A one day conference focusing on the mental health of children and adolescents with an intellectual disability

School-Link Conference
Friday 27th May 2011
Liverpool Catholic Club,
Liverpool West NSW

8.30am - 3.30pm
Introduction:

This one day conference provides a holistic overview on the mental health needs of children and adolescents with an intellectual disability. The conference will discuss mental health promotion, prevention and various interventions suitable for delivery in the school environment. The conference aims to enhance mental health well-being and improve quality of life for these young people. The objectives of the conference are to increase participants:

- Knowledge and understanding of various issues concerned with mental health and intellectual disability in children and adolescents; and
- Confidence in working with this population in a school environment.

Keynote Presentations:

The Barriers to a Holistic Framework of Professional Practice for Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disability and Mental Health Problems. Associate Professor David Dossetor– Child Psychiatrist with a special interest in intellectual disability, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Mental Health Prevention, Promotion and Early Intervention for Children and Adolescents with intellectual disability. Jodie Caruana, School-Link Coordinator, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Risk Management. Ms Lesley Whatson, Team Coordinator, and Debra Corfield, Senior Clinical Consultant, Statewide Behaviour Intervention Service, Department of Human Services NSW, Ageing, Disability & Home Care.


Breakout Sessions:

Each breakout session will be repeated to allow participants to attend two of the four sessions.

Developmental Paediatrics. Discusses what is important in determining the needs of children and families with neuro-developmental disability. Dr Roger Blackmore, Area Child Development Paediatrician.

The Function of Dysfunctional Behaviour: Scratching below the Surface of Problematic Behaviour in the Young Offender Population. This session will highlight the health and well being of the young offender population and explore the behavioural presentation of frequently “hidden” health issues that impact on a young person’s successful participation in the school environment. Evidence specific to the protective health function of school engagement and the association between poor school engagement and offending behaviour will be presented. Lisa Chapman, School-Link Coordinator, Justice Health.

Behaviour Management: A Practical Approach. Topics to be covered include: bedrocks, classroom management techniques, asking the right questions and school structures. Carl Warren, Principal, Department of Education and Training.

Emotion Based Social Skills Training in Schools. This will describe the rationale, program components and delivery of EBSST, a program developed for children with ASD and their parents and teachers to promote social and emotional well-being in over 60 NSW DET schools. Dr Michelle Wong, Clinical Psychologist, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.
Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Learning and Growing Together...

General Information
A one day conference focusing on the mental health of children and adolescents with an intellectual disability
Friday 27th May 2011, 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Cost:
$95 inclusive of GST. Includes presentations, handouts, web access to additional literature and resources, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea.

Registration:
Closing date: Friday 13 May 2011.

- There are limited places for registration so please register early.
- Payment (via cheque, money order, credit card) must accompany the registration form. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to “School Link – South Western Sydney Local Health Network”.
- The registration form becomes a tax invoice when payment is made. Participants/ employers should keep a copy for their records.
- No separate invoices will be sent to individual participants or groups from the same organisation.
- You will be sent a confirmation email to let you know that you have a place in the conference.
- Cancellation Policy: In the event you are unable to attend, a replacement delegate may be sent in your place. No refund will be given.

Venue:
Liverpool Catholic Club,
424-458 Hoxton Park Road,
Liverpool West NSW 2170
Ph: 02 8784 4878
www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au

Travel:
Car- Ample free parking is available onsite.

Public Transport- Liverpool Train Station is the closest station to the club. Once you arrive at the station the Liverpool-Parramatta T-Way bus operates in the local area. Stop #15 – MILLER is closest to the club.

Accommodation- Adjacent to the club is the Mercure Sydney Liverpool should you need to arrange accommodation.

Enquiries:
For further details or if you have special requirements, please contact Vivien Benjamin by email Vivian.benjamin@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9616 4251 (Area Mental Health – South Western Sydney Local Health Network).
School-Link Conference  
Mental Health and Intellectual Disability– Learning and Growing Together  
Registration and Tax Invoice (ABN 55 338 004 696)

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Time: 8.30 am – 3.30 pm  
Cost: $95.00 including GST  
Closing Date: Friday 13 May 2011

Please complete the following form (retain a copy for tax purposes) with payment and return to:  
Vivian Benjamin, Area Mental Health, South Western Sydney Local Health Network  
Post: Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Conference, School Link Program, Mental Health Centre (Level 1)  
Locked Bag 7103, Liverpool BC NSW 1871  
Ph: (02) 9616 4251 Fax: (02): 9601 2773  
Email: Vivian.benjamin@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

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Nominated Breakout Sessions:  
Please nominate which TWO breakout sessions you will be attending*:  
- **Developmental Paediatrics**, Dr Roger Blackmore  
- **The function of dysfunctional behaviour: Scratching below the surface of problematic behavior in the young offender population**, Lisa Chapman  
- **Behaviour Management: A practical approach**, Carl Warren  
- **Emotion Based Social Skills Training (EBSST) in schools**, Dr Michelle Wong  

Note: Due to participant numbers, you may be placed in a workshop you did not select.

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