

CHILD & FAMILY REFORM

2015-16 looks to be a very exciting year in Child and Family Reform. In preparation for the changes ahead and in response to your feedback, we've developed some handy tips to help you navigate your way through information and learn about all things Child and Family Reform.

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Access the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry final report — [Taking responsibility: a roadmap for Queensland child protection](#). The executive summary and chapter 15 provide a good overview of the issues, aims and key targets for the reforms.

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Have a look at the [Queensland Government's response](#) to the Commission's final report. This document outlines what recommendations were accepted in full or in principle.

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The [Stronger Families website](#) is the go-to site for information and news about the reform program and also provides links to [useful resources](#) including fact sheets produced by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding the approach to implementing the reforms. Add the website to your web browser favourites for quick and easy future access.

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While you are on the Stronger Families website, make sure you [subscribe](#) to the monthly Stronger Families e-newsletter. The e-newsletter includes highlights and updates from the agencies involved in the reforms.

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The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) provides expert oversight of the child protection system and partners with other government and non-government agencies to ensure best practice services are being delivered for families and children. Visit the [QFCC website](#) to find out more about its role in the reform program. You can also access information about the QFCC's ongoing public education campaign by visiting the [Talking Families website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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Representatives from a range of non-government organisations are members of the governance structures established to oversee the Stronger Families Reform Program. There are nine **Regional Child and Family** Committees across the state and a state wide Stakeholder Advisory Group that provides expert advice on the implementation of the reforms. Find out more about the members and functions of these groups in the [Partners in reform](#) section of the Stronger Families website. Attached is a list of committee members from the Far North Queensland Region, you can make contact with your location and/or sector representative to get an update also.

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To learn more about how Peak child and family support organisations are contributing to the reform process, visit their websites and view their latest news updates or sign up for email updates where available:

- [PeakCare Queensland Inc](#)
- [Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd](#)
- [Queensland Council of Social Service](#)