

Network Meeting and Practitioner Workshop

“Early Intervention & Multi Effect Actions- New Directions in Health and Safety Promotion.”

9:30 am to 1.00 pm, Wednesday 16th February 2005, Royal Children’s Hospital

Speakers Program

Early Intervention & Multi Effect Actions – New Directions in Health and Safety Promotion.

Professor Frank Oberklaid

Director RCH Centre For Community Child Health

***Developmental trajectory and the life course; increased investment in children as an
important evidence-based public policy initiative***

There is now overwhelming research evidence that major challenges faced by Australian society - obesity and its medical associations, mental health problems, aggression and criminality, welfare dependency and illiteracy - have their origins in pathways that begin much earlier in life, often in early childhood. Public policy that focuses on the treatment of entrenched problems is unsustainable - treatment is expensive and efficacy is often poor. There is an accumulating body of research that points to the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of prevention and early intervention programs designed to optimise a child's developmental trajectory and ultimate life course. Increasingly we will see a recognition that an evidence-based policy focused on children to be a sound investment in the country's future prosperity.

Dr Sarah Lantz

Royal Children’s Hospital Adolescent Health

**Sex Work and Study: The new demands facing young people and their implications for
health and wellbeing**

Helen Stokes

Melbourne University Youth Research Centre

Youth Economic Participation and Mental Health and Wellbeing: Evaluation and Learnings

Lesley Hyde & Helen Thomas

Catholic Education Office

***Schools as Core Social Centres Project – Promoting and Developing School/Community
Partnerships***

The Schools as Core Social Centre project is a CEOM project funded by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth). The project is designed to assist leaders to address school wellbeing in a sustained way, with an emphasis on prevention and community partnerships fostering the development of social capital. It is understood that there are clear links between the promotion of wellbeing and learning and teaching.

Importantly the project acknowledges the links between the promotion of wellbeing, inclusivity and learning outcomes and effectively explores the interface between health and education practice.

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Please let Barbara Minuzzo know if you are coming: vscn.vscn@rch.org.au or 9345-5193 RSVP Thursday 10th February

Venue

Ella Latham Meeting Room, First Floor,
Royal Children’s Hospital, Flemington
Road, Parkville. Use Main Entrance on
Flemington Road.

Public transport

The following city trams stop directly
outside the Royal Children’s Hospital:
Elizabeth Street –No.59
William Street ---No.55

Parking

Limited street parking is available, or
use the RCH car park, entering from
Gatehouse Street. Cost is
approximately \$11.00 for 3-4 hours

9.30 - 10.00 Arrive, coffee, meet and greet - First Floor Ella Latham Meeting Room

10.00 - 10.10 **Welcome and introduction -**
Norm Free & Michael Bourne, Co-Chairs of VSCN

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11.20 - 11.40 **Panel discussion**

11.40 - 11.50 **Evaluation & Feedback VSCN Nov Conference 2004**
Mark Hennessy & Ian Danahay

11:50- 12:00 **Community Safety Month - update** *Ahmed Safi*

12:00 - 12. 15 **Open forum**
Senior Sergeant Timothy Hardiman; Executive member, VSCN.
Please fax or email news items to vscn.vscn@rch.org.au on the attached form.
Please indicate if you wish to speak about your news item.

12.20 – 12:30 **Safety Centre- Announcement of ESSO & MOBIL Product Safety Education Kits-** *Helen Rowan & Barbara Minuzzo*

12:30 - 1.00 **Light lunch – Networking**