

AWCH EMAIL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2003

Dear Members and new subscribers

This is the twelfth email newsletter from the Association for the Welfare of Child Health (AWCH). It would be much appreciated if you could let AWCH know whether the information included in this electronic version is relevant to your needs, whether there is too much/too little information and what other topics you would like to see included on a regular basis. The contents below are under the following headings:

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AWCH ACTIVITIES

AWCH (www.awch.org.au) National Office staff attended a Breakfast Forum which is held by Volunteering NSW (School of Volunteer management <http://www.svm.net.au>) and is an opportunity to meet with other Volunteer Managers and discuss volunteer issues. Jim Beatson, *Community Broadcasting Association of Australia* presented information on using community broadcasting to recruit volunteers for organisations. The changing nature of Volunteering was discussed and included:

- Pro bono work
- Mutual Obligation & Work for the dole.
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Corporate Volunteering
- Work Experience

Short Term Volunteers were also discussed:

- Making the most of the short term volunteer.
- Set up procedures so volunteers can step into a role easily and with minimum fuss.

The Greater Metropolitan Transition Taskforce

(http://www.clininfo.health.nsw.gov.au/downloads/reports/GMTTSummaryA4_26Aug02.pdf) **Generic Issues Sub Group** continues to meet on a regular monthly basis and both Anne Cutler, National Liaison Officer and Gail Tomsic AWCH NSW Committee member attend. The group has almost

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completed the Draft *Framework & Draft Guiding Principles* Document relating to Transition Care in NSW.

The Health Participation Council Consumer Forum was held in July and Anne Cutler attended as a consumer representative of the Children's Hospital Westmead. The day centred around the aim of finding out what makes a good area health council/health advisory group; what are the challenges to being an effective council; what needs changing. The report is available from National Office.

Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Committee for South Western Sydney Area Health meets monthly to direct the planning for child health in that area health service. A separate sub committee is developing the strategic plan for child health for the area. The task should be completed in mid 2004 and will involve broad consultation with stakeholders of the area.

ACHS (www.achs.org.au)/AWCH/ACPCHN (<http://www.acpchn-nsw.org/>) met to discuss the *Guidelines for Hospital-based Child and Adolescent Care*. It was clarified by ACHS that the guidelines are not used by reviewers at the time of accreditation but rather as background resource material. The guidelines are due to be updated and AWCH/ACPCHN were invited to be part of that updating process. A document which may be useful to this process is the *Draft New Zealand Standards for the Wellbeing of Children and Adolescents Receiving Healthcare*

<http://www.paediatrics.org.nz/documents/wellbeing/standards%20wellbeing%20long%20doc%20-%20may%202002.pdf>

SA Branch Redevelopment. Anne Cutler and Irene Hancock travelled to Adelaide to discuss with Professor Philip Darbyshire and Victor Nossar the re-establishment of an AWCH branch in SA. Cynthia Baldwin, Manager Volunteer Services at the Women and Children's Hospital <http://www.wch.sa.gov.au/> showed Anne and Irene around the hospital. Meeting with play specialists and the hospital school principal was especially interesting. One play staff member was a very experienced and enthusiastic staff member who had worked at the hospital in play for 26 years. An innovative development at the hospital school was that now it remains open during the school holidays, as the staff were able to organise industrial conditions to be able to work throughout the year. It means the service is available in those extra busy times of school holidays.

AWCH Library

As the University of Western Sydney is no longer administering the AWCH Library a new home for the Library and its resources has been sought and discussions have taken place with the Children's Hospital at Westmead www.chw.edu.au about the AWCH Library being moved into the Medical Library at the hospital. The move needs to take place by 31 December 2003 as the University of Western Sydney will no longer be providing accommodation for the National Office at its current Westmead site.

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AWCH Hospital Ward Grandparent Scheme. A training day and thank you lunch was held on 26 August for the Ward Grandparent Volunteers. It was a very successful day with a lot of positive feedback with all the ward grandparents wanting another training day again. Irene Hancock attended the opening session and the lunch which was much appreciated by the ward grans. Irene presented each ward grandparent with a certificate of appreciation and a badge to those who had not received them.

