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## **Election forum seeks vision for State care of children**

A vision for the care of vulnerable children, young people and families will be the focus of a State election forum to be held by the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare tomorrow, **Wednesday 27 October 2010 from 2.30–3.30pm**.

The ABC's Jon Faine will facilitate questions following presentations by Community Services Minister, Lisa Neville, Opposition Shadow, Mary Wooldridge MP, and Community Services spokesperson for the Victorian Greens, Colleen Hartland MP.

"What we want from this forum is a vision from our political leaders that details their parties' commitments to services for vulnerable children, young people and families in Victoria," the Centre's chief executive, Dr Lynette Buoy, said today.

"We've had the Ombudsman's reports, and media coverage describing a pressured system that's placing some children at risk. Now we're after the solutions and the resources that will make them happen," Dr Buoy said.

The forum will be held at the Sir Redmond Barry Room, Level 46, 55 Collins Street Melbourne (Collins Place tower closest to Exhibition Street). **Please note:** Attending media are requested to notify the venue on 9651 7305, and must be self-sufficient.

The Centre's recent media releases on child protection are available online:

<http://www.cwav.asn.au/news/pages/media.aspx>

Fact sheets for our State election campaign are also published on our website:

<http://www.cwav.asn.au/news/default.aspx>

The forum follows the Centre's Annual General Meeting (12.00–2.00pm), at which former Anglicare Victoria CEO, Canon Dr Ray Cleary AM will speak on the history of the sector and the need to assert itself as an independent voice for children.

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