

**Public Sector Award** is presented to

**The Child Support Agency**  
***“Staying Connected” program***

“Staying Connected” is a CSA program designed to be delivered to groups of separated fathers in workplaces across Australia. The program has supported men to build self-care and help-seeking behaviour, confidence and self-reliance, and assist in meeting their ultimate goal of forming better relationships with their children.

For fathers experiencing separation and divorce there is a marked increased risk of both short and long term mental health problems including increased rates of depression, risk taking, anxiety, alcohol and substance abuse, and suicidal behaviour.

“Staying Connected” is run by service providers including Crisis Support Service with Australia Post, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Victoria Police, ACT Urban Services, IBM and CSA. Shortly with the assistance of OzHelp Foundation the program will be rolled out to the building and construction industry. “Staying Connected” is the Child Support Agency’s flagship service and forms part of a suite of CSA products and services that support separating and separated families.