



AWCH EMAIL NEWSLETTER MAY 2004

Dear Members and new subscribers

This is the FOURTEENTH 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:

- AWCH Activities
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AWCH ACTIVITIES

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The **TRANSITION FROM PAEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE TO ADULT HEALTH CARE GROUP** which is part of the NSW Health Greater Metropolitan Transition Taskforce initiative has developed a framework document to help coordinate the process state wide. Funding for a project coordinator and 3 transition care coordinators is being provided through

NSW Health. These positions will work strategically to ensure a coordinated approach across health services. In the meantime the Generic issues sub group is working on the framework document and would like to hear from parents of chronically ill children and children with disabilities about their thoughts on what sort of resources they might need to ensure a smooth transition from paediatric to adult services. Contact Anne on 02 9631 9208 or awch@awch.com.au

CHILD FRIENDLY HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE (CFHI)

AWCH was involved on the interview panel to appoint a project coordinator for a child health initiative project to be undertaken at Sydney Children's Hospital. The Child Friendly Healthcare Initiative aims to promote child and family friendly standards that guide practice, improving the care of the hospitalised child and family. The Initiative focuses on the involvement of children and parents and addresses emotional and psychological needs in conjunction with physical and medical needs.

What does the CFHI expect to achieve?

- Improvements in the hospitalisation or treatment experiences of children and families
- Provision of benchmark data for a national standards framework,
- Collection of the first Australian data relevant to the Child Friendly Healthcare Initiative
- Identification of outcome measures that can be used in the future to test the effectiveness of the standards in improving health outcomes of children and families.

For further information about this project, please contact Michelle Driver, Project Manager 02 9382 0389, or driverm@sesahs.nsw.gov.au

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP SCHEMES

AWCH visited 2 supported playgroup schemes at Granville and Merrylands in Sydney's south west. AWCH talked briefly about hospitalisation with many of the parents who attended coming from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The visit highlighted the need for information about the impact of hospitalisation on children and their families in other languages.

National Office visited **AWCH TASMANIA** and discussed:

- future work of the branch
- continuation of the play specialty position at the Royal Hobart Hospital
- uncertainty about the availability of a paediatric surgeon in Tasmania
- potential members involvement in AWCH work
- AWCH Hospital Ward Grandparent Scheme at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

EMERGENCY CARE PROJECT (NSW)

The NSW Health System provides an excellent standard of Healthcare for children and is a world leader in many aspects of paediatric care. However, the safety and quality of healthcare for children can be improved by decreasing the incidence of preventable adverse events. Implementation of evidence based guidelines is one method of preventing adverse events by improving standards of clinical practice.

Working Groups established through the Paediatric Networks in NSW have developed a number of Clinical Practice Guidelines for the acute care of children including recognition of the sick child, management of infants and children with fever, bronchiolitis, asthma, sore ear, meningitis, head injury, sore throat and abdominal pain.

AWCH is involved in the Children's Emergency Care Project, which is an articulated 3 stage project for implementation of the Guidelines in NSW emergency departments and Multi Purpose Services. The project will encourage further development of a "community of practice" in children's emergency care through strategies to encourage communication and collaboration across disciplines. While the initial phase of the project will focus on implementation of the Guidelines it is anticipated that information gained during the project about paediatric service provision will be utilised in planning services in the future. Contact Marilyn Cruickshank cruickshankm@ice.nsw.gov.au for further information.

YOUTHSAFE FORUM

The NSW Safe Celebrating Forum looked at safe celebrating initiatives occurring in NSW and shared practical advice, ideas and tools to use in Safe Celebrating initiatives. The forum speakers and showcase presentations have posted their presentations on the Youthsafe website (www.youthsafe.org see 'Safe Celebrating Forum' link at bottom left of home page).

