



2018 Spring

From the Editor:

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Welcome to Spring everyone. Signs of new life have already begun to appear with the heavy scent of jasmine and the tips of the spring flowers poking through the soil where the bulbs have lain dormant since last year. The birds are in full song earlier and it is a little easier to get up for that early morning walk.

POSITION VACANT

You will find attached to this edition of the newsletter the role description for **Rainbows National Office Manager**. The position is 6 hours per week and based at the Keysborough Office, Victoria.

WHAT DO CHILDREN GET OUT OF RAINBOWS?

The reflection below was shared recently by a facilitator after the final Rainbows celebration for the year:

‘Every week I meet with my little Rainbows group and because it's during school time, we go without the connection to the other groups.

I understood there were other groups, of course, but the children and I never saw you all.

It was wonderful and fulfilling to be a part of yesterday and the children in my group who could attend conveyed that to me.

Thank you to everyone who cares for, nurtures and educates these small humans about their feelings, right there 'beside' me. It was lovely; truly lovely.’

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



Suitable for adults who are struggling.

"Staying" by Jessie Cole

A memoir autobiography after the suicide of her sister Zoe and her father.

Jessie concludes -

"Grief entails learning to live with consequences of love. Without love, there is no grief, for nothing has been lost."

This book was acknowledged by the Australian author Tim Winton as "a wounded, lovely luminous book about grief."



“Be a Rainbow in Someone Else’s Cloud”

You Tube - Dr Maya Angelou

‘Less than two minutes but a lifetime of reflection.’



A HELPING HAND

NEW SITE DOCUMENTATION

Each Registered Trainer is asked to complete a *New Site Documentation* form after the training of each NEW site and return to the Rainbows Head Office. The relevant form appears at the end of this newsletter.

From our USA Newsletter:

HOW DOES BEING IN A RAINBOWS GROUP HELP?

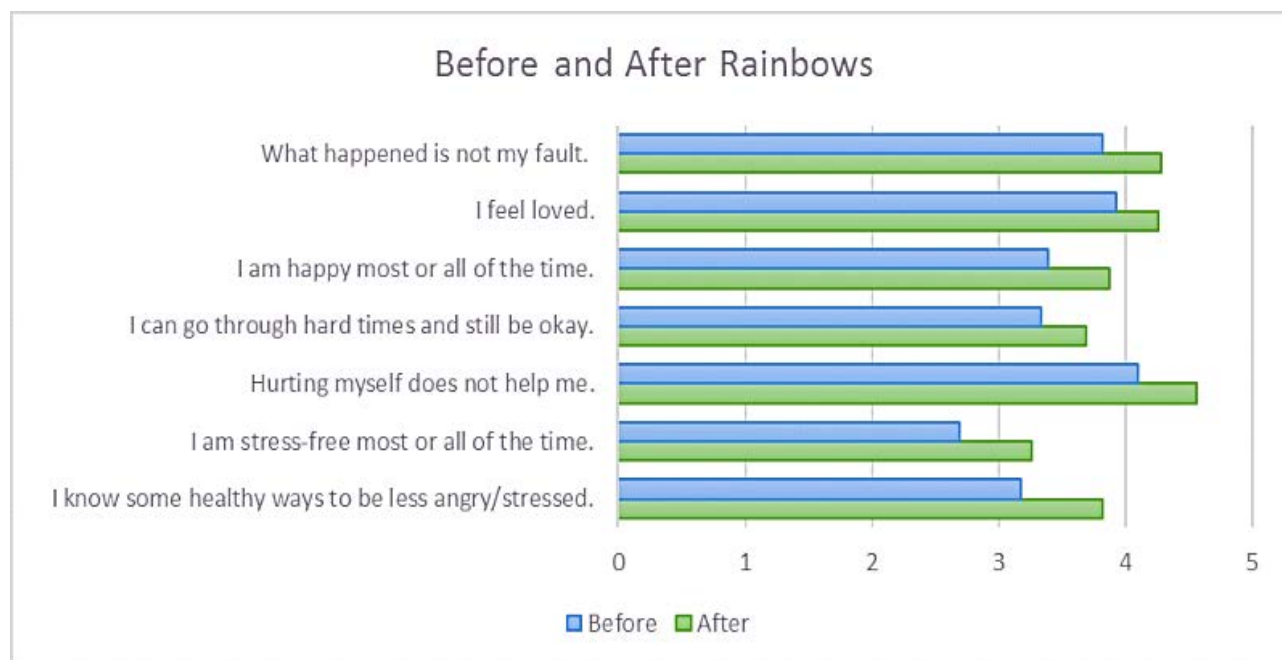
Data gathered from Rainbows 2017-2018 participant pre- and post-test survey assessments; 5 means "strongly agree" and 0 means "strongly disagree"

There are grants available from the Commonwealth Bank for victims of domestic violence.

Domestic & Family Violence Emergency Assistance ... - CommBank

<https://www.commbank.com.au/support/dv-assistance.html>

Applicants need to be a CommBank customer for three months or more.





Position Description:

Rainbows National Office Manager

www.rainbows.org.au

Title: Rainbows National Office Manager

Reporting to: National Board member

Purpose: To foster the growth of Rainbows by supporting the Management Team State Co-ordinators / Registered Trainers.

Principal responsibilities:

1 To maintain the National Sites data base including a national register of Working with Children checks and expiry dates, and signed Child Safe Policy Code of Conduct .

2 To maintain regular contact with the Board of Directors and Management Team, and attend their meetings.

3 To respond to enquiries regarding on-line training (see separate procedure protocol) and connect participants with their own State co-ordinator.

4 To liaise with Victorian Facilitator Training Team (Korus Connect) and administer the Rainbows Web site in conjunction with them.

5 To become a bank signatory and work closely with the Accounts Manager based at KLC. Remind Board and Book-keeper when Insurances are due as per Rainbows Australia email.

6 To maintain links with Spectrum Publications especially in the re-ordering and printing of materials.

7 To maintain links with Keysborough Learning Centre, Australian Association for loss and grief, Education Offices, School and other relevant Chaplain Associations.

8 To source potential partnerships for Rainbows with other like charities where possible.



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(not to be used for ORDERING materials)

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Rainbows for the Children of Australia
c/o Keysborough Learning Centre
402 Corrigan Rd Keysborough Vic 3173
E: rainbowsaustralia@rainbows.org.au

REGISTERED TRAINER:

TRAINING DATES:

Coordinator:

Facilitators:

DATE:

CITY/STATE/TERRITORY:

MATERIALS FROM SPECTRUM PUBLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO NEW SITES AFTER THIS FORM IS RECEIVED FROM THE REGISTERED TRAINER

Site Name:

Site Coordinator:

Site Address:

City/State/Territory/Post Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

The Site will be using: (Please tick)

Sunbeams___ Rainbows ___ Spectrum___ Silver Linings___ SL Indigenous ___

This site is: a School: ___ Church: ___ Agency: ___ Other: _____

School Principal or Agency Manager's Signature:

_____ Name printed: _____ Date: _____