

# South Sudanese Positive Parenting Program

## Why this program?

South Sudanese in Australia face significant parenting challenges within their families as a result of changes in traditional parenting practices. There is a need to support families in developing a shared understanding of approaches to parenting which respects community tradition while integrating the societal and legal context pertaining to children and young people living in Victoria, Australia.

## What does the program aim to achieve?

The program aims to:

- Discuss current youth issues
- Increase knowledge and understanding within South Sudanese families regarding positive parenting approaches.
- Increase awareness among South Sudanese parents regarding relevant Victorian child and family systems, parenting responsibilities and children's rights.
- Provide opportunities for South Sudanese parents to connect and share parenting challenges and learnings.
- Support South Sudanese youth and provide pathways to increased community engagement.

## What will the day involve?

The program is being facilitated by Dr. Santino Atem Deng who gives presentations on family and parenting challenges and how to address them. Other service providers including Child Protection (DHHS), Child First, Victoria Police and Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) are presenting on the day.

**Sat 10th Feb** - Wunda Home and Community Care - 2/6 South Rd, Braybrook

**Sat 17th Feb** - Melton Seniors Community and Learning Centre - 1 McKenzie St, Melton

**Sat 3rd March** - Anglicare Victoria Hall - 41 Somerville Rd, Yarraville

**Sat 17th March** - Werribee Bowls Club - 239 Watton St, Werribee

**All information sessions will run from: 12:00-6:00pm**

## Who is invited?

- South Sudanese parents/caregivers and youth - parents will be responsible for their children who attend.
- Service providers working or intending to work with South Sudanese families.
- Refreshment will be provided.

**Further workshops/information sessions will take place in Melton, Footscray and Wyndham areas. Please come along to share your ideas on how to resolve family and youth challenges as well as listen and ask presenters' questions and learn something new.**

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## Who to contact for further information?

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