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Dear Members and new subscribers

This is email newsletter No. 17 from the Association for the Welfare of Child Health (AWCH). You can now access previous newsletters on the AWCH website www.awch.org.au

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Happy Easter!

AWCH ACTIVITIES

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Register Now!

AWCH CONFERENCE

Registrations are rolling in thick and fast: **don't miss out – register today!**

'Healthy Solutions for Children: Making the Right Choice'
10th National Conference for the Association for the Welfare of Child Health
28, 29 April 2005
Carlton Hotel Parramatta, Sydney

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM:

Session 6.2 was withdrawn and is replaced by "Family centred care: Involving families in child health care. An overview of family based care and discussion of the challenges facing children and their families when living with a chronic illness or disability. Leigh Wilson & Elizabeth Harnett Children's Hospital Westmead. NSW"

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP (Session X) - Thursday 28 April, 1.30 - 3.00 pm
"Dealing with Child & Adolescent Weight Issues." This workshop will cover the causes of body image concerns, eating disorders and child obesity in children and adolescents as well as preventive activities for school, clinical and community settings. The focus will be on the development of a positive body image and participation in physical activity using the self esteem approach and how these activities can be delivered in the classroom, in groups, in families and community settings. Discussion of broad scale environmental strategies and a more holistic approaches will also be discussed." Dr Jennifer O'Dea Senior Lecturer Faculty of Education University of Sydney

Session 12 was withdrawn and is replaced by "a workshop on 'Nurse, Pass Me The Strength Cards!: Seriously Optimistic Tools for Building Healthy Conversations.' Russell Deal St Luke's Innovative Resources Bendigo VIC.

Session 14.1 'Mental health in the adolescent male secondary school student' will not be presented, a paper will be available in the session.

INFORMATION:

Contact Sharyn Low ~ sharyn@mob.com.au OR complete the on line form at www.mob.com.au/awch2005

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Sharyn Low from Matrix On Board
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AWCH 2005 'Healthy Solutions for Children: Making the Right Choice'
28, 29 April 2005 Parramatta Carlton Hotel
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AWCH STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

As part of the AWCH Review, a strategic planning day was held on 25 February 2005. John Peacock, NFP Consultants, facilitated the planning day which had 20 keen and enthusiastic AWCH members attend. AWCH would like to thank all those who attended for giving up their time and contributing so much towards the success of the day. There will be a follow up meeting of the national steering committee to further develop the strategic direction of the Association on 27 April – the evening before the AWCH Conference!

TRANSITION CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS / DISABILITY

A Youth Forum is planned for 22 April at Luna Park. We are hoping to attract about 20-25 young people aged from about 16-25 with a range of chronic conditions and disabilities to join us from 10-4pm to share their experiences of either preparing to move or moving from paediatric to adult health services and to tell us what they feel is needed. There is excellent disabled access and good public transport to Luna Park. There will be free rides included during the lunch break and the day will be facilitated by a professional skilled at running groups with young people. It would be appreciated if you could either invite young people who you think might be interested and who meet the criteria or pass this onto others in your organisation who work with young people. Lynne Brodie, Program Manager Transition Care GMTT Ph: 9887-5578 Fx: 9887-5646 lbrodie@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT WESTMEAD THE CARER SUPPORT PROGRAM

When a parent or carer finds out that their child needs to go to hospital, the range of emotions they experience is enormous. As parents, we care for our children regardless of their state of health. However caring for a child with a sudden illness or chronic condition places an added level of stress on any parent or carer. In addition many families may be required to travel long distances for treatment or assessment, placing a strain on time, finances and other family members.

Caring for someone can be an extremely rewarding experience, however the challenges of additional responsibilities can take their toll on relationships between parents, siblings and other extended family. Caring for someone full time can also cause physical health problems including mental and physical exhaustion, heart disease, hypertension, stress and burnout.

As part of the Australian Government's 'Caring for Carers' initiative, the NSW Department of Health has made funding available through 'Carers NSW' to develop a Carer Support Program in each Area Health Service in NSW. At The Children's Hospital at Westmead the Carer Support Program aims to enhance and improve existing services for parents and carers of children with chronic illnesses, conditions or disabilities who attend the hospital either as inpatients or outpatients.