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (SCH) WARD GRANDPARENT SCHEME

Anne Cutler visited the AWCH Hospital Ward Grandparent Scheme at SCH in March. Anne gave a brief overview of AWCH and its services to the ward grandparent volunteers and social workers. This was a great opportunity to inform staff about other AWCH initiatives in addition to the AWCH Ward Grandparent Scheme. All the ward grandparents who attended had received their badges and did not identify any training needs.

NATIONAL SURVEY ON THE PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE OF CHILD PATIENTS (AND FAMILIES) IN HOSPITAL

In 1992 AWCH surveyed all Australian hospitals with 5 or more paediatric beds to examine the standard of psychosocial care in hospitals at that time. In 2004, AWCH is undertaking a comparative study to see what, if anything has changed since 1992. This project is being conducted in conjunction with the University of Western Sydney through their Research Internship Program (contact Freny Tayebjee: f.tayebjee@uws.edu.au).

The timeline for the project is:

14 May	Surveys posted to all Australian Hospital with 5 or more paediatric beds
early June	Survey return
1 July	Analysis completed
30 July	Report due

AWCH hopes to have the original 1992 report available on the AWCH website soon, as well as the 2004 report when completed in August.

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN: MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE PRESENTATION

Gail Tomsic, AWCH NSW Vice President presented *Healthy Solutions for Children: Making the Right Choice* to the Children's Hospital Australasia Conference in April. See AWCH website for the paper and Powerpoint presentation <http://www.awch.org.au/policy.html>

HEALTH UPDATES

ABC AND OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

FATIGUED TEENS NEED EARLY TREATMENT (Health News: 04/03/2004)
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublish_1058165.htm

SCHIZOPHRENIA RISKS (The Health Report: 08/03/2004)
Researchers suggest that things pregnant women may be exposed to could increase the risk of schizophrenia in their children, and other studies suggest that there may be signs of schizophrenia risks in early childhood.
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s1061844.htm>

EXPECTANT MUMS, KIDS WARNED OFF EATING TOO MUCH FISH (News Online: 8/03/2004)
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s1068242.htm>

HELEN MCGRATH (George Negus Tonight: 09/03/2004)
Dr Helen McGrath is a senior lecturer in psychology at Deakin University. She's also a member of the National Coalition Against Bullying and has written extensively on the subject. A discussion on the issue of bullying at school, work, in the community and at home.
<http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/people/Transcripts/s1062986.htm>

NEW ASTHMA TEST OFFERS TAILORED TREATMENT (TV News: 10/03/2004)
http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s1063236.htm

OZDOCS ON LINE - GP CONSULTATIONS ON THE WEB (The Health Report: 15/03/2004)
In some cases patients may now be able to consult their GP online through a secure website.
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s1066690.htm>

CROHN'S DISEASE (George Negus Tonight: 16/03/2004)

Three-year-old JT is one of the youngest people in the world to have Crohn's disease. His plight is made worse by the severity of his case. He has spent over two and a half years in hospital and has now had his bowel removed. His parents talk about how they cope with their child's illness.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/people/Transcripts/s1067682.htm>

PAINKILLING PATCH MEANS NO MORE PRICKS

(Health News: 17/03/2004)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_1067501.htm

TYPE-2 DIABETES ON RISE IN YOUNG PEOPLE (The World Today: 17/03/2004)

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2004/s1067960.htm>

EAR PIERCING CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INFECTION (Health Minutes: 19/03/2004)

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s1069259.htm>

CATALYST: Undernourished Thursday 25 March, 8pm, ABC TV

A startling finding has emerged concerning the nutritional status of Australian school children.

