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## **Celebrating a decade of Family Relationship Centres and Communities for Children programs**

As part of the FRSA National Conference in Canberra this week, the Welcome Event being held today will mark the 10 year milestone of the 65 Family Relationship Centres and Communities for Children programs, both of which have significant impact on the workings of family & relationship services today.

Over the past decade, Family Relationship Centres have been an important source of information and confidential advice for families at all stages in their life.

The Communities for Children program provides a range of services to ensure children have the best start in life. This includes services relating to prevention and early intervention approaches and safety to child development outcomes.

Speakers featured at the Welcome Event include:

- Dr Ros Baxter, Group Manager Families Group at the Department of Social Services
- Mr Chris Moraitis PSM, Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department
- Michael Austin, FRSA Board Chair and Executive Director of CatholicCare Wollongong
- Fiona Harley OAM, FRSA Board Member, Conference Reference Committee Chair and Deputy Director of Mallee Family Care
- Marie Morrison, FRSA Board Member and CEO of Relationships Australia Northern Territory.

For more information, visit the FRSA Conference website:

[www.frsa.org.au/nationalconference-2016](http://www.frsa.org.au/nationalconference-2016)

Family Relationships Services Australia (FRSA) is the representative body of family and relationships services Australia. FRSA serves to provide national leadership, representation and support for services that work to strengthen the wellbeing, safety and resilience of families, children and communities.

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