child Safety Phil Reeves and the Department of Communities for supporting Child Protection Week 2011.

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