

A family support, advice and advocacy service

2nd May 2011

Dear Sir,

Following our appearance at the public hearing of the Senate Community Affairs

Committee Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution to former Forced Adoption Policies
and Practices on Friday, 29 April at Parliament House in Sydney I am forwarding
material as requested by one of the Senator's.

The material consists of two academic papers in relation to parent education and training programs.

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Casanueva C., Martin S. L. Runyan D. K., Barth R. P. and Bradley R. H. (2008). Parenting services for mother involved with child protective services. Do they change maternal parenting and spanking behaviours with young children? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30, 861-878.

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Promoting family inclusive child protection practice

I have also examined the Attorney General's Department's and the Department of Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs grant schemes.

Regrettably, I do not think that the Family Inclusion Network - New South Wales qualifies for financial support under any of the currently available grants schemes.

Yours sincerely

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