AWCH Dates for your diary

Annual AGM: The National AGM	25 October 2003
AWCH Family Picnic Day	16 November 2003

HEALTH UPDATES

ABC AND OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

MAN'S BRAIN INFECTED BY EATING SLUGS (Health News: 20/10/2003)
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_969551.htm

WHEN IQ TESTS ARE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH (Health News: 20/10/2003)
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_970647.htm

KIDS GROW OUT OF WHEEZING (Health Minutes: 23/10/2003)
A New Zealand study shows that a huge proportion of children wheeze sometime in their lives - but for most it's just temporary and it doesn't mean they have asthma.
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s973549.htm>

ADVERSE MEDICINES EVENT (AME) LINE (The Health Report: 20/10/2003) AME Line is a new interactive service through which consumers can seek information about or report adverse events associated with medicines.
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s968321.htm>

HIGH RISK KIDS (Background Briefing: 19/10/2003)
There is a growing underclass of seriously troubled children in Australia - kids so dysfunctional they need constant supervision.
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/bbing/stories/s972712.htm>

MICHELLE THOMAS IS LEARNING TO "SEE", NOT WITH HER EYES BUT HER EARS. Now she can also use a mobile camera phone to do it. Blind since birth, Ms Thomas is able to recognize the walls and doors of her house, discern whether the lights are on or off and even distinguish a CD from a floppy disk after only a week using a revolutionary new system. She is "seeing with sound".
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3171226.stm>

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ARTIST, READER, LEARNER Tony Palumbo is a lot like other 10-year-olds, but he also faces the challenge of living with Asperger's syndrome, an autism-like disorder.

<http://www.twincities.com/mld/pioneerpress/living/education/6933996.htm>

BABIES, CEREALS AND DIABETES (Health Minutes: 15/10/2003)

A study shows that babies who begin cereals before the age of four months or after the age of seven months are at increased risk of developing Type 1 diabetes.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s967384.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s963469.htm>

QLD RESEARCHERS CLAIM DOWN SYNDROME BREAKTHROUGH (7.30

Report: 14/10/2003)

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2003/s967015.htm>

KIDS WITH ARTHRITIS (George Negus Tonight: 14/10/2003)

When you think of arthritis, images of elderly people with swollen joints comes to mind. But juvenile arthritis can strike children as young as one year old. <http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/health/Transcripts/s966661.htm>

OBESITY RISE PROMPTS CALL FOR COMPULSORY PE IN SCHOOLS (PM:

13/10/2003) <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2003/s966109.htm>

THALIDOMIDE BACK ON THE MARKET (TV News: 13/10/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s966028.htm

AUSTRALIA'S MENTAL HEALTH (Ockham's Razor: 12/10/2003)

Mental illness afflicts one in five Australians and is often misrepresented in the media and in public discussion. Professor Rob Morrison from Flinders University explores how mental health research dollars could be spent most cost-effectively and he talks about the quality and effectiveness of mental health research in Australia.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/ockham/stories/s963219.htm>

CATALYST: Child Crash, Thursday 16 October, 8.00pm, ABC TV. In the past 20 years there has been a race to keep adult drivers and their passengers safe; but has the issue of child safety been neglected? Why are children suffering serious injuries in the back seat while adults in the front are walking away unhurt? <http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/>

INFANTS' GASTROENTERITIS VACCINE DEVELOPED (AM: 07/10/2003)

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s961283.htm>

CHANGING FACE OF PLAYGROUNDS (George Negus Tonight: 07/10/2003)

Safety in children's playgrounds is now paramount. This is an examination of safety issues that parents should be aware of in children's playgrounds.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/health/Transcripts/s961431.htm>

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TUCKSHOP MAKE-OVER (George Negus Tonight: 07/10/2003)
School tuckshops have been undergoing massive changes over the last ten years. These days, students are offered a variety of healthy foods, which are low in sugar and fat - and they seem to be enjoying it.
<http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/health/Transcripts/s961440.htm>

