

Hello and welcome to 2012! Hopefully you have all recovered from the festive season, with wrapping paper finally gone, and the tinsel stuffed back in boxes and in the attic until next time.

While you contemplate the peace, sit back and find out what FCAV have in store for you in 2012...

## FCAV Regional Road Show Training Dates

### **16 Feb 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

Where: Italian Australian Club, 499-501 Princes Dr, Morwell  
 Time: 9.30 (registration) to 3.30pm with question time to 4pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise dietary requirements when you RSVP.  
 Cost: FREE to all carers and staff of Anglicare Victoria, Berry Street Victoria, GEGAC, Quantum, Salvation Army SESN, Uniting Care Gippsland  
 RSVP: By 6 Feb 2012 to Karin Thomsen at (03) 5120 2000 or [karin.thomsen@quantum.org.au](mailto:karin.thomsen@quantum.org.au)

### **21 Mar 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

Where: Horsham Uniting Church, Cnr Pynsent and Urquart Sts, Horsham  
 Time: 9.30 (registration) to 3.30pm with question time to 4pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise dietary requirements when you RSVP.  
 Cost: FREE to all carers and staff of Wimmera Uniting Care  
 RSVP: By 13 Mar 2012 to Dianne O'Connor at (03) 5362 4091 or [dianneo@wuc.org.au](mailto:dianneo@wuc.org.au)

### **22 Mar 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

Where: Proudfoots on the River, 2 Simpson St, Warrnambool  
 Time: 9.30 (registration) to 3.00pm with question time to 3.30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise dietary requirements when you RSVP.  
 Cost: FREE to all carers and staff of Brophy Family and Youth Services  
 RSVP: By 9 Mar 2012 to Marion Noye at (03) 5561 8888 or [mnoye@brophy.org.au](mailto:mnoye@brophy.org.au)

### **17 May 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

Where: Long Gully Community Centre, 23-29 Havilah Rd, Long Gully  
 Time: 9.30 (registration) to 3.00pm with question time to 3.30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise dietary requirements when you RSVP.  
 Cost: FREE to all carers and care teams of St Luke's  
 RSVP: By 26 Apr 2012 to Michelle Peebles at (03) 5400 1100 or [m.peebles@stlukes.org.au](mailto:m.peebles@stlukes.org.au)

### **24 May 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

HOLD THE DATE: Metropolitan Melbourne - venue and details to be advised closer to the event.

### **1 Jun 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

Where: The Goulburn Valley Hotel, 223 High St, Shepparton  
 Time: 9.30 (registration) to 3.30pm with question time to 4pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please advise dietary requirements when you RSVP.  
 Cost: FREE to all carers and staff of Berry Street Victoria  
 RSVP: By 25 May 2012 to Annette Larkin at (03) 5822 8100 or [alarkin@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:alarkin@berrystreet.org.au)

### **21 Jun 2012 - Kids Get Sad and Lonely Too with Bryan Jeffrey**

HOLD THE DATE: Wangaratta - venue and details to be advised close to the event. Event will be free to carers and workers of Upper Murray Family Care.

The Foster Care Association of Victoria Inc in conjunction with the Australian Foster and Kinship Carer Partnership proudly presents:



**2012 national foster  
& kinship care  
conference**  
melbourne [www.strengtheningcare2012.com.au](http://www.strengtheningcare2012.com.au)

## Strengthening Care 2012: Best Outcomes

When: 20 & 21 October 2012

Where: Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

The 2012 National Foster and Kinship Care Conference - Strengthening Care 2012 - Best Outcomes aims to focus on the overall theme of strengthening care, focusing on best outcomes and strengthening understanding, strengthening placement, strengthening relationships and partnerships, strengthening outcomes, strengthening culture and identity and strengthening independence.

The conference will incorporate three streams: Foster Care, Kinship Care and Youth in Care, with the Youth in Care stream targeted directly at young people between the ages of 12 and 16+ years.

Incorporating local, national and international speakers, the conference is an exciting opportunity for carers and workers across the home based care sector, to come together to learn and share in up to date and innovative sector practice in the care stream relevant to them.

Further information regarding the conference program content will be released in March/April of 2012. Information will also be updated on the conference website at [www.strengtheningcare2012.com.au](http://www.strengtheningcare2012.com.au) as it comes to hand.

The Call for Papers for applications to present at the conference closes on  
Wednesday 1 February 2012.