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Update from 25 August 2026 CSAG (Informal) Working Group Meeting. Update since the 17 July 2026 (Release 3.0) CSSA member update.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM MEMBERS Follow-up for your consideration, with deadline for action

Third Party Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy DSS is seeking feedback on its Third-Party AI Policy until 8 September 2026. DSS requests limited distribution to subject matter experts within member organisations. If interested, please contact carmel.sefian@cssa.org.au for a copy of the Policy.	8 September
Children and Family Support (CaFS) Program Grant Opportunity Guidelines CaFS Program Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Targeted Competitive) and Applications due to open on GrantConnect on 18 September 2026 for approx. 6 weeks. Three proposed service streams will become two – national services; or early intervention and supports. A second grant opportunity will be available to ACCOs later in 2026. Queries on the Grant Opportunity Guidelines can be directed to Funding Agreement Managers or via support@communitygrants.gov.au .	18 September
Outcomes Contracting (previously ‘Relational Contracting’), consultation on draft documents Following its consultation process , DSS will take final draft Outcomes Contracting documentation back to the next CSAG meeting on 22 September 2026 before entering its Test & Refine phase.	By 22 September
Outcomes Contracting, Test and Refine phase DSS is seeking Early Adopter interest from organisations currently funded under the Families and Children (FaC) Activity providers to simulate each part of the Outcomes Contracting operational elements. Focus in this stage will be on organisational clarity, capability uplift and outcomes and quality measurement priorities. Please contact CSAGSecretariat@dss.gov.au for interest noting a Probity process will be in place to protect commercial information in confidence. Please note: involvement in this process requires a significant time commitment to test and refine operational activities across the Outcomes Contracting lifecycle.	Register interest
Children and Family Support (CaFS) Program Feedback on Supporting Products DSS has engaged with service providers eligible for recommissioning under the new CaFS program and provided Provider Previews of existing and previous service footprints. DSS is keen to receive feedback through Funding Agreement Managers and families@dss.gov.au where the Provider Preview information recently circulated is incorrect. Similarly, DSS is keen for feedback on the limitations or inaccuracies of the Community Needs Mapping Tool . DSS has indicated that FAQs will be posted to further assist service providers through this process. Invites for Partnership Table meetings sent to service providers for place-based programs and services.	As soon as possible
Guide to Impact Placemat DSS invited feedback on the Guide to Impact Placement contained within the CaFS Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Feedback accepted until 1 October 2026.	1 October
CSSA / UWA Achieving Real Value for Money in Community Services: An Engagement Program for Mutual Benefit CSSA presented to participating CSAG members on its Program of Work (PoW), an invitation to work with Government to build reform momentum to promote real value for money through a shared costing and pricing language, instructing on sustainable costing and pricing and socialising these practices. CSSA and UWA will present on the PoW at the 22 September 2026 CSAG meeting.	Review for interest

FOR INFORMATION – Key CSAG Information across 2026

2026 (Informal) CSAG Working Group Meetings	CSAG 2026 Forward Workplan topics	Agenda for 22 September 2026 (Formal) CSAG Meeting
- Informal monthly Working Group meetings now sit between the formal quarterly meetings. - Previous CSAG Working Group meetings covered the DEX Provider Reporting and Review of the SCORE guidance materials, ACCO Transitions; Relational Contracting Partnering for Impact Operating Manual; 2026 Forward Workplan; NFP Cyber uplift under Horizon 2. - Attachments available from CSSA upon request. - CSAG will continue monthly informal meetings for the remainder of 2026 with the final CSAG Working Group meeting on 15 December 2026.	- Outcomes (Relational) Contracting. - Priority Reform 2, ACCO transitions. - Implications of SCHADS Award changes. - Indexation and Supplementation. - Mapping Social Cohesion, Scanlon Report. - Grant Engagement Framework, Annual Report. - Digital Technology and AI in the not-for-profit sector.	- Child and Family Support (CaFS) Program reform update. - Relational Contracting - Partnering for Impact under the CaFS reform. - Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 – Building the community-controlled sector. - Australian Taxation Office Not-for-profit roadmap phase 1 consultations. - CSSA/UWA Program of Work – Achieving Real Value for Money in Community Services: and Engagement Program for Mutual Benefit

KEY DATES – SUMMARY

25 July	8 September	18 September	22 September	1 October	30 October	8 December
CSAG Informal Working Group Meeting	Feedback on DSS Third Party AI Policy	CaFS Program Grant Opportunity Applications Open (to commence from 1 July 2027)	CSAG Formal Quarterly Meeting	Feedback on Guide to Impact Placemat Due	CaFS Program Grant Opportunity Applications Close (to commence from 1 July 2027)	Quarterly (Formal) CSAG Meeting

Member contributions and queries

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