Leigh Wilson (Carer Support Coordinator) is available to assist with any enquiries you may have relating to parent and carer support services at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. She would like to talk to people who come to the Children's Hospital frequently, to try and identify areas where we can improve services for parents and carers of children with chronic illnesses, conditions or disabilities. Leigh can be contacted on 9845 3590, or, if you are coming to the Children's Hospital, in 'Kids Health' on Level 2.

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AGSA has many families who would like to have contact with others who are affected by the following conditions:

- Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome
- Trisomy 16 partial and Monosomy 8
- Maffucci Syndrome
- Cerebella Hypoplasia
- Pallister Killian syndrome
- Pheochromocytoma
- Very long chain Acl-CoA Dehydrogenase deficiency
- Nail Patella Syndrome

Please contact AGSA agsa@ozemail.com.au

Website: www.agsa-geneticsupport.org.au

HEALTH UPDATES

ABC AND OTHER HEALTH UPDATES

RESEARCHERS UNLOCK FAIRYTALE-AUTISM CONNECTION (PM: 11/03/2005) <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2005/s1321708.htm>

MILK NOT ALWAYS BEST FOR KIDS' BONES (Health & Medical News: 08/03/2005)
http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_1318412.htm

NEW STUDY SHOWS YOUNGER GIRLS WORRYING ABOUT WEIGHT (PM: 08/03/2005) <http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2005/s1318873.htm>

MESSING WITH HEADS (Four Corners: 07/03/2005) Young cannabis users in treatment for psychosis speak openly about their experiences, while doctors and drug specialists explain what the new research means for young people's mental health.

<http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/content/2005/s1315274.htm>

ADVANCES IN EARLY DETECTION OF DEAFNESS AMONG INFANTS In Australia, about 400 of the 250,000 Australian babies born each year is born deaf, an estimated 20,000 worldwide. Deafness in infants has several causes, including infection and genetics. Its consequences can include lower intellectual development, learning, speech and behavioural problems.

http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=01553

SCHOOLS TO OUTLINE SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS (AM: 09/02/2005)

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2005/s1298936.htm>

OPERATION WENDY (Australian Story: 07/02/2005) Despite being born with a hare lip and double cleft palate, Wendy Harmer has become one of Australia's best-known performers. Last year she was contacted by the Interplast organisation, a non-profit organisation providing free reconstructive surgery for needy children and adults in developing nations. It invited her to share her knowledge about overcoming a facial deformity by visiting children in Fiji born with the same condition.

<http://www.abc.net.au/austory/content/2005/s1297430.htm>

ALL IN THE MIND: Brain injury in children: a neglected epidemic?

What happens when little heads hit hard surfaces? When Byron was 4 years old he walked into the path of a car and was left severely brain damaged. Twenty-one years later, he has graduated with a maths degree. But new evidence is starting to challenge long-held beliefs about the incredible plasticity of young brains, and their needs years after childhood injury. Is brain injury a neglected epidemic among children and adolescents? <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/mind/>

DOCUMENTARY: A child's world - The facts of life. Part two of a series charting the key developments and achievements that mark the way on every human being's journey to becoming a fully-fledged person. This week deals with issues of gender identity and mortality.

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/guide/netw/200502/highlights/250301.htm>

'Puppy fat' a Cause of Social Suffering Obese and even slightly overweight children can suffer socially and psychologically, and parents should not dismiss their children's state as unimportant, new Australian research has confirmed. (The Australian, 5 January 2005).

<http://www.healthnews.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20050115003b.shtml>

LITERACY (The Health Report: 17/01/2005) Dr Reid Lyon, Director of Child Development and Behaviour at the US National Institute of Child Health and Development, talks about the latest evidence on teaching literacy, and the enormous gap between what teachers are trained to do and what they need to do in the classroom.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/talks/8.30/helthrpt/stories/s1266657.htm>

HEALTH LESSONS LEARNED FROM 21-YEAR SCIENTIFIC STUDY (7.30 Report: 13/01/2005)

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2005/s1281756.htm>

CONDOM USE IS DOWN AND STIs ARE UP (ABC South West WA: 12/01/2005) Research by the Western Australian Department of Health shows that the incidence of the sexually transmissible disease chlamydia is on the rise in that state.

