

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 an Outstanding Success!!

(We are still in the process of collecting evaluation forms – if you haven't sent one in please do!)

Some of the interesting facts from the conference are:

- ☆ The total participation for the two day COPMI World Conference and joint 6th National CAMH conference was 395 people!
- ☆ We had participants from 8 countries at the conference!
- ☆ Congratulations to Ms Joyce Lewis-Affleck who was the winner of the Earlybird Registration prize draw!
- ☆ The COPMI National Family Forum plenary session was given a standing ovation by the audience. Well done to all involved!

★ Workforce Development e-learning worker education resource

The new **Keeping Families and Children in Mind COPMI on-line mental health worker education resource** has been accredited by:

- ☆ **The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists** www.ranzcp.org/
The RANZCP Committee for Training has endorsed the resource for Trainees as part of their Carer/Mental health Training Requirements.
- ☆ **OT Australia, Australian Association of Occupational Therapists** www.ausot.com.au/
- ☆ By completing the resource, you will claim 2 CPD points in Category 5b towards your Accredited Occupational Therapist CPD Points Requirements.
- ☆ **Royal Australian College of General Practitioners** www.racgp.org.au/
This activity has been approved by the RACGP QA&CPD Program. Total Points: 40 (Category 1) Activity No:746390
- ☆ **The Australian Psychological Society Ltd.** www.psychology.org.au/
Professional Development Activity (09-497) Total Points: 16 Generalist Professional Development Points
- ☆ **Australian Association of Social Workers** www.aasw.asn.au/
Total Points: 2 points per training hour.
- ☆ **Australian College of Mental Health Nurses** www.acmhn.org/

Keynote speaker, Dr William Beardslee, declared that this on-line education resource is a 'gift to the world'.

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★ Resources

The following new resources were 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 – *order online* www.copmi.net.au
- ☆ **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 – *order online* www.copmi.net.au
- ☆ **Just Being Me** - Middle years teachers' package produced in conjunction with MindMatters – this is downloadable from the COPMI website www.copmi.net.au

The National Pharmacies chain of chemist stores (in SA, Vic and NSW) are now stocking the COPMI publications **Family Talk, Best for Me and My Baby** and the new **Piecing the Puzzle Together-Raising young children when mental illness is part of your life**.

★ Community Projects

- ☆ **Smile Together** congratulations to Bridget Dillon and Rebecca Dawson from the **MHACT Health Promotion Initiative** in Canberra who successfully organised the formation of the Smiling Face at Floriade as one of their Mental Health Week events. Well done!
- ☆ **Photo Mosaic** – we would like to thank the conference participants who submitted photos for the Together mosaic which was seen on the big screen during parts of the opening ceremony of the conference.

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