<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/s1073786.htm>

AUST DOCTORS URGE CAUTION OVER VENTOLIN STUDY (The World Today: 13/04/2004)

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2004/s1086363.htm>

CONCERN OVER LEVEL OF 'KIDDIE SPEED' PRESCRIPTION (AM: 13/04/2004)

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2004/s1086220.htm>

ANTIDEPRESSANTS FOR KIDS MAY BE 'HYPED' (Health News: 12/04/2004)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_1084314.htm

FUNNY DOCTORS MAY MISS THE MARK (Health News: 28/04/2004)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_1096580.htm

PARENTS WARNED HEART DISEASE CAN BEGIN EARLY (TV News: 27/04/2004)

http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/sophie_scott/newsitems/s1095952.htm

OBESITY - OF PRIMARY CONCERN (The Sports Factor: 23/04/2004)

Recent figures show that in some areas of Sydney, the number of obese or overweight children is one in three. Despite this, only one State, Victoria, has compulsory PE in primary schools.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/sportsf/stories/s1092357.htm>

[WORD UP](#) (GNT People: 20/04/2004) When we first met Sean Codd and Josh Wood, they were shy, introverted boys. Their severe stuttering problem meant that they couldn't enjoy the things that other kids their age just took for granted like playing sport or ordering an ice cream. But after just three days of learning the techniques to control their stutters, life has turned around for both boys.

<http://www.abc.net.au/gnt/people/Transcripts/s1091725.htm>

[BENEFITS OF EARLY DENTAL TREATMENT IN CHILDHOOD](#) (Health Report: 19/04/2004)

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s1090974.htm>

SERVICES AND THEIR CONTACT DETAILS

[Reggie' Launches Australia-Wide Mental Health Youth Project](#)

Regina Bird (winner of Big Brother 3) joined SANE Australia and secondary schools across the country on 16 March to launch www.itsallright.org – an important new website for young people with a parent or friend affected by mental illness.

[High-Quality, Long-Term, Supported Accommodation For Your Intellectually Disabled Child](#)

Noracom Incorporated is currently building two new houses at Watsonia, each providing accommodation for 4 residents, which may provide an opportunity for the long-term accommodation needs of your own child.

Contact Email: anitao@ixa.net.au

[Accessible Holiday Accommodation Offer at Red Hill, Victoria](#)

Half price offer on accommodation for people who feel like getting away. The offer applies to people with a disability and carers. Contact Email:

red-house@bigpond.com

The NSW Centre for Intellectual Disability (NSWCID) is involved in a new project entitled "[Best Buddies](#)" which is a non-profit organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disability by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendship. For more information go to: <http://www.bestbuddies.org/index.asp?F=1> or visit the NSWCID at www.nswcid.org.au.

[Easy Medicare Claiming for country customers](#) If you live in a rural or remote area it can be very difficult to visit a Medicare office to make a claim. To help people in this situation, the Medicare telephone claiming service provides a special 1300 number. That means you can claim Medicare benefits 24 hours a day, seven days a week—for the cost of a local call—and there's no need to fill in a claim form. For information about Medicare claiming outside capital cities, call Medicare telephone claiming on 1300 360 460

The Deaf Children Australia Youth Awards are now open for all residents of Australia who are Deaf/Hearing Impaired and are between the ages of 15 to 21. For more information please contact Megan Grant, Marketing and Community Events Coordinator at Deaf Children Australia, Ph: (03) 9539 5300, TTY: (03) 9510 7143 Fax: (03) 9525 2595 or email - megangrant@vsdc.org.au website www.vsd.org.au

TELSTRA SMS MESSAGING

Telstra Mobile post-paid and pre-paid customers can now send Talking Text™ messages to most Telstra fixed home and business phones. The service converts the text into speech and reads it to the person answering the fixed phone, who will soon be able to choose to reply from a series of simple, pre-set text responses. www.telstra.com.au/talkingtext

[Link](http://www.link.disability.com.au) examining issues from a disability perspective. Take a sneak preview at www.link.disability.com.au

National Volunteer Skills Centre (NVSC) is now rapidly increasing the resources available to support training. www.nvsc.org.au/Othermaterials.html for Training Support Materials www.nvsc.org.au/information.html for Information Sheets

COPMI (Children of Parents with Mental Illness) Project

The new COPMI web site, unveiled in April 2004, has key resources for people and services working with children of parents with a mental illness, such as 'Principles and actions for services and people working with children of parents with a mental illness'. See: <http://www.copmi.net.au/>

[Bursting the bubble](http://www.burstingthebubble.com) is a web site for Australian teenagers living with family violence or abuse -- witnessing domestic violence, or experiencing physical or sexual abuse or neglect. See: <http://www.burstingthebubble.com>

Providing a Break for Carers Call 1800 059 059

The Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre provides support for the carers of younger people with moderate, severe or profound disabilities, frail older people, people with a terminal illness in need of palliative care, people with dementia and people with dementia and challenging behaviours in the Hunter region of NSW.