<http://www.abc.net.au/southwestwa/stories/s1280269.htm>

Martial arts 'help calm teen anger' By Rosemary Desmond January 6, 2005. Teaching the principles of martial arts to teenage boys may help them manage their anger, an Australian researcher believes.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00700

MUM, I SNORTED THE CHRISTMAS TREE (Health & Medical News: 15/12/2004)

http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/health/HealthRepublsh_1265592.htm

SHOULD YOU BE EATING THAT? New research, fad diets and urban myths make the task of choosing healthy food more and more challenging. This week, Health and Primary Care News looks at the hype around our obsession with food.

<http://www.healthnews.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20050128005b.shtml>

The Minister for Education Services, Jacinta Allan, today announced new measures in time for the 2005 school year to help government schools combat outbreaks of head lice.

<http://www.healthnews.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20050201001b.shtml>

EYE TEST MAY DETECT ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER IN CHILDREN

Researchers From Brunel University, London, United Kingdom, say we may soon have an eye test that can identify Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children.

http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=01386

THE PULSE: SIDS MESSAGE FALLS THROUGH THE CRACKS Thanks to Red Nose Day and other public health campaigns, cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) have plummeted over the last decade. But infants are still dying of the condition. According to a new report, the 'safe sleeping' message isn't getting through to some parents.
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/thepulse/s1304684.htm>

SERVICES

The **DHI CLEARINGHOUSE** <http://www.dhi.gov.au/clearinghouse/> is a central access point of information on multicultural health in Australia. The site has events, web links and listserv sections, as well as a special focus section, featuring hot topics in diversity health. Nutrition, physical activity, drugs and alcohol, cultural competence, refugee health, and ageing are just some of the topics covered in the Clearinghouse.

<HTTP://WWW.FARMSAFE.ORG.AU/INDEX.PHP?ID=9#SAFE> Farms are great places for kids when we create the right environment, but safety for children on farms is a major concern. On average, one child under 16 years is fatally injured on an Australian farm every 10 days and many more are hospitalized or treated by General Practitioners across rural Australia.

New Radio Program "ACCESS IN THE CITY" is a program designed for People With Disabilities, Their Career's, & The Community.

It is an information & Resource program looking at:

- What's On in our community
- Up-Coming Evnets
- Community Service
- Support Group Contacts
- Famous People With A Disability
- And A Great Line Up of Music

Eventually, she will like to do interviews with Consumers & Services providers, which you are invited to be part of if you are interested. The first show will be commencing on Wednesday 2nd of March '05 at 9:00am -10:00 on 2RRR 88.5fm (Community Radio). More details are available by contacting:

Access In The City E-mail: accessinthecity@optusnet.com.au

Phone: 0413 88 10 36 Fax: 02 9817 1048

Postal: PO Box 644, Gladesville NSW 1675

NEW NATIONAL BOOKING SERVICE FOR DEAF AUSLAN USERS

Deaf Auslan users across Australia will now be able to access a national booking service, which will provide Auslan interpreted access to medical and health consultation, free of charge.

For more information, you can contact:

National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service (NABS)
930 Gympie Road, Chermside Qld 4032

Phone: 1800 24 69 45 Fax: 1800 24 69 14 TTY: 1800 24 69 48

SMS: 0427 671 261 Email: bookings@nabs.org.au

Website: www.nabs.org.au

NEW 'SPORTS ABILITY' PROGRAM. The national Sports Ability program was launched by the Australian Sports Commission in Sydney recently. Sports Ability creates opportunities for young people with disabilities, particularly those with higher support needs, to play five inclusive sport activities. See: http://www.ausport.gov.au/dsu/sports_ability.asp

EDUCATION RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER now has a new web site and the ERIC database can be searched at university libraries in Australia and at other major libraries. As of October 2004, more than 107,000 full-text non-journal documents (from 1993 onwards) that were previously available through fee-based services only, have now been made available free of charge from ERIC.

