



25 - 26 February 2008
RACV Club, Melbourne, Victoria

Young People, Crime and Community Safety: engagement and early intervention

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), an Australian Government agency, is Australia's national centre for research and dissemination of information on crime and justice issues. The AIC conducts research on the extent, nature and prevention of crime in order to provide timely, policy-relevant information to meet the needs of government and the community.

The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) is an incorporated association of organisations and individuals which promotes evidence-based interventions that improve safety and reduce injuries across the community. The VSCN supports a diverse range of community safety practitioners, policy makers and researchers in developing and sustaining safe environments. The VSCN is the joint auspice for Community Safety Month held in October each year.

CONFERENCE AIM

Young people are disproportionately involved in risk-taking, antisocial behaviours and other activities which compromise their safety and the safety of others. They are also highly at risk of experiencing reduced opportunities in life through the influence of such factors as low educational attainment, early school leaving, involvement with the law, low socioeconomic status, ethnicity and disability.

This two-day conference, being conducted jointly by the AIC and the VSCN, will explore approaches to integrating evidenced-based prevention and early intervention strategies to engage young people as active participants in community safety.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Abstracts are invited for papers on one or more of the following themes:

- Crime and violence
- Integrating health and community safety
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Emergency management
- Programs for young people

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Young people, those with a direct responsibility for the health, safety and wellbeing of young people, and those with research, policy and program management responsibilities, including:

- Federal, state and local government officers
- Police and emergency services officers
- Justice professionals and criminologists
- Youth organisations and workers
- Education professionals
- Health authorities and professionals
- Academics
- Community-based agencies
- Emergency services
- National and state NGOs

CONFERENCE PAPERS

The conference will include contributions on promising policies, practice and research, including papers by plenary speakers, other invited speakers and selected papers from interested persons in plenary and concurrent sessions.

Preparing an Abstract

The purpose of the abstract is to define the precise subject of the presentation for potential inclusion into the conference program. Acknowledgements, figures and referencing should not be included. Names of all co-authors along with their affiliations and contact details must be submitted with the abstract.

Abstract Specifications

Font: Arial

Title: 12pt Bold U/L case, centred

Length: Maximum 150 words

Authors: List all authors. Use superscripted numbers to identify different authors and their addresses. Underline the presenting author.

Additional Information: Provide details of papers you have presented in the past (paper title, conference location and date of presentation)

Personal Profile: A brief personal profile (maximum 100 words, sentence style) is required from the presenting author and should be sent with the abstract

Theme: Indicate on the abstract submission form which theme is covered by your abstract

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries should be directed to:

Conference Solutions

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Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be saved as a Microsoft Word document and submitted as an email attachment to: aic@con-sol.com by 5pm on **Friday 31 August 2007**. Please name the file using the presenter's full name ie: surname, first name.

Note to authors

Authors of accepted papers are expected to register and attend the full Conference. All expenses associated with this are to be covered by the presenter.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

For airfare information on travelling to Melbourne, please visit the following web sites:

Jetstar – www.jetstar.com

Virgin Blue – www.virginblue.com.au

Qantas – www.qantas.com.au

Accommodation has been reserved for conference delegates at the RACV Club and other nearby properties. Bookings will be available via the registration brochure to be distributed in November.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FORM

Notice of intention to attend

I wish to receive further information on the conference and registration forms

Call for Abstracts – Deadline 31 August 2007

Please find enclosed my abstract to be considered for theme

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Please return this form to:

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