<http://www.paediatric-asthma.org> Paediatric Asthma - a one stop website for the latest on childhood asthma - providing relevant content for researchers and practitioners.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/TRAINING

THE 9TH EUROPEAN FORUM ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE
12-14 May 2004 Copenhagen
<http://www.quality.bmj.com>

SUPERVISION SKILLS FOR THOSE WHO SUPERVISE PEOPLE WHO SEXUALLY OFFEND AGAINST CHILDREN

25 May 2004

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/CSOCASTD.html>

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Please visit us online at www.kids.nsw.gov.au

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE HUMAN SERVICES

27-28 May 2004 Entertainment Centre, Melbourne

Contact Vern Hughes by fax: (03) 9326 8030

email hotham@sub.net.au or 2 Elm St, North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

ONE OF THE KIDS - PART TWO UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

30 May 2004 , Mittagong NSW

To register contact Libby King (02) 9869 0866 or Freecall: 1800 620 588

PO Box 502 Epping 1710 e-mail: workshops@family-advocacy.com

EPILEPSY & YOUR CHILD

16 June 2004, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

Enquiries: 02 9802 0828 Email: family2family@optusnet.com.au

IMPROVING PATIENT FLOWS- ELECTIVE SURGERY

2 - 3 September 2004 Brisbane, QLD

Australian Resource Centre For Healthcare Innovations

<http://www.archi.net.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/117232>

Ph : 02 49 85 3165 Fax : 02 49 85 3164

Email : alisha.hinds@hunter.health.nsw.gov.au

4-DAY WORKSHOP FOR ALL PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

16-19 August, FPV Box Hill

Applications close July 26

For further information, cost and application forms contact:

Rachel McIntosh 03 9345 6673 or email education.training@rch.org.au

Or Merran Guest 03 9345 6671 or email merran.guest@rch.org.au

www.rch.org.au/cah

CREATING A PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

8-10 September 2004 Glasgow

Alan Macquarrie, Library and Information Officer

Scottish Institute for Residential Child Care

Sir Henry Wood Building, 76 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow G13 1SU, Scotland

0141-950 3188

<http://www.sircc.strath.ac.uk/>

FIRST NORTH AMERICAN / FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME

12-15 September 2004 Montreal

Further information: Steven Franks , National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome 2955 Harrison Blvd., Ste. 102, Ogden, UT, 84403. Email sefranks@mindspring.com. Web <http://www.dontshake.com>.

3RD WORLD CONFERENCE THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PREVENTION OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DISORDERS

September 15 - 17, 2004: AUCKLAND AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
<http://www.charity.demon.co.uk/conference.htm>

THE CRITICAL EARLY CHILDHOOD YEARS - RETHINKING CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND STRATEGIES

1-2 October 2004 Melbourne, Vic
Gini Solutions, PO Box 123, East Kew Vic 3102. Tel: (03) 9859 5508.
Mobile: 0419 178 138. Fax: (03) 9859 0519.
Email: ginisolutions@bigpond.com QEC website: <http://www.qec.org.au>

PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES, HEALTH SERVICES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

October 6 - 10, 2004 - Atlanta, GA, USA.
<http://www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/nationalconference.html>

IDEAS Expo 2004

18-20 September 2004 Dubbo NSW
Contact the IDEAS Inc office on 1800 029 904 or email ideas@ideas.org.au for more information.