FRIENDS is a treatment and prevention program developed in Australia and designed to help young people cope with and manage anxiety and depression. <http://www.friendsinfo.net>

The **PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY** in Canberra has a useful page of calendars including links to international years proclaimed by the United Nations at: <http://www.apf.gov.au/library/intguide/sp/calendars.htm>

NEW ONLINE NETWORK FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS INTERESTED IN CHILD OR ADOLESCENT HEALTH Are you a General Practitioner with an interest in child or adolescent health? If so, why not join the Health for Kids Network. The Health for Kids online directory allows hospitals, community health centres or other agencies to find local doctors for families who do not already have a regular GP. Register as a member of the site to access an interactive library where you can search for and share resources, and a news service to help you stay informed of the latest events, publications and research. To find out more, visit the Health for Kids Network at www.healthforkids.net.au

Young People can ask the Doctor online NEW Youth Health Website. <http://www.healthnews.infoxchange.net.au/group/noticeboard/items/20050104002b.shtml>

YOUR SHOUT is a website created by and for adolescents who have a brother or sister with an illness or disability. http://www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=01277

MEDICS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL & CARDIAC TRAINING INITIATIVES. A new ABC For Life Programme will teach cardiac life-saving skills to pupils aged 10-11 years old. Additionally, the university has launched an initiative entitled Medics in Primary School, whereby 2nd year trainee doctors will teach basic healthcare to primary school children in the greater Belfast area. <http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/news/index.cfm?ccs=87&cs=13755>
<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/news/index.cfm?ccs=87&cs=13899>

TEEN.SPEAK is a group of young people with physical disabilities aged between 14-16, who get together, talk about a range of things, have a laugh and have some fun. The group will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.30–7pm, at The Spastic Centre, 189 Allambie Rd, Allambie Heights. For information and a registration form contact Lisa on 9972 8124 or email lgombinsky@tscnsw.org.au

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS/TRAINING

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN: MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE.
AWCH 10th National Conference

28-29 April 2005 Parramatta Sydney

For information contact the Conference Organiser

Sharyn Low from Matrix On Board sharyn@mob.com.au

Tel 02 4572 3079 Fax 02 4572 3972 www.mob.com.au/awch2005

Register today!

The AIF conference page has also been updated.

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

AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION ONLINE COURSES

Participants will have the opportunity to further their knowledge in specific areas related to Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

Innovative Communication Programming (ICP)

Contact: Ylana Bloom; Dolly Bhargava

Phone/Fax: 02 9876 3568 Email: bloom@iinet.net.au

HEADS TOGETHER CAMP

1 –3 April 2005. Mt. Evelyn Recreation Camp (approx. 1 hour from Melbourne) It's about meeting and getting to know other families who have had similar experiences with having a child with an Acquired Brain Injury Contact Ann Nicholson on 03 9480 1177

HOSPITALS MOVING FORWARD WITH PATIENT- AND FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

1–13 April 2005, Houston Texas

<http://www.familycenteredcare.org/pdf/IFCC-HoustonSeminar-Final.pdf>

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION 6TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

7-9 April, 2005, in Adelaide, South Australia.

www.ecconnections.com.au/pro/index.cfm?doc_id=3571

10TH EUROPEAN FORUM ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE

13-15 April 2005, ExCel, Docklands, London

For further information visit: www.quality.bmjpub.com

MOVING FROM CHILDREN'S TO ADULT HEALTH SERVICES

Friday 22 April, Sunset Room at Luna Park

Free Forum 10am to 4pm

Lynne Brodie, Program Manager, GMCT (Greater Metropolitan Clinical Taskforce) on 02 9887 5578 or email lbrodie@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AUSTRALASIA CONFERENCE

9-13 May 2005, Christchurch New Zealand

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BUILDING ON FAMILY STRENGTHS

23-25 June 2005, Portland, Oregon.

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgConference.shtml>

CHILDHOODS 2005 OSLO

29 June - 3 July 2005.

University of Oslo, Faculty of Education

PO Box 1132, Blindern, N-0317 Oslo, Norway

Tel: + 47 22 85 48 41; Fax: + 47 22 85 50 28

Email: childhoods@uv.uio.no

Website: <http://childhoods2005.uio.no>

16TH INTERNATIONAL PLAY ASSOCIATION WORLD CONFERENCE

18 - 22 July 2005, Berlin, Germany

For more information, contact:

IPA Deutschland / Recht auf Spiel e. V.