EARLY MENARCHE (Catalyst: 02/10/2003) Whilst early onset of puberty is considered normal and no cause for alarm, scientists have been puzzled why the onset of puberty has advanced so quickly in this century.
<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/s958787.htm>

From [MedScape MedPulse: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Journal Scan](#) - August 2003. Several of the studies in this month's Journal Scan focus on violence, from determining predictors for violent behavior to screening and treating PTSD. *Medscape Psychiatry & Mental Health* 8(2) 2003
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/461124>

Welcome Progress in the Diagnosis and Treatment of ADHD in Adolescence. The prognosis for teenagers with ADHD is better than ever, thanks to more effective therapies and greater understanding of how the disorder manifests itself in adolescence. Successful management hinges on an appropriate medication regimen combined with academic and behavioral interventions. *Contemp Pediatr* 20(8) 2003
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/460591?mpid=18786>

Children and Adolescents With Bipolar Disorder — Expert Review
Pediatric bipolar disorder (BPD) is a complicated and heterogeneous disorder that is often misunderstood and misclassified. Dr. Boris Birmaher and Dr. David Axelson, from the University of Pittsburgh, review current treatments available for BPD.
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/458702>

Adverse Effects From Antidepressants for Bipolar Treatment Are Common in Children A new study suggests that antidepressants for the treatment of bipolar symptoms cause adverse effects in more than three quarters of children within the first 4 months of treatment.
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/457339>

FAST FOOD ADS TARGET CHILDREN (The World Today: 26/09/2003)
<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2003/s954539.htm>

CORD BLOOD (Catalyst: 25/09/2003) The new liquid gold in medicine is umbilical cord blood, but this tiny amount of blood in the cord connecting mother and baby is causing uproar. Parents are being offered the chance to store their child's core blood either in a public bank for public use, or in a private bank for use by their own child. Catalyst investigates the dilemma that has sprung up around how to bank baby cord blood.
<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/s953886.htm>

ENLARGED BRAIN MAY BE EARLY WARNING OF AUTISM (Health News: 16/07/2003)
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_902683.htm

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JUVENILE DIABETES ON THE INCREASE IN THE HUNTER (News Online: 16/07/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s903197.htm

GROUP THERAPY EXPLORED TO HELP FIGHT YOUTH SUICIDE (AM:

15/07/2003) <http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s902296.htm>

EPILEPSY TEEN (New Dimensions Health: 15/07/2003) Epilepsy is caused by lesions in the brain, which create short circuits in electrical activity, resulting in seizures. Young epilepsy sufferer Kate Mason has a lesion deep in her brain. Despite new technologies, there is still a one in 20 chance that surgery could paralyse her legs, but she has decided to have the operation.

http://www.abc.net.au/dimensions/dimensions_health/Transcripts/s902525.htm

ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA NERVOSA (Health Report: 14/07/2003)

Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa cause very serious health problems in young women. Dr Per Soedersten from Sweden talks about new methods of treatment for these conditions.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s898166.htm>

NEW USE FOR PAP SMEAR (AM: 08/07/2003)

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2003/s897234.htm>

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY FINDS AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN HAVE BAD DIETS

(PM: 07/07/2003) <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2003/s896896.htm>

PARENTS HELP SUPPLY TEENAGERS ALCOHOL - STUDY (The World Today: 01/07/2003)

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2003/s892256.htm>

NEW HEALTH LIBRARY TOPIC: ACNE Almost every teenager gets spots and zits at one time or other. But for about one in three people in their teens, acne is a real problem. It's painful, distressing and embarrassing - affecting relationships and a person's sense of self. But effective treatments do exist, and it's important to know about them, because treating acne reduces the likelihood of permanent scarring.

http://www.abc.net.au/health/library/acne_ff.htm

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/library/acne.htm>

SMALL BABIES RISK KIDNEY DISEASE LATER IN LIFE (Health News: 26/06/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_888417.htm

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS SENSE TASTE DIFFERENTLY (Health News: 23/06/2003)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_884203.htm

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BIRTH WEIGHT LINK TO CEREBRAL PALSY London October 4, 2003
Children whose weight at birth is very low or much higher than normal have a greater risk of suffering from cerebral palsy than average-size babies, British scientists said yesterday.
<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/10/03/1064988403631.html>

SERVICES AND THEIR CONTACT DETAILS

<http://www.burstingthebubble.com/> If there's something happening at home that makes you feel confused or worried, or that's being kept a secret, then you're not alone. And there are things you can do about it. This website can help you burst the bubble!

