Media Release

Free Legal Help in Rosebud

Peninsula Community Legal Centre is now offering free child support advice and assistance each week in Rosebud.

Child Support Lawyer, Kate Gustke, says:

"We know that there are many sole parents doing it tough on the Southern Peninsula. With finances stretched, sometimes to the limit, it is important to make sure parents are receiving – or paying- the right amount of child support.

If a parent's circumstances have changed, for example due to losing a job, the birth of another child or a change in the amount of time a parent spends with the child, it may be necessary to apply for a new Child Support Assessment. We can assist parents seeking a change of assessment, as well as those who seek to appeal against a decision of the Child Support Agency.

Another key issue for some parents is that of paternity. We are able to provide advice and seek orders relating to paternity testing and declarations of paternity.

We understand that receiving too little – or paying too much – child support can cause a lot of financial and emotional strain, and we encourage parents to contact our service to find out how we can help."

Peninsula Community Legal Centre has been providing free legal services since 1977 and operates a dedicated Child Support Program that can assist carer and payer parents with a range of issues relating to child support. The Centre's Rosebud branch is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with after-hours appointments available on Tuesday evenings.

For more information about free legal services, please call 03 5981 2422 or 1800 064 784 or visit www.pclc.org.au.

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