Kölnische Straße 113, 34119 Kassel, Germany

Tel.: +49 561 7394423/25; Fax: +49 561 7394424

Email: ipa.vfsj@t-online.de <http://www.ipa2005.de/>

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: ISPCAN European Regional Conference

11-14 September 2005, Berlin, Germany

Conference Secretariat

DGgKV e.V., Konferenzbüro, Mühlendamm 3, 10178 Berlin, Germany

Tel: + 49 30 27 49 64 63; Fax: + 49 30 27 49 64 62

Email: euroconf2005@dggkv.de (in German)

Website: <http://www.ispcan.org/euroconf2005>

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE INTERNATIONAL'S 17TH WORLD CONGRESS

29 September –2 October 2005, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

Children's Hospice International

901 North Pitt Street, Suite 230, Alexandria, VA 22314

703.684.0330 703.684.0226 (fax)

email: info@chionline.org website: www.chionline.org

DIVERSITY IN HEALTH 2005.

17-19 October 2005, Melbourne.

Australian Multicultural Foundation, phone 03 9457 7130 or email

info@amf.net.au

MEDIA RELEASES/NEWS

TITLE: MINISTER FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | CHANGES TO THE LISTS OF RECOGNISED DISABILITIES Family and Community

Services Portfolio URL:

http://www.facs.gov.au/Internet/minister1.nsf/content/changes_to_the_lists_of_recognised_disabilities_17mar05.htm

SNIPPET: Parents or carers of children with a disability or medical condition may find it easier to receive the Carer Allowance under changes to the Lists of Recognised Disabilities.

THE AUSTRALIAN HEALTH CONSUMER (AHC)—ARTICLES INVITED

'Youth and health' is the focus of *AHC* Issue 3 and *healthUpdate* readers are invited to submit articles for consideration. Relevant topics include young people at risk, young people as consumer advocates, young people and health services access, young people and drugs and alcohol, young people and sexuality (including safe-sex and STDs), young people with chronic conditions etc. Articles should be sent to Colleen Sheen Editor *AHC* at c.sheen@chf.org.au by Monday 9 May 2005, or you can contact her Monday–Wednesday on (02) 6273 5444 if you would like to discuss a potential article. To subscribe to *AHC* contact CHF at info@chf.org.au or on (02) 6273 5444.

DEAF CHILDREN AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH AWARDS ACCEPTING

APPLICATIONS Deaf and hearing impaired Australian residents between the ages of 15 and 21 years are invited to apply for the Youth Awards.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00856

WESTERN REGION YOUNG ASYLUM SEEKERS FORUM Young people who are asylum seekers are ineligible for many federal government services, and are often in Australia on temporary visas, which make them a particularly vulnerable group. The Western Metropolitan Regional Youth Affairs Network (RYAN) is hosting a FREE forum on issues facing young

asylum seekers and the services available to assist them.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00857

SELF HARMING YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICE SYSTEM INTERVENTION

PROJECT Project being conducted to help service systems understand how to effectively work with young people who have self harming behaviours.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00808

NATIONAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION STRATEGY An invitation to comment on the the development and implementation of programs under the National Mental Health Plan and National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00855

Check out our latest 60 SECOND INTERVIEW with Maddy Ford who is on the Children and Youth Board, and was involved with the recruitment process for Professor Al Aynsley-Green as the new children's commissioner for England at www.communitycare.co.uk

11 March 2005 - Professor Roger Byard, from the Forensic Science Centre of SA has today backed a call by SIDS and KIDS to have a national protocol for the investigation of sudden infant deaths in Australia. [SIDS and Kids website](#)

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BOOKS/RESOURCES/REPORTS

6 months to write, 16 years to live is how Eva Lynn describes her newly published book WHAT IT FEELS LIKE, anecdotes she calls them about life with her daughter who has Aspergers Syndrome. Her book aims to give parents of a child with this kind of Autism hope for a positive future. Contact Evawelynn@xtra.co.nz

MELISSA'S RAINBOW is the story of our family's struggle to care for our wee girl born with a disability. It is written as a resource for people who work in the medical, disability and caring professions. Contact josiem@infoegen.net.nz

