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FEVER & Southern Futures Local Community Partnerships

Working together across Southern Adelaide, the Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island to deliver the Career Advice Australia strategy

Welcome to the 7th Parent's Briefing – This bi-monthly newsletter will aim to provide info on a wide range of programs and services which can assist you to support your child to make a smooth and successful transition through and from secondary school. We hope that this initiative will enable you to become more involved in the exploration of your child's post school options and assist you to help them through this important stage and into their chosen career pathway.

Your feedback and suggestions for topics to include in future editions of this newsletter would be most welcome.

New Programs

Southern Edge - If you have a child who has completed year 12 or left school early (year 11 and up) and who is not working full time, the Southern Edge program may be of interest to him or her. Designed to give young people living in the Marion or Onkaparinga Council areas 'the edge' for employment success, participants are able to receive a great package of assistance: one-on-one career counselling, up to \$900 worth of accredited training, links to employers, valuable work experience and paid participation in the Duke of Edinburgh program. This even includes a free adventure journey away which could be mountain biking, kayaking or bush walking – or something else. 50 lucky participants will be able to make new friends, build their professional and leadership skills and get on track with their careers. To find out more about this great Office for Youth / Southern Futures program, call Monica on 8207 3695. The program will commence in the beginning of May.

Youth Career Development Service – Is your young person 15-24 years old ? Have they left school and are not currently studying at Uni or TAFE ? Are unemployed or underemployed ? Do you live in the Onkaparinga or Marion council areas ? Well then this could be the program they're looking for !! If they're interested in getting FREE job search assistance and help with writing their resume or preparing for job interviews, would like Career and Life planning workshops and ongoing one-to-one coaching, please call Hilary Healy on 8207 3822 or 0429 677 307. This service is free to the participants and is funded via the Onkaparinga & Marion South Australia Works in the Region program.

Re-Engage – Is your young person **disengaged** from school ? Are they a **FLO** (Flexible Learning Option) student ? **Re-Engage** is a program to help do exactly as its title states - to Re-Engage young people and help them to complete their SACE, enter further training at TAFE or even gain a job. Re-Engage is a 'solutions based' package consisting of Case Management Support, Development of a Flexible Learning Plan, Career Guidance & Support and further support and/or assistance as needed - everything to help get your young person Re-Engaged. For further info on Re-engage, contact Linda Symons on 8207 3796 or Robin Thompson on 8207 3811, or for more info on FLO phone Jason Haskett on 8207 37902.

The National Careers and Employment Expo

The National Careers and Employment Expo is a community event which provides careers, employment and training advice for people of all ages. The Expo will be held on the 1st and 2nd of May at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Under the age of 18 get in FREE ! For more information visit: <http://www.ecexpo.com.au/15states08/15statebystate04.html>

Helpful Resources

www.goingtouni.gov.au – Going to Uni is a handy website for people looking to go to Uni. It has information on costs of going to Uni, course guides, applying to Uni and loads more. It is a great resource for young people that have finished their secondary schooling and are looking to go to Uni or even for yourself if you wanted to do further study or a change of direction.

<http://www.skillsone.com.au/Article/256/Special-Feature-How-to-give-kids-career-advice/> - "How to give kids career advice" is a useful article on the Skills One website with handy tips on giving your young person advice on what careers they can explore.

CHOICES Directory – the CHOICES directory is a useful booklet full of alternative programs that are run for young people in the Southern Adelaide and Fleurieu Regions. It has programs for educational purposes, support networks and personal development programs. CHOICES has just recently been updated for 2009 and is distributed via schools and youth agencies.

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