Aboriginal Indigenous Services website gives links to a range of services.
http://www.frontyard.org/fy_aboriginal.htm

Young People in Nursing Homes <http://www.ypinh.org.au/> Many young people with MS, acquired brain injury (ABI), and other neurological conditions are inappropriately placed in aged care nursing homes. Many studies and reports have been completed by Government Departments and community organisations recommending the urgent development of alternative services, however progress has been slow. Young people continue to be admitted to nursing homes despite universal acknowledgement that it is inappropriate.

Asperger Syndrome Support Network Asperger's Syndrome (AS) is a pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) which falls within the Autism Spectrum. The main features of this disorder become obvious during early childhood and remain constant throughout life although adaptation and degree of actual disability vary. It is very rarely recognized before the age of three and is more common in males than females.
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~asperger/>

NEW: AUSTRALIAN HEALTH MAP This week sees the launch of the new Health Map, a comprehensive look at health in Australia, state by state. With vital health statistics for each state and territory, information about where to find health resources like hospitals and community services, and links to ABC local radio health stories, the Health Map will become a valuable resource for all Australians. The site is packed with useful links and interesting information.
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/healthmap/default.htm>

NEW WEBSITE WITH SWITCH GAMES

Roy Simmons has just launched a new website with single switch games. Children with cerebral palsy particularly may be interested in Jetstream Trader, which is a complex game which can be played even with modest gross motor control. All programs have a fully functioning demo. Distribution is by web download. Visit <http://www.brillsoft.com/>
Source: The Scene

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GoVolunteer is an initiative of Volunteering Australia and is Australia's first volunteer recruitment website. It is a not-for-profit site that provides free Internet advertising for not-for-profit community organisations looking for volunteers and helps volunteers make the best match possible between their personal requirements and choice of volunteer work.

<http://www.govolunteer.com.au/organisations/default.htm>

Children's Rights Alliance for England CRAE is an alliance of over 180 organisations committed to children's human rights. CRAE supports and works in partnership with children and young people so that they can learn about and use their rights.

94 White Lion Street, London N1 9PF, UK

Tel: +44 20 7278 8222 ext. 0; Fax: +44 20 7278 9552

Email: lking@crights.org.uk Website: www.crights.org.uk.

Australian Policy Online (APO) <http://www.apo.org.au/about.shtml> offers fast access to much of the best Australian social, economic, cultural and political research available online. We're maintained by the [Institute for Social Research](#) at Swinburne University of Technology

<http://www.sisr.net/>.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/TRAINING

MOVING ON - LIFE'S TRANSITIONS

18 October, 2003. 8.30am to 4.30pm

The Lecture Theatre, University of Melbourne, Hawthorn Campus, Level 1, 442 Auburn Rd. Hawthorn. Melways 59 E2.

Website: [Down Syndrome Association of Victoria](#)

Contact Name: Carmen Tassone

Contact Phone: 9486 2377

Contact Email: dsavic@netspace.net.au

A CHILDHOOD IN DETENTION CENTACARE SYMPOSIUM

October 21, 3.30 - 5.00 pm Adelaide Town Hall

A Public Symposium sponsored by Centacare, which will bring into sharp focus the many issues involved and the inevitable consequences of locking up and isolating children.

Information www.familytherapy.org.au

TFTASA PO Box 486 Adelaide, SA 5000

Telephone (08) 8221 6066

Fax: (08) 8221 6061

E-Mail familytherapy@bowerplace.com.au

ANZJFT www.anzjft.com

PROLONGED CRYING IN BABIES

30 October 2003, 53 Thomas Street, Noble Park, Victoria

Video conferencing is available.

