

Call for Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest for the 9th Melbourne City Mission Family Reconciliation Mediation Program (FRMP) Conference in June 2016

The 9th Annual Family Reconciliation Mediation Program (FRMP) will be held in Victoria from 1st – 2nd June 2016. This year's conference theme is 'Thrive!'

We invite you to share your expertise! The Conference Committee is now taking expressions of interest from practitioners who would like to present at the conference.

The presentations need to be a minimum of 50 minutes duration. Diverse formats and mediums are encouraged – there is no one-size-fits all approach. Our aim is to create a conference program that is dynamic, interactive and stimulating.

Interested? Read on for more information, including key dates.

Overview of FRMP & the 9th Annual FRMP Conference

FRMP works with agencies across Victoria, providing workforce capacity building, training, support for networks, and – most significantly – much-needed financial support to assist young people to access individual and family counselling. The core work of the program is to strengthen the capacity of Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) to improve the relationships between young people (aged 16-25) and their families.

The FRMP Annual Conference is an effective tool to support for the homelessness service sector to come together to learn from one another, challenge, share ideas and develop strategies for good practice.

Conference Theme

Thrive

- Communities
- Family
- Sector

Themes for Expressions of Interest

1. Community
 - Social Connections
 - Strong partnerships - Coordinated approach
 - Community identified & driven strategies
 - Building on and strengthening existing services, activities and programs
2. Family
 - Healing – individual and relationships
 - Parenting skills that promote engagement and reconciliation
 - Effective engagement and interventions – alternative approaches
 - Building individual and family resilience
3. Sector
 - Collaborative planning based on community driven priorities

- Increased sustainability of programs
- Community Capacity Building
- Strengthening service responses
- Stronger partnerships
- Innovative responses to working with cultural diverse clients - Indigenous, CALD, gender disability, health and Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex and Questioning

Threads

- Prevention, intervention and sustainability
- Theory in practice
- Evidence-based and best-practice approaches
- Sharing, learning and celebrating sustainability

Expressions of Interest Requirements

- Provide a biography of 100 words with each expression of interest
- Expressions submitted electronically
- Person submitting will also present
- Format style – (abstract should not exceed 250 words, tables & graphs not to be included in the abstract, abstract titles not to be included within the 250 words, any abbreviations used in the abstract have to be provided in full)
- Authors notification of acceptance via email

Expression of Interest Deadline Dates

- Deadline for Receipt of Expressions of Interests by email to dcrawford@mcm.org.au by the **26th February 2016**
- Authors Notified of Acceptance by the **11th March 2016**
- Author Confirmation and Conference Registration by the **31st March 2016**

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