

COPMI

News Update

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A regular news brief on the recent activities of the team from the Children Of Parents with a Mental Illness national initiative.

Inaugural COPMI World Conference – Hilton Adelaide October 26-28 2009

- **The DRAFT PROGRAM is now on the website!!**
The draft programs for both the COPMI and CAMH streams of the conference are now available on line.
- **EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION closes in less than 3 weeks !!! Register on-line NOW!!!**
You are reminded that **Earlybird Registrations close on September 1**. All Earlybird registrants will be entered into a prize draw for a library of ten 'copmi' themed publications.
- **WEBSITE CHANGED temporarily**
The home page of the COPMI website has been changed until after the conference. This has allowed us to put all links to the conference activities on the page.

NEW !!! Conference Community Projects

The COPMI national initiative and AICAFMHA has launched two projects allied to the forthcoming conference. They are the **Smile Together** project and the **Photo Mosaic** project.

A project brief has been prepared for each and is being circulated widely. Both projects invite people from anywhere in Australia to participate, either as individuals or groups. The **Smile Together** project encourages groups to have media coverage. The possibility also exists for at least one group to have national television exposure, but this is still to be confirmed. Full details of each project are available from the home page of the COPMI website!

For more information email David Boots: bootsd@aicafmha.net.au

Workforce Development

People travelled to Adelaide for orientation for piloting the resource in August. Ellen Cross and Olivia McCarthy are piloting the resource in Burnie, Tasmania. Becca Allchin and Anne Holland are piloting the resource in Melbourne.

Kylie is travelling to observe the pilots and gain feedback from the trainers regarding final changes to the trainers manual.

Workforce Educators interested in becoming trained in how to utilise the resource for training purposes, can contact Kylie for an application form. The deadline for the first workshop for workforce educators (to be held in Adelaide on October 28th) closes on August 31st.

For more information email Kylie Eddy: eddyk@aicafmha.net.au.

Consumer & Carer Participation

Chris and a consumer who has contributed to all aspects of the development of the e-learning resource will present a paper at the TheMHS conference around consumer participation in the resource. Paola is working on categorising the audios collected during the development of the e-learning resource, so that they provide a ready resource for future presentations.

Chris has also been working with Luke Parsons, the newly appointed Youth Engagement Officer, to orient him into the COPMI team. Luke will play a major role in supporting the sponsored young carers and their workers at the conference.

For more information, email Chris Alliston: allistonc@aicafmha.net.au

COPMI On-line Bibliography

Don't forget that the COPMI bibliographic database is accessible on-line. The search function allows you to quickly search through more than 1880 titles in the database. The database can be accessed through the *Resources* → *View Resources* link on the home page main menu. The direct link is http://www.copmi.net.au/jsp/resources/resource_index.jsp

For information or enquiries email Susan Hubbard: hubbards@aicafmha.net.au

Research and Evaluation

The latest issue of GEMS (**G**ateway to **E**vidence that **M**atter**S**) has been added to the website. It's titled "*Issues for mental health workers when working with children and parents*". GEMS are located on the roll out menu item from the *Evidence and Evaluation* link on the main menu of the website.

Enquiries re submitting information for a future GEMS should be made by email to: researchevaluation@aicafmha.net.au (Drs Darryl Maybery and Andrea Reupert).

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