Website: <http://www.qec.org.au> Contact Phone: 9549 2777

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Contact Email: pausam@qec.org.au Attached file: [August to December Seminars \(pdf\)](#)

INFANT DEPRESSION

30 October 2003, 53 Thomas Street, Noble Park

Video conferencing is available

Website: <http://www.qec.org.au> Contact Phone: 9549 2777

Contact Email: pausam@qec.org.au

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<http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/items/00164-upload-00001.pdf>

THE ART AND SCIENCE OF ADVANCING ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

The 2nd Australian and New Zealand Adolescent Health Conference

22-24 October 2003

Westmead Hospital Education and Conference Centre, Hawkesbury Rd
Westmead, Sydney

<http://www.youthconference.info/>

THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES... OR ARE THEY?

National Coalition Against Bullying

2-3 Nov, 2003 Carlton Crest Hotel, Melbourne

Info: ph 03 9830 2577, email info@amf.org.au

AUTISM ASPERGERS AND ASTHMA

6 November 2003, 53 Thomas Street, Noble Park, Victoria

Video conferencing is available

Website: <http://www.qec.org.au> Contact Phone: 9549 2777

Contact Email: pausam@qec.org.au

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<http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/items/00166-upload-00001.pdf>

EXPERIENCE OF PARENTING A CHILD WITH EPILEPSY

7-Nov-2003 11:00am to 12:00pm

Epilepsy Foundation Victoria, 818 Burke Road, Camberwell, VIC

Judy Wright jwright@epilepsy.asn.au or 03 98059111

PLAY+SPACE SOUNDBEAM WORKSHOPS 9 (an exciting and innovative workshop for people with disabilities)

8 November Granville Youth & Community Centre, 3A Memorial Drive, Granville

9 November Accessible Arts, Pier 4, Walsh Bay

For further information and to book into a session phone Accessible Arts on 9251 6499. Source: The Scene

CHILDREN AS PARTNERS: A CONFERENCE ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION

13-14 November 2003 Melbourne

<http://www.plan.org.au/contents/newsinfo/Events/Conference2003.asp>

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LIFECOURSE PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH

17-19 November 2003. Kelvin Grove Campus, Queensland University of Technology

http://www.hlth.qut.edu.au/ph/summer_school/downloads/Lifecourse%20Perspectives%202003.pdf

Dr Jan Nicholson ph: (07) 3864-8286 fax: (07) 3864-3130

email: j.nicholson@qut.edu.au mobile: 0419 024 679

QUT International Health Summer School

http://www.hlth.qut.edu.au/ph/summer_school/index.jsp

Longitudinal Study of Australian Children

<http://www.aifs.org.au/lsac/home.html>

HIRC Child, Youth and Family Network

<http://www.hlth.qut.edu.au/ph/cyf/>

NOT ANOTHER YOUTH CONFERENCE: FOUNDATIONS FOR REAL REFORM

Thursday 20 November 2003 Grand Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne

This symposium is essential for anyone who has an interest in young people and mental health. <http://www.orygen.org.au/>

THE SECOND CAMBRIDGE CONFERENCE ON TEENAGE ANOREXIA NERVOSA

25 November 2003, Churchill College, Cambridge, UK

<http://www.focusproject.org.uk/>

9TH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

24 - 27 November, 2003. Sydney Convention Centre

<http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/accan/>

BUILDING A TRULY CIVIL SOCIETY

30 November to 3 December 2003 University of Newcastle

www.pco.com.au/familystrengths

Family Action Centre Website: www.newcastle.edu.au/department/fac

JUVENILE JUSTICE: FROM THE LESSONS OF THE PAST TO A ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE

1-2 December 2003 Citigate Sebel, Sydney

Department of Juvenile Justice, New South Wales

<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2003-juvenile/regbro.pdf>

FORGING THE FUTURE - THE COMMUNITY SECTOR IN NSW

4 December 2003, Masonic Centre, Sydney

NCOSS phone: (02) 9211 2599 email: info@ncoss.org.au

www.ncoss.org.au

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON "FORGOTTEN RIGHTS - RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS OF ASYLUM SEEKER HEALTH CARE"

13 December 9am - 5.30pm, NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Professional Alliance for the Health of Asylum Seekers and their Children during National Psychology Week.

