

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 latest DRAFT PROGRAM is now on the website!! – Updated 16 September 2009**

The draft programs for both the COPMI and CAMH streams of the conference are now available on line.

★ **ONLY 40 days left to REGISTER!!! Register on-line NOW!!!**

You are reminded that **Registrations close on October 26.**

Please note: **People can apply to attend any workshop, without having to register for the conference.**

★ **OPENING CEREMONY SPECIAL GUEST**

The special guest for the opening ceremony will be Natasha Stott Despoja, *beyondblue's* newest Board Director. Senator Stott Despoja was the youngest woman to enter the Australian Federal Parliament. She went on to become the leader of the Democrats and while she has now left the political arena, she continues to advocate passionately for the rights of women.

★ **Workforce Development Accreditation**

The new **Keeping Families and Children in Mind COPMI on-line mental health worker education resource** has been highly praised by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP). Their July Newsletter states: **'The resource is easy to use, interactive and is an excellent reference for psychiatrists.'**

The resource has gained endorsement and accreditation from the RANZCP and OT Australia, with more 'in the pipeline'.

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

★ **Resources launch**

The following new resources are to be launched on Sunday 25 October by the Hon. Kate Ellis, Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth:

- ★ **Keeping Families and Children in Mind COPMI on-line mental health worker education resource**
- ★ **Piecing the Puzzle Together** - Raising young children when mental illness is part of your life
- ★ **Helping to Piece the Puzzle Together** - Early childhood supplement to Piecing the Puzzle Together: Raising young children when mental illness is part of your life
- ★ **Just Being Me** - Middle years teachers' package produced in conjunction with MindMatters

★ **Community Projects**

- ★ **Smile Together** – several of these have been registered on the website. If you are planning to have a group re-create the Smiling Face conference logo, please ensure you register on-line as soon as possible.
- ★ **Photo Mosaic** – we would like people to submit pictures of groups (e.g. families, work colleagues, friends) on-line that can be used to make a large photo mosaic of the smiling face and the word **Together**, for showing at the World Conference. If individuals would like to submit a picture of themselves, it would be more than welcome.

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