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## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

*Protecting children is everybody's business* is the topic of a coffee and conversation session in Hobart next week (National Child Protection Week).

The session follows the release of results from a national survey of the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) that revealed less than half of Australians said they would take action to protect a child when confronted with clear signs of abuse or neglect.

The findings suggest that even if a child disclosed sexual abuse, only 34 per cent of Australians would call the police.

While the survey of 22,000 Australians found that 92 per cent of respondents considered child abuse to be a serious issue, many were hesitant to take action if faced with a situation of child abuse or neglect.

Tasmanian Early Years Foundation (TEYF) CEO Rebecca Moles said these findings demonstrated there was a need to educate the community that protecting children was everyone's responsibility.

"Vicki Russel, the Tasmanian Director of NAPCAN, will speak at the *Protecting children is everybody's business* coffee and conversation session," she said.

"We want to hear what the Tasmanian community has to say. While Vicki will talk about what is happening in Tasmania, we want to hear from the community about what we can all do to make a difference and help develop resources for Tasmania."

- ***Protecting children is everybody's business* – 10am – 2pm Monday 6 September Lower Ground Conference Room Town Hall (access of Elizabeth Street Car Park at rear).**

The event is jointly hosted and supported by the TEYF, the Drug Education Network and the Hobart City Council.

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