Monica Fritchley, RANZCP, NSW Branch

Phone: 02 9810 7963 Email: ranzcp4@bigpond.net.au

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18TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

26 – 30 April, 2004 Melbourne

www.Health2004.com.au

BROADENING THE VISION: BUILDING COHESIVE COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION AUSTRALIA

25 – 27 July 2004 Grand Hyatt, Melbourne

www.cdesign.com.au/ecia2004

Call for Abstracts (View at <http://www.aicafmha.net.au/enews/> - go to issue #3.19 for link. (PDF file))

GRADUATE DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN ADOLESCENT HEALTH & WELFARE

The Centre for Adolescent Health and University of Melbourne

For further information telephone (03) 9345 6673 or

(03) 9345 6671 or email education.training@rch.org.au

Web www.rch.org.au/cah <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/community/access/>

Merran Guest, Course Co-ordinator, Education & Training Programs

Centre for Adolescent Health, 2 Gatehouse St, Parkville Vic 3052

Ph 9345 6671 Fax 9345 6273 www.rch.org.au/cah

THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

Monash Medical Centre, 246 Clayton Road, Clayton, 3168

Course will commence in February 2004

Fiona Heylan Centre for Grief Education

email: f.heyland@grief.org.au voice: 613 9545 6377

web: <http://www.grief.org.au>

UNITED KINGDOM: CHILDHOOD STUDIES MA

For information, contact:

Liz Brooker Email: e.brooker@ioe.ac.uk

Website: www.ioe.ac.uk/courses/macs

MEDIA RELEASES and NEWS

NOMINATE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S REFERENCE GROUP

Each year the Commission appoints 12 young people under 18 years of age to the Young People's Reference Group to help it keep in touch with the views of young people in NSW. Applications for the 2004 Young People's Reference Group close on 14 November, 2003. For more information and to download an application form, go to

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/arcade/involved.html>

Call for EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF NEW FAMILIES FIRST PROJECTS FOR THE NEPEAN

http://www.parenting.nsw.gov.au/public/s26_homepage/Default.aspx .

Your service may be interested in applying. We also encourage you to think about collaboration or consortiums to maximise skills and expertise to complete projects. Information sessions will be held to provide further

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information about completing the EOI process. Patricia Darvall, Families First Community Project Officer 02 47321 322

I also draw your attention to Docs Parenting Magazines.

www.community.nsw.gov.au/parenting/title.htm

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER Dr Sev Ozdowski, 20 June 2003 has called on the federal government to immediately release children and their families from immigration detention following yesterday's historic Family Court decision regarding children in immigration detention.

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/media_releases/2003/32_03.htm

CHILDREN AND ART: GLOBAL MURAL PROJECT This project, which has been partly facilitated by Save the Children, is a chance for children from around the world, to participate in an international art exhibition which will take place in Melbourne, Australia in February 2004. For more information, contact: Helen Treuel htreuel@stita.sale.catholic.edu.au

Visit the website: <http://mural.home.dhs.org/>

TITLE: \$800,000 BOOST TO DIABETES AWARENESS

Health and Ageing Portfolio URL:

<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2003/kp/kp03130.htm>

SNIPPET: Camps and buddy programs for children with diabetes are among the local projects aimed at improving community awareness about diabetes that will be undertaken with \$800,000 funding announced today by the Minister for Health and Ageing...

TITLE: ONGOING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Family and Community Services Portfolio URL:

<http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/MinCS.nsf/b9bf24f0f06605bdca2567140011b79c/e32f8ef14aab37aca256d5600053d0f?OpenDocument>

SNIPPET: From 1 July children with ongoing high support needs will benefit when an additional (\$25.8 million over four years for child care becomes available.

