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The CALD Working Party consists of::

Maria Lemos (May Murray Neighbourhood Centre), Vivi Martin (Connect Marrickville), Lalita Lakshmi and Anne Macinante (ECFCS), Angelique Fernandes and Ann Do (Centacare), Jane Green (Centrelink), Ketty Montero (Marrickville Council) and from their children's services; Thinga Nyguen (Globe-Wilkins), Wadad Amacha (May Murray), Sarah Elsheiman (Tillman Park), Zeni Trujullo (Enmore)Miriam da Silva (SDN), Moy Dibden (Rosemount) and Bekky Huntsman (Housing)

Families NSW Marrickville Leichhardt Children and Family Services Interagency - CALD Working Party present:

KALEIDOSCOPE

cross cultural stories and experiences
of raising young children in Australia

Wednesday 6th June
Petersham Town Hall
Crystal Street, Petersham
8.30 - 3.30



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Inner West Learning and
Development Supported by
Marrickville Council and DOCS
Multicultural Services Unit

- + 9.00 Welcome and intro to the day - Julie McCrossin
Welcome to Country - Auntie Sylvia
- + 9.15 **PANEL DISCUSSION::**
Telling Our Stories
Raising and Supporting Happy and Healthy Children in Australia
 - + Beatrice Sesay::
African Communities Council
 - + Bernadette Stevens::
Pacific Islander Women's Advisory and Support Service
 - + Dewi Putru::
Indonesian Welfare Association
 - + Jill Sergeant::
Australian African Network
 - + Saami Ansari::
Sydney Multicultural Community Services
 - + Sarjoh Bah::
Multicultural Services Officer, Centrelink
 - + Sene Gide::
Director, Boundary Lane Child Care
 - + Mary Dimech::
Multicultural Services Unit, DoCS
- + 11.15 **MORNING TEA**
- + 11.45 **Cultural Identity and Children's Well-Being**
Dr Shanti Raman,
Community Pediatrician - Child Protection SSWAHS
Rugmini Venkatraman::
"Impact of DV on Children in CALD Families"
Senior Strategies Officer - Violence Prevention
Amrit Versha::
"Inclusion or Exclusion, Family Settlement in a Changing Immigration Climate."
Freelance Community Consultant
Miriam Giugni::
"Learning from children and families about culture, Rethinking practice with CALD communities"
Tillman Park Childrens Centre, Marrickville Council

- + 1.00 **LUNCH**
- + 1.45 **WORKSHOPS::**
Raising Children in Cross Cultural Relationships
 - + Jill Sergeant::
Australian African Network
 - + Maria Lemos::
May Murray Neighbourhood Centre
- Child Protection as it Relates to Physical Discipline**
 - + Ann Do::
Vietnamese Child Protection Centacare
 - + Beatrice Sesay::
African Communities Council
 - + Bernadette Stevens::
MANA Program PIWASS
- Racism, Superheroes and Everyday Living in a CALD Family**
 - + Miriam Giugni::
Tillman Park Children's Centre
- Priorities on Play and Learning**
 - + Shikha Chowdhary and Anne Macinante::
Ethnic Childcare Family and Community Services Co-Op
- Bilingualism - Costs and Assets in the Language Market. Linguistic Inequalities and Challenges in the Educational and Social Fields**
 - + Miriam da Silva::
SDN Inclusion Support Agency
- Settlement Issues for Refugee and Migrant Families**
 - + Amrit Versha::
Freelance Community Consultant
- Fathering in a New Country**
 - + Sarjoh Bah::
MSO Centrelink
 - + Osai Faiva::
Pacific Islander, May Murray Neighbourhood Centre
 - + Hashim Elhassan::
Mission Australia
- + 2.45 **PLENARY SESSION**
- + 3.30 **FAREWELL**