

UPDATE FROM ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, VICTORIA

2006 was a very busy year for the staff at Royal Children's Hospital staff in Victoria, Australia, reports Barbara Minuzzo

“Earlier in the year we were extremely happy to see that the Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Injury Prevention Manual was distributed throughout Victoria. This program was funded by the Department of Human Services and produced in partnership by the Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre and the Centre for Community Child Health. This manual has been specifically designed for the staff in Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services to use as a training resource. The aim of the manual is to educate OSHC services about the age appropriate injury prevention strategies and relationship to child development. For further information we have a link on our website:http://www.rch.org.au/safetycentre/index.cfm?doc_id=1730

Another superb publication that the Safety Centre Staff contributed to is:- The Centre for Community Child Health has developed eleven Practice Resources. Each Practice Resource provides professionals with -introduction to the topics -a summary of the latest research and -practical strategies to support the daily work with children and their families. I thought you might be particularly interested in the INJURY PREVENTION part. This resource can be found at http://www.rch.org.au/ccch/research/index.cfm?doc_id=9708

Staff attended and presented a paper at the 8th Australian Injury Prevention Conference "Working Together" 27th-29th September 2006 in Sydney.

<http://www.aipn.com.au/AIPNconf2006/Conference%20Program%20Sept%2013.pdf>

One of the major projects that the Safety Centre has been working on the last 3 years, has been the Community Safety Education Kits- Satellite Resource Centres for the Victorian Community. This program has been evaluated on two occasions. You might like to visit the Safety Centre website and see the report on "Taking Safety to the Community" http://www.wch.org.au/safetycentre/index.cfm?doc_id=1730

This is the evaluation report our staff member Liz Young presented at the South African Conference. Community Safety Month (October) was again extremely busy.

I was actively involved in planning and the presentation of the state conference in November, <http://www.vscn.org.au/pages/VSCNAnnualConference2006.php> because as you know the Safety Centre supports the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) by doing its secretariat work. Michael Bourne made a great presentation on the wrap up at the closure of the conference http://www.vscn.org.au/pages/documents/conf2006/wrap_up.pdf

We are now busy organising the hosting of the Safety seminar at the hospital for Tuesday 20th of February 2007 "Providing Leadership to deliver results: collaboration beyond the silos" presented by the Child and Youth Injury Prevention Alliance. I am actively involved in the administration of this Alliance you might like to visit the website and see the seminar program <http://www.vscn.org.au/pages/index.php> “

Email Barbara.Minuzzo@rch.org.au Web www.rch.org.au/safetycentre