MELBOURNE 2005 DEAFLYMPIC GAMES

5-16 January 2005
Tickets will go on sale on Monday May 31st 2004.
Click here to view the ticket prices and further information - http://www.deaflympics.com/mel2005/sport_ticketingfinal.asp

FREE DISABILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

<http://www.yooralla.com.au/>
Yooralla's award-winning community education program aims to educate as many Victorians as possible about the issues affecting people with disabilities.

MEDIA RELEASES and NEWS

TITLE: [NEW MEDICARE HEALTH CHECKS FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS](http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb052.htm)
<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb052.htm>

TITLE: [GOVERNMENT HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF BREASTFEEDING](http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb048.htm)
<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb048.htm>

TITLE: [MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | POPULAR GRANDPARENT'S BOOKLET GOES NATIONAL](#)

http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/minister2.nsf/content/mirabel_book.htm

TITLE: MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | NATIONAL PARENTING WORKSHOP

http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/minister2.nsf/content/national_parenting_workshop.htm

FIRST INTERNATIONAL NO-SMACKING DAY FOR TASMANIA - THE CHILD FRIENDLY STATE

<http://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au/parents/smacking.html>

YOUR SHOUT: YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALCOHOL

The Play Now Act Now short film festival is open again this year for all budding filmmakers aged 18-25 across NSW to express their ideas on the issues of heavy alcohol consumption. www.playnowactnow.net.au

Samantha McFayden, Festival Director

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s.mcfayden@metroscreen.org.au www.metroscreen.org.au

TITLE: HELP BEGINS AT HOME - \$2.5 MILLION EXTRA FOR TASMANIAN HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/jb/bis056.htm>

TITLE: MINISTER FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | STUDY ON IMPACT OF GAMBLING ON YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/minister1.nsf/content/gambling_habits.htm

TITLE: NEW MEDICAL CENTRES TO EASE PRESSURE ON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb040.htm>

TITLE: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES PARENTS AND CARERS TO PARTICIPATE IN WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

<http://www.health.gov.au/mediarel/yr2004/ta/abb038.htm>

TITLE: MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | HELPING ORGANISATIONS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

http://www.facs.gov.au/Internet/Minister2.nsf/content/child_protection_standards.htm

UK CHILDREN'S BILL PUBLISHED

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/articles/article.asp?liarticleid=43962&liSectionID=22&sKeys=&liParentID=26>

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND HEARD BY THE NHS

Over 120,000 parents and young people are to be asked for their views on the NHS services they have received in the first and largest survey of its kind in England.

<http://www.chi.nhs.uk/eng/news/2004/feb/06.shtml>

TITLE: MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | EVERY CHILD IS IMPORTANT

http://www.facs.gov.au/Internet/Minister2.nsf/content/every_child_is_important.htm

TITLE: MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | HOW ARE OUR CHILDREN FARING?

http://www.facs.gov.au/Internet/Minister2.nsf/content/how_are_our_child_ing_faring.htm

TITLE: MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS | GOVERNMENT IN PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE QUALITY CHILD CARE

http://www.facs.gov.au/Internet/Minister2.nsf/content/quality_child_care.htm

EUROPEAN UNION OFFICIALS ARE PROPOSING TO SPEND MORE THAN £30M TO TRY TO MAKE THE INTERNET SAFER FOR CHILDREN.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/3506478.stm>

DO YOU HAVE AN INDUSTRY CONTACT WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM A UWS COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS PROJECT?

