Thursday 7 December 2017

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introduction

by Trudy Chitty, Acting Youth Project Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

1. Presentation – Respectful Relationships - Phunktional

Presented by Louisa Cox – EP Program Coordinator

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Exploring Patterns (EP) is a wellbeing educational program that supports the development of resilience in young people when faced with complex social situations and relationships. In line with the Australian Curriculum standards, the EP Program is a powerful complement to the Department of Education’s Student Agency Focus and their Respectful Relationships Program.

EP Program Overview

* Delivered over two-years, The Ep Program provides engaging art-based content for teachers and students which supports the building of resilience around issues of sexual consent, safe partying, bullying, sexting, respectful relationships and domestic violence.

Participating Schools in the EP Program commit to:

* Professional Development Workshops

PD workshops are for teachers to tailor the EP Program Units of Work to suit individual school contexts and needs. Workshops will be delivered in each school by educational specialists.

* Phunktional Education Performances

Each year Phunktional will deliver one of two educational theatre shows: Love Drunk or Who Stole the Sole? Seen by over 300,000 students nationally, these shows are powerful tools that give young people safe opportunities to explore challenging social situations, patterns and relationships.

*“Love Drunk is a powerful tool for educating young people about consent in teenage relationships. Powerful because it uses humour and themes relevant to young people to engage them around this tricky legal concept. The audience are involved, entertained, and almost without noticing it, educated.” Bevan Warner, Managing Director, Victoria Legal Aid.*

* EP Program Units of Work

Each year, teachers will deliver in-class Units of Work that focus on further developing the resilience of their students. A Unit of Work accompanies each theatre show and consists of 12 lessons, including the education performance (there are 5 pre and 6 post performancelessons). These units are notpresecriptive. They may be used as a guide to suit the context and needs of students in your school.

1. Presentation – Empower South Sudanese Youth Wellbeing Project

Presented by Michael Apout, Youth Worker

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About the group:

* The South Sudanese Community Association in Victoria is a not for profit organisation incorporated in Victoria.
* The Association aims to promote the general welfare and advancement of South Sudanese members within the state of Victoria, and play an active role in assisting positive integration and re-establishment of South Sudanese youth including helping them with ongoing welfare, general settlement and integration needs and employment supports.
* Wyndham and Brimbank have the largest South Sudanese Communities across Victoria.

About the project:

* The South Sudanese Community Association in Victoria has received funding from the Victoria State government through DHHS to deliver Empower South Sudanese Youth Wellbeing Project in Brimbank and Wyndham.
* Youth Worker Michael Apout will assist and support young people in the following areas:
* Health and wellbeing;
* Community involvement and participation;
* Education and Training;
* Career pathways; and
* Ongoing general social/welfare support.

Sponsors:

* Victoria State Government DHHS
* CMY
* Victoria Police
* MiCare/New Hope
* Collingwood Football Club

1. Presentation – Keeping Safe Together – Life Works

Presented by Rachel

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What is It?

* A 12 month demonstration project with the opportunity to learn and document findings
* A whole of family therapeutic case management program for families who have been impacted by family violence

Partnership:

* Bouverie
* Good Shepherd
* Co Health
* MacKillop Family Services
* Catholicare

Eligibility:

* Families who:
  + Live in Wyndham or Melton LGA
  + Have experienced ‘low’ levels of family violence (no risk of lethality)
  + Have both parents willing to engage and participate
  + Who want to stay together or are separated but require a co-parenting relationship
  + Are same sex families
  + Are not experiencing crisis

Our Team:

* Women’s Practitioner
* Men’s Practitioners
* Children’s Practitioners
* Program Manager
* Administration Officer
* Intensive Family Coordinators

Our Aims:

* Support – Support parents to keep themselves and their children safe when they choose to remain with their partner.
* Decrease Risk – Work with parents committing family violence to end the violence and keep their partner and children staff.
* Develop Goals – Work with the whole family to develop goals they wish to achieve as a family.
* Heal and Recover – Support parents and children individually to improve family functioning, heal, recover and work towards a life free from violence.
* Healthy Co-parenting – Work with separated families to build healthy co-parenting arrangements.
* Family Diversity – Support the unique needs of families.