TITLE: KEEPING FARM KIDS SAFE Family and Community Services

Portfolio URL:

<http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/MinCS.nsf/b9bf24f0f06605bdca2567140011b79c/102e24b906f256a0ca256d50000cecc0?OpenDocument>

SNIPPET: Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Larry Anthony, today announced the National Winner of the Child Safety on Farms Competition, which aims to encourage farming families to make their farms safer for children.

TITLE: NEW GUIDELINES RECOMMEND LIFESTYLE CHANGES TO PROMOTE

HEALTHY EATING Family and Community Services Portfolio URL:

<http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/MinCS.nsf/b9bf24f0f06605bdca2567140011b79c/41e64459fd7faa30ca256d4b00001dc8?OpenDocument>

SNIPPET: Revised dietary guidelines were launched in Canberra today by Federal Health Minister, Senator Kay Patterson and Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Larry Anthony, focussing on the prevention of obesity.

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PROFESSOR FIONA STANLEY (Enough Rope: 06/10/2003) In May, Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley was a guest on the show, and what she had to say about Australia being a toxic society and the effect this has on our kids shocked viewers. We put out a challenge to advertising agencies to an overwhelming response, and here are the results. <http://www.abc.net.au/enoughrope/stories/s961001.htm>

3 OCTOBER 2003 PIAC REPRESENTS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN HIGH COURT INTERVENTION. The case relates to the rights of children in detention. <http://www.piac.asn.au/>

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BOOKS, RESOURCES, REPORTS

TIME OUT is produced by ParentsLink, the Regional Parenting Service in Victoria. In this edition you will find information on parenting groups, support groups and services available to families.

<http://www.respitewest.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20030808002.pdf>

HUMAN SERVICES BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAM BULLETIN AUGUST 2003

<http://www.hsnet.nsw.gov.au/bsdsp/ebulletins/ebul8.doc>

INDIGENOUS CHILDREN: RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS CHILDREN [report].

<http://www.unhcr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/doc/days/DD%20Recommendations%20-%20final.pdf>

ADHD: A COMPLETE AND AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE The American Academy of Pediatrics has published this guide for parents. It can be ordered online at <http://www.aap.org/bookstore>. Website: [AAP media release](#)

THE MEDICAL JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA The latest edition (October 6 2003) of the Medical Journal of Australia is now available online.

<http://www.healthnews.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20031026004b.shtml>

<http://www.speakingfromexperience.com.au/> A series of inspirational videos produced to assist patients, family and carers deal with specific diseases.

PEER EDUCATION: FROM EVIDENCE TO PRACTICE by Joanne McDonald, Ann Roche, Mitch Durbridge and Natalie Skinner is a 200 page, comprehensive, evidence-based overview of peer education for young

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people about alcohol and other drugs. The electronic version can be downloaded from the NCETA website (follow the "Peer Education Monograph" link under "Hot Topics" on the homepage).

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The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a new report: **YOUNG HOMELESS PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA 2001-02**. This is the first thematic report on the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection. The report provides information on young people aged 12-24 years who are homeless or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless, and the assistance given to them by SAAP.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/media/2003/mr030704.html>

Catalogue no. HOU-87, available from Info Access for \$15.00. (Ph: toll free 132 447)

STATISTICS ON JUVENILE DETENTION IN AUSTRALIA: 1981-2002

Australian Institute of Criminology. Since 1981, there has been a general decline in the number of persons aged 10 to 17 detained in juvenile facilities across Australia, with the number decreasing from 1352 in 1981 to 759 in 1989. Although there were then slight increases in alternating years between 1989 and 1998, a consistent decrease has been evident since 1998, with the number of juveniles in detention standing at 545 on 30 June 2002 <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/cfi/cfi060.pdf>

THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OUTCOMES SUBGROUP OF THE CAMHS EXTERNAL WORKING GROUP CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S NATIONAL SERVICE FRAMEWORK

(UK) are now available on the Department of Health web site: <http://www.doh.gov.uk/nsf/children/outcomesubgroupreport.pdf>

Other docs on the UK consultations for CAMHS services are available at:

