

International Speaker to launch Family Inclusion Network (SEQ)

Enabling parents to become leaders

The Executive Director of the Connecticut Commission for Children, and the founder of the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI), Ms. Elaine Zimmerman, will be the keynote speaker at the state launch of the Family Inclusion Network (SEQ), to be held in Brisbane on Monday 20 June. (See attached background information sheet.)

The Hon. Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, will also be on hand to officially launch the PLTI program in Queensland, in partnership with the Family Inclusion Network.

The launch will host 100 leaders from the community and family support sectors across Australia who believe parents can be leading advocates for improving the lives of children and families.

According to Micah Projects CEO Karyn Walsh, “We need to do better at involving parents in contributing to government policies and services which impact on their lives.

“We are very excited to be embarking on a partnership with the Parent Leadership Training Institute from Connecticut USA. They have achieved considerable success in creating a sustainable platform for leadership training and support for parents to become advocates for children and themselves within political, government and non-government spheres.

“Member agencies of the Family Inclusion Network are committed to advocating with parents to access services, resources and opportunities in the community and provide them with the support they require to meet their aspirations and recover from adversity or crisis when it occurs,” said Ms Walsh.

“We also support and advocate with them through the systems which significantly impact on their lives, such as child protection, family law, domestic violence orders, justice, income support, education and healthcare.”

This initiative is possible due to funding from Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities.

Ms Zimmerman will be available for limited media interviews while in Brisbane.

Event details:

Monday 20 June 11.45am – 2pm
66 on Ernest Restaurant, 66 Ernest St SOUTHBANK

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