MUST WE FEAR ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY?
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/494933>

March 2005 issue of **CYC-ONLINE** (monthly on-line magazine) is at www.cyc-net.org/cyc-online/cyconline.html

THE 'TEEN TRIPLE P' POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM: A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION. Australian Institute of Criminology
http://www.apo.org.au/linkboard/results.shtml?filename_num=01993

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR DEAFBLIND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.
<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/news/index.cfm?ccs=89&cs=13270>

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN N. IRELAND 2004
<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/consultations/index.cfm?ccs=521&cs=13235>

TWENTY NINE CHILD HOMICIDES: LESSONS STILL TO BE LEARNT FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD PROTECTION from www.womensaid.org.uk

The **AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY** has issued a discussion paper and draft rules providing statutory regulation of content delivered to mobile phones. The rules address existing and potential risks and problems associated with this content, including:

- Access by children to adult content
- Availability of explicit content
- The use of mobile chat rooms by paedophiles
- Lack of transparency in pricing information for premium mobile services, resulting in phone customers receiving high bills that are unexpected.

The discussion paper is available at <http://www.aca.gov.au/telcomm/premium/premium.htm> Questions about the discussion paper and draft rules may be directed to Melissa Jordan or Vince Humphries at the Australian Communications Authority on 03 99 63 67 24 and 03 99 63 68 44 respectively, or e-mail mobilecontent@aca.gov.au

THE CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH RESOURCE is now released in a duplicate format with information directed to a parents' perspective. The information sheets are available in Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Croatian, English, Somali, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese translations.
http://www.rch.org.au/ecconnections/news/index.cfm?doc_id=5674#baby_mass

LAYING DOWN THE CRIMINAL LAW: A HANDBOOK FOR YOUTH WORKERS.

This handbook is written and produced by the Youth Advocacy Centre (YAC, a not-for-profit legal and welfare agency for young people aged 10-17 in and around Brisbane). Using six realistic scenarios, it provides workers with information about the child protection system, the youth justice system and general issues surrounding confidentiality and negligence. YAC also offers a youth worker training program that supplements this manual. For price and availability, contact YAC, ph: (07) 3857 1155.

HIGH MORTALITY RISK FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS. In an 11-year study of almost three thousand 11- to 16-year-olds, researchers from the Centre for Adolescent Health in Melbourne found that young offenders who had been incarcerated were 14 times more likely to die young than their non-offending peers. (Source: 'The Age', 31 October 2004; see original item via the link at: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?L4CF2150A>)

STATISTICS ON JUVENILE DETENTION IN AUSTRALIA: 1981-2003.

This paper from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) gives an overview of juveniles in detention in Australia between 1981 and 2003. You can read the report in full-text on the AIC web site at: <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tbp/tbp010/>

JARA is an email newsletter on produced by the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW. See: Previous issues are available via the link at: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?L1942370A> and for more information on JARA, see: <http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/access/jara/>

NEW STUDY STRENGTHENS LINK BETWEEN MARIJUANA USE AND SCHIZOPHRENIA A new study from Maastricht University in the Netherlands has added to the evidence of links between cannabis and psychosis. See: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?W23F4250A>

THE PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE USE, RISK AND HARM IN AUSTRALIA

This 'review of the evidence' covers the full spectrum of prevention intervention measures as well as the evaluated Australian approaches to the prevention of drug supply, use and harm, the approaches to prevent or delay the uptake of licit and illicit drugs by children and young people, the current application of prevention policy and strategy in Australia, and gaps in prevention knowledge and effort. For more information, see: <http://makeashorterlink.com/?T25F6350A> For more drug-related news, see the 'ADCA News' newsletter of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia, produced bi-monthly, details at: <http://www.adca.org.au/publications/news/>

ANOREXIA NERVOSA The Third Cambridge Conference on Teenage Anorexia Nervosa took place in the UK on 2 November 2004. Presentations from that conference are now available at: <http://www.focusproject.org.uk/resources/present>

BETTER REPORTING ON AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING -- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

