

# Child FIRST

*Child and  
Family Information Referral and Support Team*

## Information Forums

The *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (CYFA)* will come into effect on **23 April 2007**. A key objective of the new legislation is to create an integrated Child Protection and Family Service system that provides improved supports to vulnerable children, young people and their families.

*The legislation introduces a range of new reporting and referral arrangements that will replace the current child protection notification system and the referral processes into Family Services.*

**Information forums about Child FIRST will be held as follows:**

**Moira Shire:** Monday 19 March 2007 at 3.30 – 5.30pm  
Barooga Sports Club, Burkinshaw Street, Barooga.

**Strathbogie Shire:** Tuesday 20th March at 3.30 – 5.30pm  
Seven Creeks Hotel, Old Hume Highway, Euroa

**Greater Shepparton:** Monday 26th March at 1 – 3 pm OR 4.30 – 6.30 pm  
Eastbank Centre, Welsford Street, Shepparton.

In the local government areas of Greater Shepparton, Moira and Strathbogie, Child FIRST will provide an intake model operating through Familycare, in partnership with The Bridge and Rumbalara, and in collaboration with Department of Human Services, Berry Street Victoria, local government and other key stakeholders.



The capacity of Child FIRST to assist vulnerable children and families in our community will also rely on ongoing commitment from all stakeholders in the broader family and children's services sector.

*These forums will provide key information for agencies, services and practitioners. Please RSVP to Sue Lorains by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 on 03 5832 1743 or [sue.lorains@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:sue.lorains@dhs.vic.gov.au)*