Web: <http://apps.uws.edu.au/staff/mailboss/stories.phtml?ID=17545XP>

Olivia Louis o.louis@uws.edu.au

ROYAL BLIND SOCIETY AUDIO DESCRIBERS

Audio Description has been introduced into the Canberra Theatre Centre Subscriptions Season 2004, to increase access for vision impaired & blind patrons. On the night of the performance the Audio Describers & the vision impaired & blind patrons will enter the theatre 20 -30 minutes before the performance. The Audio Describers will give them some background information. Eg set design, the scenery, notes on the performance. For more information on Audio Described & Auslan Interpreted performance please call Canberra Ticketing on 02 6275 2700 or log onto Canberra Theatre Centre at www.canberratheatre.org.au

Source: Nican Network News Autumn 2004 Vol 13, No1

DOROTHY SHAW YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION - OPENING SOON

Do you like writing stories? We are looking for great stories from young people aged between 6 and 18 years. If you are Deaf or have a hearing impairment this is your chance! Winning stories will be published during book Week in August. Visit the Australian Communication Exchange for a entry form & more information at

<http://www.aceinfo.net.au/News/index.html>

DRUG ACTION WEEK®

21-25 June 2004

Website: <http://www.drugactionweek.org.au/>

Contact Name: Kai Hodgkin

Contact Phone: 02 6281 0686

Contact Email: info@drugactionweek.org.au

STARS LEAD THE CHARGE ON OBESITY

CATHY Freeman, James Hird and other top sports stars could be promoting healthy lifestyle messages to overweight children under a new budget plan to tackle Australia's obesity problem.

http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,9473218%255E662,00.html

BOOKS, RESOURCES, REPORTS

NO WAY, WHICH WAY? INTERACTIVE CD ROM

About students with Tourette's syndrome for Parents and Educators.

<http://www.tsavic.org.au/>

YOUTH FIELD XPRESS (EMAIL NEWSLETTER) MARCH ISSUE

Published by the Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies, is now available. <http://www.acys.utas.edu.au/yfx/2004-03.htm>

NEW PUBLICATION - YOUTH STUDIES AUSTRALIA (JOURNAL) MARCH 2004 EDITION

<http://www.acys.utas.edu.au/ncys/ysa/media-releases/2004-23-01.htm>

Contact Name: K. Robinson

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ONLINE ARTICLES

Healthy children aged 6 to 24 months, household contacts, and out-of-home caregivers of all children younger than 24 months, and healthcare professionals should be immunized.

Medscape Medical News2004

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/472038>

New Clinical Practice Guidelines for Acute Otitis Media

The AAFP and AAP convened a committee, in partnership with the AHRO and SCEBPC, and developed guidelines for diagnosis and initial treatment of children.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/471768>

This month's Journal Scan features articles about the risk factors for firesetting and the psychological impact of child and adolescent obesity, among others

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470950?mpid=26190>

A comparative study of the care of hospitalized children in developed and developing countries.

<http://adt.library.uq.edu.au/public/adt-QU2001.0013/>

Adolescent Depression and Suicide

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/423338>

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Current Diagnosis and Treatment

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420198>

A pediatric Update: newborn through to adolescence

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/445472?src=search>

Are Oppositional Defiant and Conduct Disorder Symptoms Normative Behaviors in Preschoolers? A Comparison of Referred and Nonreferred Children

http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470950_4

Changing the Lives of Children With Special Needs Through Medicaid Managed Care

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/405556?src=search>

Childhood and Adolescent Predictors of Major Depression in the Transition to Adulthood

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/466931?src=search>

Children's Heart Services A guide to care standards Guidelines for Paediatric Cardiac Services in the UK <http://www.childrens-heart-fed.org.uk/care%20standards.htm>

Childhood Family Violence History and Women's Risk for Intimate Partner Violence and Poor Health

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/463965?src=search>

Clinical Utility and Policy Implications of a Statewide Mental Health Screening Process for Juvenile Offenders

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/451895?src=search>

Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Depression

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420214>

Family Practice in 2010

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/423334>

Healthy Eating and Activity Together (HEAT): Weapons Against Obesity

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/458617?src=search>

Hospital attendance patterns in long term survivors of cancer

<http://www.archdischild.com/cgi/content/abstract/archdischild%3b89/4/374?etoc>

Impact of Computer/Video Games on Youth

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/445542?src=search>

Inquiry into the management of care of children receiving complex heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary

http://www.bristol-inquiry.org.uk/final_report/index.htm

Is Email Interaction Feasible for Intervention With Women and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence? A Literature Review

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/459382?src=search>

Kid's Popular Culture: The Selling of Childhood

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/446617?src=search>

Management of Acute Asthma Exacerbation

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420208>

Media Violence: Advice for Parents

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/448017?src=search>

Nursing in Iraq: Starting From Scratch

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470849>

Nursing Standards, Education and Workforce Planning in Paediatric Care

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/01/43/68/04014368.pdf>

OTC Weight Loss Aids: Safe in Teens?

