



## **CHILD AND FAMILY FOCUS SA – BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your interest in joining Child and Family Focus SA (CAFFSA), the state's peak body for child and family wellbeing.

Our vision is that all children have the opportunity to grow, flourish and reach their fullest potential. We do this by supporting an inclusive community where all children, young people and families are secure, safe and valued.

The purpose of CAFFSA is to represent the interests of children, young people and their families as well as the not-for-profit, non-government organisations providing prevention, early intervention, family support and out of home care services.

Child and Family Focus SA is also the principle industry association supporting those not-for-profit organisations who provide various forms of prevention and early intervention, family support, out of home care [including foster care and residential care], and other child protection and child safety services. We represent small, medium and large community service organisations across South Australia in metropolitan and country locations, and act in the interests of children, young people and their families.

CAFFSA and its members have for many years been engaged as service providers and partners in the family support and child protection sector, and we are acutely aware of sector complexities and challenges.

We are collectively compelled to generate improvements within current systems and practices, and CAFFSA is fully committed to a constructive dialogue with governments that facilitate robust partnerships that are shared and based on trust and respect.

Membership of CAFFSA provides a valuable forum for members to collectively advocate for the changes necessary to achieve good outcomes for vulnerable children, their families and their communities. Drawing on 'strength in numbers', CAFFSA collects, collates and disseminates the opinions, perspectives and concerns of its members in order to raise awareness within government and within the community on issues impacting on the wellbeing of children and families, and potential policy and practice responses to these.

Additionally, members are able to access –

- Information and resources relevant to current child and family wellbeing policy and practice trends within state and national jurisdictions;

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- Invitations to collaborative sector workshops and roundtables;
- Targeted invitations to CEO forums and roundtables;
- An opportunity to contribute to whole of sector submissions and responses to government;
- Monthly training and professional development workshops facilitated by CAFFSA;
- Quarterly information sharing forums between members and sector stakeholders;
- Monthly updates on sector developments and CAFFSA activity;
- An opportunity to vote at the CAFFSA annual general meetings (AGM); and
- An opportunity to nominate for CAFFSA Board and sub-committee membership

Membership of CAFFSA is a powerful way for organizations to signal their intention to cooperate, collaborate and partner with other organizations within the child and family wellbeing sector. It allows agencies to share expertise, to plan for future initiatives designed to keep children, young people and their families safe and to raise their voice on policy issues of concern.

The Board approves membership of CAFFSA once an interested organization submits an application. Membership fees are calculated on the gross income of the organization and are payable in January of every year.

Further information and membership application forms can be obtained from the CAFFSA website: [www.childandfamily-sa.org.au](http://www.childandfamily-sa.org.au)

Thank you for your interest in the work of CAFFSA and in potential future membership.

Yours sincerely



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