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MEDIA ALERT

Thursday, 8 September 2016

WA Celebrates National Child Protection Week

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

9.30am, at Parliament House steps

IN ATTENDANCE:

Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC – Shadow Minister for Child Protection

Michelle Sheehy – Assistant Secretary of CPSU/ CSA

Department of Child Protection Caseworkers

Today, Child Protection staff will join together with the Hon. Stephen Dawson, to urge the Government to save the 667 children on the waitlist for a DCP Caseworker.

As part of National Child Protection Week, DCP staff will stand out the front of Parliament House holding red hearts, each one representing a child who is waiting for the government to care.

National Child Protection week, is a week to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Unfortunately, this State Government has abandoned our most vulnerable kids – with continued cuts and systemic workload issues for Child Protection workers.

Cuts to programs such as Responsible Parenting, which are proven to be financially beneficial for the taxpayers and provide vital support for those who need it most.

With these support programs gone, members are predicting a surge in the amount of kids coming into DPC care in WA.

Today DCP staff are joining together to say enough is enough and will be tableting a petition against DCP cuts in Parliament today.

Child Protection caseworkers are asking the State Government to have a heart, and put back the funding that has been stripped from Child Protection.

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