What’s on Offer:

* Information and Education – To help families better understand the impact of violence on parenting.
* One-on-one Support - Specialist therapeutic support for family members including home visits and hands-on practical help.
* Family Goal Setting – To ensure everyone is engaged in the change process.
* Access to Group Work Programs – Provision of group work to encourage participants to learn of other’s experiences and have their own understood.
* No Cost to Families – To reduce barriers to support and also includes access to material aid.
* Coordinated Referral – To help families better access other support services.
* Flexible Support – Access to flexible after hours support in recognition of family demands.
* Facilitated Family Group Sessions – Access to flexible after hours support in recognition of family demands.

KTS Referrals – To refer a family:

* Call the Keeping Safe Together team on 9448 5650 to discuss.
* If appropriate, you will be sent a referral form.
* Referrals are discussed within the team, you will be notified within the week.

1. Information Sharing -

Name: Kate Mastroianni

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: Area Leader

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* New eYouth Crew
* Hamper Drive on Saturday 9th December 2017 at Point Cook Town Centre. Collecting donations to make 100 Hampers for needy families across the Wyndham Community.

Name: Andrea Owens for Jon Machler

Agency: Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Position: Youth Administration Officer

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* Hamper Drive Auction – 2016 Signed Team Western Bulldogs Sherrin Football – to raise fund to buy goods for the Hamper Drive.

Name: Tania Napoli

Agency: Uniting Wyndham

Position: Reconnect West Case Manager

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* Just wanting to touch base with you following the recent merging of the previously Uniting*C*are. All Uniting*C*are agencies have merged as of July 1st this year and we are now called *Uniting*, our site is referred to as *Uniting Wyndham*.
* Reconnect West is open for new referrals, there is no current wait for case management referrals. Unfortunately I am unable to attend any network meetings as they are currently on a day I do not work. Is it possible to please send out an email or mention in the next network meeting that Reconnect West is open for referrals and please do not hesitate to call me on 9742 6452 to discuss any referrals. We are also hoping to obtain some new brochures which I will circulate as soon as we have some.
* About Reconnect West at Uniting Wyndham:

Reconnect West provides support and assistance to young people, their parents and families in the Cities of Wyndham and Hobsons Bay.

We assist young people between 12-18 years who are having difficulty staying at home, or who have recently left home. We assist through Counselling, Case Management and Family Mediation.

We are early intervention and this a voluntary service whereby young people and their parents must consent to engage. A young person 16yrs or over can consent for themselves for case management support or counselling without guardian consent.

In addition, we facilitate community development projects and work collaboratively in partnerships with other organisations to intervene early with youth at risk of homelessness.

1. 2018 Schedule of Meetings -

***All meetings are 9.30am-11.30am unless otherwise stated***

***@ Wyndham Youth Resource Centre***

***86 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing***

February 22

Training @ Youth Resource Centre

March 22

Network discussion @ Werribee Plaza Library 10.30am-12.30pm. RSVP required

May 3

Youth Plan Meeting @ Youth Resource Centre

June 14

Training @ Youth Resource Centre

July 26

Training @ Youth Resource Centre

August 30

Network discussion @ Werribee Plaza Library 10.30am-12.30pm. RSVP required

October 11

Training @ Youth Resource Centre

November 8

Youth Plan Meeting @ Youth Resource Centre

December 6

Training @ Youth Resource Centre

*Meetings are followed by morning tea*

**Please contact Wyndham’s Youth Project Officer for further information regarding this network or to present:** [trudy.chitty@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:trudy.chitty@wyndham.vic.gov.au) **or 8734 1355**

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Youth in Wyndham has an Instagram Page <https://www.instagram.com/youthinwyndham/>