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Raymond Ho applauded for child protection achievements

Logan's Raymond Ho, Deputy Director of Child and Youth Academic Clinical Unit, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services in Metro South Health Queensland, has been awarded a Queensland Child Protection Award for his outstanding contribution to preventing child harm and neglect.

Child & Youth Mental Health Services at Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Service are critical to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in care. Mr Ho has been a strong leader in establishing a more collaborative approach between Child Safety and Queensland Health in the Logan area so that vulnerable children and young people have access to timely mental health services.

This week, Mr Ho was awarded the *Queensland Child Protection Award – Professional (Government)* category, recognising his outstanding contribution to child protection practices, policy and service development within the public service.

The Queensland Child Protection Awards comes ahead of Queensland Child Protection Week, which runs from 4 to 10 September, promoting the value of children and focusing attention on issues of child abuse and neglect.

Mr Ho said his approach had been characterised by his belief that the wellbeing of children, young people and families was paramount.

“Over 20 years, being a social worker, psychotherapist, and couple and family therapist, my work has always been focussed on working with vulnerable children, young people and families,” he said.

“I commit a large portion of my work as the Deputy Director of the Child & Youth Academic Clinical Unit, Metro South Addiction and Mental Health Services to facilitate cross sectors partnership with child safety, youth justice, education and other government and non-government service providers in the community.”

Queensland Child Protection Week Chair Elisabeth Kobierski said the Committee congratulated Mr Ho on his award win and for providing inspiration to others.

“The annual Queensland Child Protection Awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the efforts, commitment and unreserved energy of many people who make a significant contribution to our community to prevent child harm and neglect,” she said.

Queensland Child Protection Week is co-ordinated by the Queensland Child Protection Week Committee and funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and Queensland Family and Child Commission. The week focuses attention on child protection being everyone's business and ensuring that all across Queensland communities take responsibility for children being protected and experiencing well-being.



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