



# Meet the Practitioner Jo Carey

Queensland State Manager, Department of Social Services

Jo Carey is the Queensland State Manager for the Department of Social Services (Commonwealth), a position she has held since May 2016. Prior to that, Jo was based in Canberra where she held a number of senior roles, including as the Department's Deputy Chief Legal Counsel.

In Jo's current role she is responsible for around 70 staff, ensuring program implementation and management of hundreds of funding agreements and contracts across Queensland; local intelligence and evidence-based advice to influence national policy and program design; and quality partnerships in place to drive innovation in program delivery, integration of services, community cohesion and improved wellbeing outcomes for individuals and families

Jo is passionate about working with the Department's service providers to achieve better outcomes for Australia's most vulnerable, and influencing policy and program design to ensure programs and services are effective and sustainable. She also has a strong interest in leadership and team development.

## **Department of Social Services**

The Department aspires to be Australia's pre-eminent social policy agency, with its mission being to improve the lifetime wellbeing of people and their families. The Department has policy responsibility for a large range of income support payments, and also funds programs and services across areas such as Families and Children, Housing and Homelessness, Disability, Disability Employment Services, Mental Health, Carers, and Settlement and Multicultural Affairs. Whilst being primarily located in Canberra, the Department also has a State and Territory Office Delivery Network, with offices in every jurisdiction across the country.

The Queensland State Office (QSO) comprises around 70 staff, currently located in offices in Brisbane, Townsville and Rockhampton.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 6th September 2017 5pm - 6pm

**WHERE:** Building GPN39A, Room 537

No RSVP necessary - All Welcome!



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