<http://www.doh.gov.uk/nsf/children/whatsnew.htm>

FROM MEDSCAPE MEDPULSE: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PSYCHOTHERAPIES WITH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS TREATMENT EVALUATION

is one of the most important challenges of child and adolescent psychiatry and clinical psychology. Curr Opin Psychiatry 16(4) 2003

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/457724>

OVERDOSES, THE LAW, SAFER INJECTING is a wallet sized publication published by Victoria Legal Aid covering legal and health issues relevant to intravenous drug users. It includes information about police powers, drug laws, syringes and the law, syringe disposal, safe injecting, and CPR information. Copies are free and can be ordered for distribution to clients by emailing Chris Shelley ChrisSh@vla.vic.gov.au (include your name, amount you want and the address); phoning Chris on 9269 0223; visiting the legal aid website

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THE NEW YORK MIRACLE—a remarkable drop (over 60%) in crime during the 1990s—has been credited by some to the dramatic change in the policing policies of the New York Police Department. They built these policies around the Broken Windows theory of crime, which argues there is a connection between disorder and crime.

<http://www.cis.org.au/IssueAnalysis/ia38/ia38.pdf>

The update for the **COPMI PROJECT** is now online with a reminder to add your program/service to the database of services available to families where a parent has a mental illness. You can access the update at

<http://www.aicafmha.net.au/copmi/project/updates/index.htm>

NGO ALTERNATIVE REPORTS submitted to the Committee on the Rights of the Child are made available on the CRIN website, in partnership with the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The reports can be searched by country, CRC session or by NGO on the CRIN website. Go to:

<http://www.crin.org/resources/treaties/CRC.asp?catName=International+Treaties&flag=legal&ID=6>

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A LEAGUE TABLE OF CHILD MALTREATMENT DEATHS IN RICH NATIONS

The report addresses violence against children, child abuse and maltreatment as central human rights questions and recalls the commitment undertaken at the Special Session on Children to protect children from all forms of violence, neglect and abuse.

<http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/repcard5e.pdf>

PROMOTION, PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH: NATIONAL CONSULTATION

Jennie Parham, Auseinet & Debra Rickwood, University of Canberra

<http://www.auseinet.com/resources/auseinet/index.php#natconsrep>

This report provides a description of a national consultation that was undertaken in 2001-2002 to provide feedback on two companion national policy documents - National Action Plan for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health 2000 (Action Plan 2000) and Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health: A Monograph (Monograph 2000).

MEDIA: CHILDREN ARE INTERNET EXPERTS . Children are becoming the internet experts in families as their parents leave them to it in what could be "a lasting reversal of the generation gap", according to research published today. The report from the London School of Economics claims that warnings about the risks of chat rooms and of meeting strangers and paedophiles have got through to youngsters, but that parents, government departments and internet providers could do more to make

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the internet safer for children. The report finds that although parents do monitor internet use, children object to being checked on, and can find ways to get around the restrictions placed on them.

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IN THE ABC SHOP: **A PAEDIATRICIAN IN YOUR POCKET** A straightforward children's health guide, explaining to parents what is normal, how to manage simple health problems and when to be concerned. (Paperback Book \$22.95)

<http://shop.abc.net.au/browse/product.asp?productid=157972>

New games for young people. There are two new games for young people on the Commission's website as part of the You Decide series of games where you, the player, get to make the choices. **FINDING THE FAIR WAY** is about what you would do if you thought a teacher was picking on you at school. **LONG JOURNEY HOME** takes the player through the experience of being a young person stuck in immigration detention. To play these and other games on the Commission's website go to <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/arcade/youdecide.html>

A recent **COMMISSION SEMINAR FOCUSING ON THE SUICIDE AND RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOUR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** featured Dr Michael Dudley, Chair of Suicide Prevention Australia, Dr Melissa Sankey, Research Officer at the NSW Commission for Children and Young People and Professor Beverley Raphael, Director of the Centre for Mental Health, NSW Health. For copies of the presentations go to <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/suicideseminarreal.html>

Please find below a link to the third edition of **NATIONAL DIVISIONS YOUTH ALLIANCE** – GPs working with young people News Update: <http://ndya.adgp.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=1052>

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