The 'Key National Indicators of Children's Health, Development and Well-being' bulletin states that the AIHW will be broadening its reporting on children to include influences on development, such as family and community, education and early learning, socio-economic status, and social cohesion. The widening of scope is part of a national program of indicator development, data collection and regular reporting on children's health, development and well-being. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/>

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

In the UK, youth minister Margaret Hodge has unveiled plans for a unique set of standards for every service that works with young people, as part of their 'Every Child Matters' reform program. See:

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?R27E3170A>

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY MAY BE EFFECTIVE FOR ADOLESCENTS WITH CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

In a randomized study, this intervention was associated with improvements in fatigue severity, functional impairment, school attendance, and accompanying symptoms.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/495649>

NEIGHBORHOODS, POVERTY, AND CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING, ANNE R. PEBLEY, NARAYAN SASTRY, (RP-1122) 2004. In this chapter, researchers surveyed the literature on the effects of neighborhood conditions on children's well-being. (Originally published in: Social Inequality / edited by Kathryn M. Neckerman (New York: Russell Sage, 2004), chapter 3, p. 119-145) <http://www.rand.org/child>

PARENTING INFLUENCES ON ADOLESCENT ALCOHOL USE

According to a new report from the Australian Institute of Family Studies, parents can reduce teenage drinking in the long term by delaying adolescents' uptake of alcohol.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00706

CHILD PROTECTION AUSTRALIA 2003-04

A report on child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations; children on care and protection orders; and children in out-of-home care.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00702

WORLD YOUTH REPORT 2005 NOW AVAILABLE

The advance unedited text of the Secretary General's World Youth Report 2005 is now available online. It reviews the global situation of young people in fifteen priority areas.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00694

[LIFE DOMAINS: STREET OUTREACH STATS AND FACTS 2003-2004](#)

A new report from Open Family details the impacts of its outreach work with homeless young people in Melbourne, the Hume region, Canberra and Sydney.

http://www.youth.infoxchange.net.au/news/ix/results.shtml?filename_num=00685

[GOOD DAYS AND BAD DAYS: THE EXPERIENCES OF CHILDREN OF A PARENT WITH A PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY](#). The article highlights secondary data analysis of a study that included face-to-face interviews with children describing their experiences and perceptions of living with a parent with a psychiatric disability.

<http://www.bu.edu/prj/summer2004/RiebschlegerPRJsum04%2028.1.pdf>

[FEEDBACK 2004](#) – our Annual Report for children and young people – is now available.

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/publications/feedback2004.html>

In this paper for the 2004 Australian Institute of Family Studies conference Fiona Andrews explores the preferences and experiences of women with different work/family arrangements in managing their children's healthcare.

http://www.apo.org.au/linkboard/results.shtml?filename_num=02066

[PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND - A Way Forward, 13/01/05 \[S\]](#) This reports sets out recommendations for the future for the provision of psychiatric inpatient services for children and young people in Scotland.

<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/consultations/index.cfm?ccs=523&cs=13537>

[HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2004](#). For further information, please contact: Health Promotion Team, DHSSPS, Block C4, Castle Buildings, Belfast BT4 3SQ, Tel: 028 9052 0500

<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/consultations/index.cfm?ccs=521&cs=13480>

[FAQS ON RECOVERY, RESILIENCE, AND CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH](#)

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/PDF/FAQs.pdf>

[NEW PROMISING PRACTICES IN RESPITE CARE](#). This presentation, made during the February, 2005 System of Care conference in Dallas, previews main findings and recommendations from RTC's study of respite care for families whose children have severe emotional or behavioral disorders.

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/PDF/Dallas%20SOC%20Promising%20Practices%20Presentation.pdf>

[NEED TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING](#) A new report launched this week by Save the Children UK and the University of York reveals that trends in the well-being of children across the UK are improving. "The well being of Children in the UK" shows that overall child well-being is getting better, but that there still are a number of worrying trends.

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A presentation by Professor Alan Hayes, Director of AIFS, [WHY EARLY IS NOT ENOUGH: TIMING AND SUSTAINABILITY IN EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION](#) to the Royal Children's Hospital EXPO 2005 Melbourne, 10-11 March 2005, is available at:

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/papers/papersmenu.html>

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has launched a free [SAFE PARENTING HANDBOOK](#). It provides advice for parents on a range of issues, including Babysitting, Bullying, Don't Shake the Baby, Healthy Eating and Positive Parenting.

