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Investing In Our Youth Newsletter

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Welcome

Investing In Our Youth is a community based not for profit organisation based in the South West of Western Australia.

Our vision is to create a healthy and safe community environment where all young people are valued and supported to reach their full potential.

Investing In Our Youth achieves its vision by working with other community service organisations, business, government and the wider community to generate ideas and facilitate projects, services and community plans that will foster the development of children and young people in the South West region.

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Minister Opens Collie Child and Parent Centre

The Child and Parent Centre Collie Valley was officially opened by Minister for Education Peter Collier on June 10. This really was a special event and the culmination of much collaborative effort for Department of Education representatives, State and not for profit agencies, and local Collie families.

Centre staff Carole English, Kasey Collier, and Bonnie Andrew did a fantastic job of planning and hosting the event in collaboration with Chris Gorman from Wilson Park Primary School and the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning.

The Minister was very eloquent in expressing the benefits of the Centre model and expressed his hopes that Child and Parent Centres would become a mainstream element of education in the future.

Speeches by the Minister and Investing In Our Youth Chair Ian Telfer were interspersed with



entertaining performances from Wilson Park Kindergarten and pre-primary students.

Investing In Our Youth would like to say thank you to all who took the time to attend and help us celebrate the official opening of the Centre.



Cristal Lego Club

Cristal Pigment has partnered with Investing In Our Youth to provide Lego Club—an interactive and educational program that promotes development of maths, science literacy and social skills for school students in years 1, 2 and 3.

The Cristal Lego Club will be another great program offered at the Child and Parent Centre Carey Park. HR Manager for Cristal Pigment Lyn Bluett said that Lego Club was a fantastic program which integrated the development of imagination and creativity with scientific concepts. “At Cristal we strongly believe in

investing in the future and, who knows, many of these children could be our future engineers, scientists, and innovators.”

Many thanks to Cristal for their investment in the local community.



The Incredible Years

The Child and Parent Centre Collie Valley has introduced the Incredible Years program to Western Australia. The Incredible Years is an internationally renowned program that supports parents of young children by increasing their confidence in parenting.

Training in the Incredible Years program was hosted recently at the Centre with 23 Collie and Bunbury service providers and community members in attendance.

Centre Coordinator Carole English said that the training provided the skills and opportunity to offer families a program that would help them provide loving, playful, nurturing home environments. “All in all the training went very well –

it’s an amazing opportunity for Collie so we are all really excited.”

Any families seeking information on the Incredible Years program should contact Carole on 9734 3364. The Child and Parent Centre plans to run the Incredible Years program through the Centre in the near future.



Regional Community Child Care Development News

The Regional Community Child Care Development program in the South West has again featured in the news with announcements of further funding to provide support, resources and advocacy to South West Education and Care services.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Local Government and Communities and Royalties for Regions for their assistance through the Regional Community Child Care Development fund.



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HIPPY Program

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters

The new Home Interaction Program for Parent and Youngsters (HIPPY) is gaining great momentum in Collie and Bunbury.

In May, HIPPY Coordinator Naomi Henderer organised a successful 'Meet and Greet' event to introduce the program to local champions.

Later that month Naomi and Investing In Our Youth Executive Officer Carmen Gregg attended the HIPPY National Gathering in Melbourne. This provided a great opportunity to link with other service providers and share learning experiences.

In June Naomi was able to introduce new HIPPY Tutors Yasodha Saravann and Kristal Hill to the program. Kristal and Yasodha have recently participated in HIPPY program training and are now ready to deliver materials, story books and activities to homes to help support parents in their role as their child's first teacher.

Parents in Bunbury and Collie who have children turning four this year and who are interested in hearing more about the HIPPY program should contact Naomi on mobile 0459 785 699.



Pictured (left to right)
Naomi, Yasodha and Krystle.