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Commission training to help blue card agencies comply with new laws

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The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian will today launch its risk management training to help organisations comply with new laws.

Legislation introduced earlier this year requires businesses and employers who need blue cards to have written risk management strategies in place to protect children in their care from harm.

Commissioner, Elizabeth Fraser, said to help organisations meet their responsibilities the Commission has developed the free training, which will be offered around the state.

“This workshop has been in the pipeline for months, and we’ve collaborated with other agencies and tested it with a range of peak organisations,” the Commissioner said.

“We’re also keen to provide training for individuals and small businesses which fall under the Commission’s Act, but which may need more support to get appropriate policies and procedures in place to meet their duty of care to children.”

Although the requirement has been in place since 17 January this year, businesses and employers have a phase in period in which to get their risk management strategies in place.

They must comply by 16 January next year, or may face fines of up to \$1,500.

The Commission’s launch is supported by the Queensland Youth Alliance (QYA), which represents a range of voluntary organisations which organise activities for children and young people, including Boys Brigade, Girl Guides, YMCA and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

QYA Chair, Elizabeth Gilchrist, voiced her support for the training, saying although QYA organisations already have child protection strategies in place, the workshop will enable members to share ideas about managing some of the issues they have faced.

“Our organisations already have policies and rules under which all members must operate,” she said. “However, I welcome the Commission’s work and appreciate the ongoing consultation with us on the development of the new risk management training.”

The Commission’s first free half-day workshop will be held for around 30 participants this morning after the launch.

It will explain the policies and procedures organisations should have in place to protect children from harm.

Those interested in finding out more about the training can go to www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au /About us/Training or call the Commission on 1800 688 275.

Where: Tuesday 21 June 9.30am Gould Park, 17 Gould Road Herston

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