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/407635?src=search>

Pediatric Excellence in Health Delivery Systems

<http://www.childrenshospitals.net/Content/ContentGroups/Publications/Reports/1375ped.pdf>

Prevalence and Development of Psychiatric Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/461124?src=search>

Pediatric Sports Medicine: The Changing Role of the Pediatrician

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420202>

Psychiatric Aspects of Child and Adolescent Obesity: A Review of the Past 10 Years

http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470950_2

Reading Disability Update

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420200>

Soft Drinks, Schools, and Obesity

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470344?mpid=25853>

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Children

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420203>

UK NSF for Children: hospital services

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/06/72/51/04067251.pdf>

Violence in Teen rated Video Games

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/468087>

What are the Special Needs of Adolescent Patients with HIV/AIDS?

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/420213>

Young Adult Follow-up of Hyperactive Children: Antisocial Activities and Drug Use

http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/470950_3

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Cultural Competence: How Far Have We Come? (Discussion)

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgFeaturedDiscussionsTwo.php>

Evidence-Based Practice in Children's Mental Health

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgFeaturedDiscussionsTwelve.php>

More Questions than Answers: Single Parenthood and Child Mental Illness (Discussion)

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgFeaturedDiscussionsFive.php>

Poverty and Children's Mental Health

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgFeaturedDiscussions.php>

In the UK Community Care news editor Lauren Revans interviewed children's minister Margaret Hodge about the new Children Bill. This is a full transcript of the interview...

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/articles/article.asp?liarticleid=44031&liSectionID=3&liParentID=2>

http://online.anu.edu.au/caepr/Publications/DP/2003_DP253.pdf Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University (PDF file). Anne Daly and Diane Smith examine the analytic usefulness and practical implications of the concepts of 'exclusion' and 'inclusion' in a cross-cultural context. The focus is on the socioeconomic wellbeing of Indigenous children, in the context of the families and households in which they live, and an alternative perspective with an emphasis on Indigenous children's inclusion and participation within their own culturally based family, social and economic systems.

VIOLENCE, THREATS AND INTIMIDATION IN THE LIVES OF PROFESSIONALS WHOSE WORK INVOLVES CHILDREN

Freda Briggs, Donna Broadhurst and Russell Hawkins find that workers across a range of professions may be subjected to a variety of stressful and damaging behaviours that can impact on their long-term ability to protect children. The emotional and health effects can lead to physical and psychological illness and burn-out which, in turn, may lead to absence from work, transfer and even resignation.

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi2/tandi273.html>

LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM ABILITY TECHNOLOGY

Ability Technology work with you to choose the best way for you to use a

computer. They look at options that will maximise your independence.

<http://www.abilitycorp.com.au/>

ACCESS FOR ALL ABILITIES NEWSLETTER - EASTERN REGION

Access for All Abilities Newsletter, February edition, highlights some of the new program developments and projects for individuals with a disability in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

<http://www.disabilitynews.foxchange.net.au/news/items/2004/02/00481-upload-00001.pdf>

CARING FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT WITH MENTAL DISORDERS: SETTING WHO DIRECTIONS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, GENEVA, 2003 http://www.who.int/mental_health/media/en/785.pdf

A HEAD START FOR AUSTRALIA: AN EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK - NSW AND QLD COMMISSIONERS FOR CHILDREN. This report was jointly developed by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, the Commission for Children and Young People (Qld) and the National Investment for the Early Years (NIFTeY).

