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# Interactive Discussion and Research Workshop focusing on Family Wellbeing and Welfare Reform

## drummond street services

### When & Where

**Melbourne Town Hall**
Level 3, The Supper Room
Swanston Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000
Australia
Thursday, 6 December 2012 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

### Registration Information

**Friends of drummond street services**
Registration for this event is free and invite only. There will be the opportunity on the day to make a donation to our African Family Literacy Program. Receipts will be given on the day.
Please email Leanne.black@ds.org.au to register your interest for this event.

### About drummond street

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*Drummond Street Services (drummond street) (known previously as the Citizens Welfare Service of Victoria and then Drummond Street Relationship Centre) is based in Carlton, inner metropolitan Melbourne. For over 125 years drummond street has provided a variety of programs and services in response to social issues and need. Through research, professional education, and advocacy, we have also contributed to the development of the social welfare and related sectors, both within Victoria and nationally, for example, being involved in some of the first social surveys in Melbourne, the development of the first Social Work course in Melbourne, and instigating a number of early national conferences. In terms of service delivery, for the past 60 years drummond street has, under federal government funding, focussed on couple and family relationships and has developed to encompass, within the past 40 years: same-sex couples and families, and the past 20 years: culturally and linguistically diverse (migrant and refugee) families.*
*Drummond street today remains an independent, non-denominational, not-for-profit organisation and presents as a vibrant community-based family service organisation. We offer a range of services for all levels of need, and for diverse families, placing an emphasis on being relevant, engaging, practical, and strengths-based. We continue to place a strong emphasis on research, evaluation, policy advocacy and innovation to improve services across sectors, for families, towards individual, family and community wellbeing.*
*Our website www.ds.org.au gives information about our current services and programs*

## Event Details

To celebrate 125 years of research and service provision, we have the pleasure in inviting you to an **Interactive Discussion and Research Workshop focusing on Family Wellbeing and Welfare Reform.**

The workshop will provide discussion of key themes raised within the Family Support Future Directions Discussion Paper and show case specific research projects which have built our understanding of issues impacting on family wellbeing, program and service developments and evaluating client outcomes.

Chaired by Professor Alun Jackson, Problem Gambling Research and Treatment Centre, University of Melbourne, the program:

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| 9.30 | **Welcome to Country:**<br>**Introduction:** |
| 9.45 | **The National Report Card – How are families travelling:**<br>Professor Alan Hayes, Australian Institute of Family Studies "From Research - what data tells us about health and wellbeing risks" - and Karen Field "The service implications - who does and doesn't walk through the door".<br>**Discussion: Implications for Welfare Reform and Service Integration.** |
| 10.45 | **Morning tea** |
| 11.00 | **Federal Welfare Reform – Responding to whole Communities and Using the Evidence Base.**<br>Professor John Toumbourou – What research – International and local evidence based models for identifying and responding to community needs – "Communities that Care".<br>Colleen Turner, Project Manager & Community Psychologist, Communities for Children Broadmeadows Uniting Care<br>Professor Alun Jackson – Our strategic challenge – an NGO perspective.<br>**Discussion: What lessons can we learn?** |
| 12.30 | **E-technology and Innovative Service delivery: drummond street and Interrelate**<br>Presentation and launch: "MyMob" – Facebook for Families - keeping families connected and reducing conflict through the development of a Smart phone app and communications tool. |
| 12.45 | **Lunch** |
| 1.15 | **A Public Health model for Family Wellbeing and Targeted Interventions:**<br>Presentation: Associate Professor Andrew Lewis "The research – prevention and early intervention evidence for mental health" and Reima Pryor – " Evidence to **Practice – "Just Families - a Multi-Risk Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Vulnerable Couples Transitioning to Parenthood".**<br>**Discussion: Implications for Welfare Reform and Service Integration.** |
| 2.30 | **Afternoon tea** |
| 2.50 | **Circuit Training:** Showcasing a number of Key Service Integration Partnerships, research and evaluation projects. Drummond street services, Interrelate and Family Mediation Centre<br>Participants have the opportunity to move from table to table and hear 20 minute presentations highlighting partnerships in specific research projects providing promising client outcomes.<br>❖ Interrelate: Families without Borders. Post Separation Services – a pound of prevention and responding to risks. Stepfamilies – Voice and Agency through research and advocacy.<br>❖ Family Mediation Centre: Supporting Children after Separation Program – "Together we do better" - group work programs for kids - what works<br>❖ African Family Support Program – Place Management and Service Integration a whole of community approach.<br>❖ Family Mental Health Support Service – service development and evaluation – what works – getting the right service at the right time". BEST Mood – A Family Based Early Intervention for Youth Mental Issues.<br>❖ "Queerspace" – responding to GLBTI through partnership – establishing a GLBTI Mental Health and Illness Specialist Clinical Services. This service incorporates our GLBTI research and community based mental health promotion activities towards reclaiming, "our health in our hands". |
| 4.30 | **Closing Remarks** |