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## **United sector approach to child protection reform**

Community sector peak bodies gathered in Sydney yesterday to discuss the combined role they need to play in ensuring the smooth and responsible implementation of child protection reform in NSW.

Up to 40 representatives took part in the cross-sector Child Protection Advisory Group (CPAG) Forum, hosted jointly by the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA), NCOSS, FamS, AbSec, Create Foundation, LCSA and YAPA to examine the implications of the NSW Government's *Keep Them Safe* Action plan on the wider community sector and to garner vital input from non-DoCS funded and non-child protection peak organisations.

ACWA CEO Andrew McCallum said community organisations not directly linked with child protection would nevertheless be affected by the Government's reform agenda and it was important to incorporate their voices in the *Keep Them Safe* consultation process.

"All community organisations have a role to play in these crucial reform discussions and yesterday's forum established a platform for ongoing dialogue and a strong collective community sector partnership that we hope will influence a successful implementation of the Government's *Keep Them Safe* plan, ultimately achieving better outcomes for children, young people, families and communities.

The next cross-sector CPAG Forum will be held on **June 10** at the NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills. Representatives from all peak organisations are welcome to attend. Visit ACWA's website for more information: [www.acwa.asn.au](http://www.acwa.asn.au)

*The Association of Children's Welfare Agencies is the New South Wales peak body representing non-government organisations providing services to vulnerable children, young people and their families. The organisation has been operating for 50 years and has more than 100 member agencies.*

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