www.kids.nsw.gov.au/files/headstart_full.pdf

NDYA FEBRUARY/MARCH 2004 NEWSLETTER now available! The NDYA News Update is designed to facilitate the sharing of news, events and other information related to the health of young people and primary care with GPs, Divisions of General Practice and other youth health stakeholders. <http://ndya.adgp.com.au>

THE PROFILE OF YOUNG AUSTRALIANS The Foundation for Young Australians hopes that the Profile will be a catalyst for positive change in the areas where it is needed and will further the case for young people to have meaningful decision making roles and greater participation in the areas that are important to them. www.youngaustralians.org

New, improved WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK GUIDELINES came into effect on Friday 23 April. The Guidelines help to protect children in the workplace without restricting the capacity of workers to provide care, comfort and guidance. A copy of the revised Guidelines can be downloaded at: <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/check/employer.html>

Recent publications relating to INFORMATION ON CHILD ABUSE have been updated on the web site of the National Child Protection Clearinghouse. You can find this information on the What's New page and at:

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/afsapubs.html>

YOUNG PEOPLE TALK ALCOHOL - A NEW 'ASK THE CHILDREN' RESOURCE

"I saw the effects of alcohol through my dad and sometimes mum. I don't need any more information about alcohol, I need information and support about how to deal with the effects of alcohol." (17 year old girl whose father is an alcoholic). The NSW Commission for Children and Young People spoke with 150 young people in the lead-up to the 2003 NSW Summit on Alcohol Abuse on their experiences with alcohol and their ideas for reducing alcohol-related harm within the community.

The young people told the Commission about what they know about alcohol, why they drink, how they get alcohol and the impact of alcohol in their lives. Based on these interviews, the Commission has produced a new resource in our 'Ask the Children' series called 'Young people talk alcohol'. The resource is a great starting point to understanding what young people are going through with alcohol and how to best help kids who are experiencing alcohol-related problems.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/ask.html>. Hard copies of the resource are also available and can be obtained by calling the NSW Commission for Children and Young People on 02 9286 7239.

The Australian e-Journal for the Advancement of Mental Health - Volume 3 Issue 1 (April 2004) is now online and available from the Auseinet site.

<http://auseinet.flinders.edu.au/journal/vol3iss1/index.php>

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN AUSTRALIA 2001-02

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm?type=detail&id=10004>

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS AND QUALIFIED STAFF

Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales.

New South Wales is experiencing a shortage of early childhood trained staff in children's services for children under school age. Research has consistently identified the employment of qualified staff as an indicator of good quality child care. Prue Warrillow, Karen Fisher, Katherine Cummings, Jennifer Sumsion and Cynthia a'Beckett investigated the extent and reasons for the apparent shortage of early childhood qualified staff and make recommendations to address the problem. Some of these solutions are outside the responsibility of the NSW government but require the communication of the findings by the Office of Childcare to ensure their implementation.

<http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/newreports/Early%20ChildhoodTeachersFinalApril04.pdf>

VICTORIAN INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BODY IMAGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND ASSOCIATED EFFECTS ON THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Submissions to the 'Inquiry into Issues relating to the development of body image among young people' (Victorian Parliament Family and Community Development Committee) need to be made by 3 September 2004. The committee is required to report to Parliament by 31 December 2004. A guide for making submissions can be found on the committee's web site at: <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/>

STREETWIZE COMICS

[HTTP://WWW.STREETWIZE.COM.AU/PUBLICATIONS.HTML](http://www.streetwize.com.au/publications.html)

CONSUMER GUIDE: HOW TO CHOOSE A GP

Accessing medical services is all about choice these days. And while choice is empowering, it also requires us to research and make judgments about what's on offer. What sort of medical service suits you best, and how do you tell the good from the bad? Find out in this Health Matters Consumer Guide. <http://www.abc.net.au/health/cguides/chooseagp.htm>

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