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Tena koe,

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming annual SSPA Conference. The theme for this year is 'Connecting Up: Social Services for Our Times' and it is to be held in Christchurch on 2 & 3 September 2010.

The venue is the University of Canterbury, **College of Education** on Dovedale Ave, in Ilam and accommodation is available onsite at the Halls of Residence or nearby at the Academy Motor Lodge. Please refer to the Information Sheet for further accommodation details.

The Canterbury SSPA group is hosting and organising the conference and the aim is for it to be a positive space for our sector to come together, connect and learn. Participants will be provided with opportunities to build relationships with other providers in our sector and skills to support their invaluable work with children, young people, families and whanau in our communities.

As you will see in the enclosed conference program we have a number of excellent guest speakers who will provide keynote addresses. These speakers include: **Mark Solomon**, Kaiwhakahaere, Ngai Tahu, **Judge Peter Boshier**, Chief Family Court Judge and **Suzanne Pitama**, Ngati Kuhungunu, Co-founder and Co-director of Maori/Indigenous Health Institute (MIHI), University of Otago. There will be a fantastic array of workshops that will focus on the following themes:

- Family violence prevention
- Inspirational practice with children, young people and families
- Collective/multi agency service delivery endeavours
- Management and leadership

We look forward to welcoming you to Christchurch and know that at the end of the conference you will leave energised with new tools, skills and relationships to support your invaluable work in our communities.

Please ensure you register soon to attend SSPA's 15<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Contact our conference coordinator, Rosalie Lau - e.mail: [rosaliel@psusi.org.nz](mailto:rosaliel@psusi.org.nz), phone: (03) 363 8201 for any further details and refer to our website ([www.sspa.org.nz](http://www.sspa.org.nz)) for program updates.

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Conference Convenors