<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/consultations/index.cfm?ccs=521&cs=13779>

[IMPROVING SAFETY FOR YOUNG DRIVERS](#). We talked with more than 130 young people around NSW to get their views about the Government's proposals for improving road safety for young drivers. Their ideas and suggestions helped us develop our submission to the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.

http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/news/lawspolicies/1109565775_26151.html

CHILDREN SEEKING ASYLUM: UK Policy of Detention Harmful. Research launched this week by Save the Children UK challenges the government's policy of detaining children for the purpose of immigration control and argues that there are workable alternatives which would protect children and improve the asylum process. [NO PLACE FOR A CHILD](#) reveals that the numbers of children being detained for immigration control are increasing, and that there are significant gaps in government policy and practice which put children at risk.

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[GIVING CHILD WITNESSES THE SUPPORT THEY NEED](#)

The Government has launched a review of how children give evidence in court proceedings, in order to ensure that child witnesses are able to give their best evidence and receive the support they need. The NSPCC and Victim Support have published In their own words: The experiences of 50 young witnesses in criminal proceedings. For further information contact: NSPCC 020 7825 2500 or Victim Support 020 7735 9166

<http://www.childpolicy.org.uk/news/index.cfm?ccs=82&cs=13191>

EARLY INTERVENTION IN SCHOOLS is a free suite of publications giving a comprehensive overview on drug education aimed at teachers, health educators, local government, parents, community and youth workers. <http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au> or 1300 85 85 84; druginfo@adf.org.au

JOBS

WANTED OFFICE ALLROUNDER! (PART-TIME)

The Youth 2 Youth Office All-Rounder has a wide range of skills in the areas of admin, communication, organisation, and project management. Your work will always differ from day-to-day but your prime responsibility is to assist the Directors of Youth 2 Youth with all the things every small, busy business needs - from paperwork, to speaking with clients, to all-hands-on-deck preparation for our inspiring workshops with young people.

In summary, Youth 2 Youth helps schools, universities, colleges, councils, youth organisations and major corporates to inspire and develop young people aged 15-35 yrs. We train young people to create their own career opportunities, job satisfaction and security by developing their enterprise and business skills - so they're equipped to start their own business or community projects, turn their ideas into reality, and find a job they love! For more information about Youth 2 Youth go to www.youth2youth.com.au

The following is a list of the type of work you will perform:

- Follow-up customer enquiries and requests
- Manage the workshop booking process
- Assist with project management of workshops
- Create the monthly IGNITE e-newsletter
- Manage our Youth Advisory Council
- Source guest speakers & mentors for workshops
- Pack & post resources for workshops
- Assist with marketing and promotions
- Filing & paperwork
- Database management
- Manage contract-facilitator relationships
- Assist with post, stationery supplies etc
- Opportunity to be trained to run Y2Y workshops for young people

Attitude needed:

Attitude is everything in this job. Every person on the Youth 2 Youth team is a socially-minded, enterprising person that works hard, creates solutions, makes a difference, and has lots of fun! You need to be a self-starter, able to work alone and with a team, always looking for how things could be done better, you take pride in attention to detail, and when needed - be the last person standing to get the job done!

Essential Skills needed:

- Communication skills - written, verbal, presentation
- Organisational skills
- Microsoft word, web and email expertise
- Experience with Excel and Quark a plus but not essential
- Professional attention to detail and deadlines
- Professional phone and email etiquette
- Resourceful manner
- Flexibility
- Enthusiasm
- Can-do and helpful attitude
- Ability to work both as a team and independently in a small office

Report to:

Karen Miles and Jessica Kiely, Directors - Youth 2 Youth

Salary:

This is a part time position for one and a half days every week - i.e. a total of 12 (twelve) hours per week, and may grow to more. You can be a PAYG employee or a contractor with your own ABN. Pay is \$20 per hour. There is a trial period of three months with an immediate start. Office located in Pennant Hills (Hills District - NW Sydney).

To apply: Send your resume to Karen Miles (Director - Youth 2 Youth) at karen@youth2youth.com.au

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