

# FAPMI PRESENTATION



The Victorian FaPMI Program  
Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness



# WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are individually meeting today. I pay my respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of Australia.



# FAPMI AND CYP

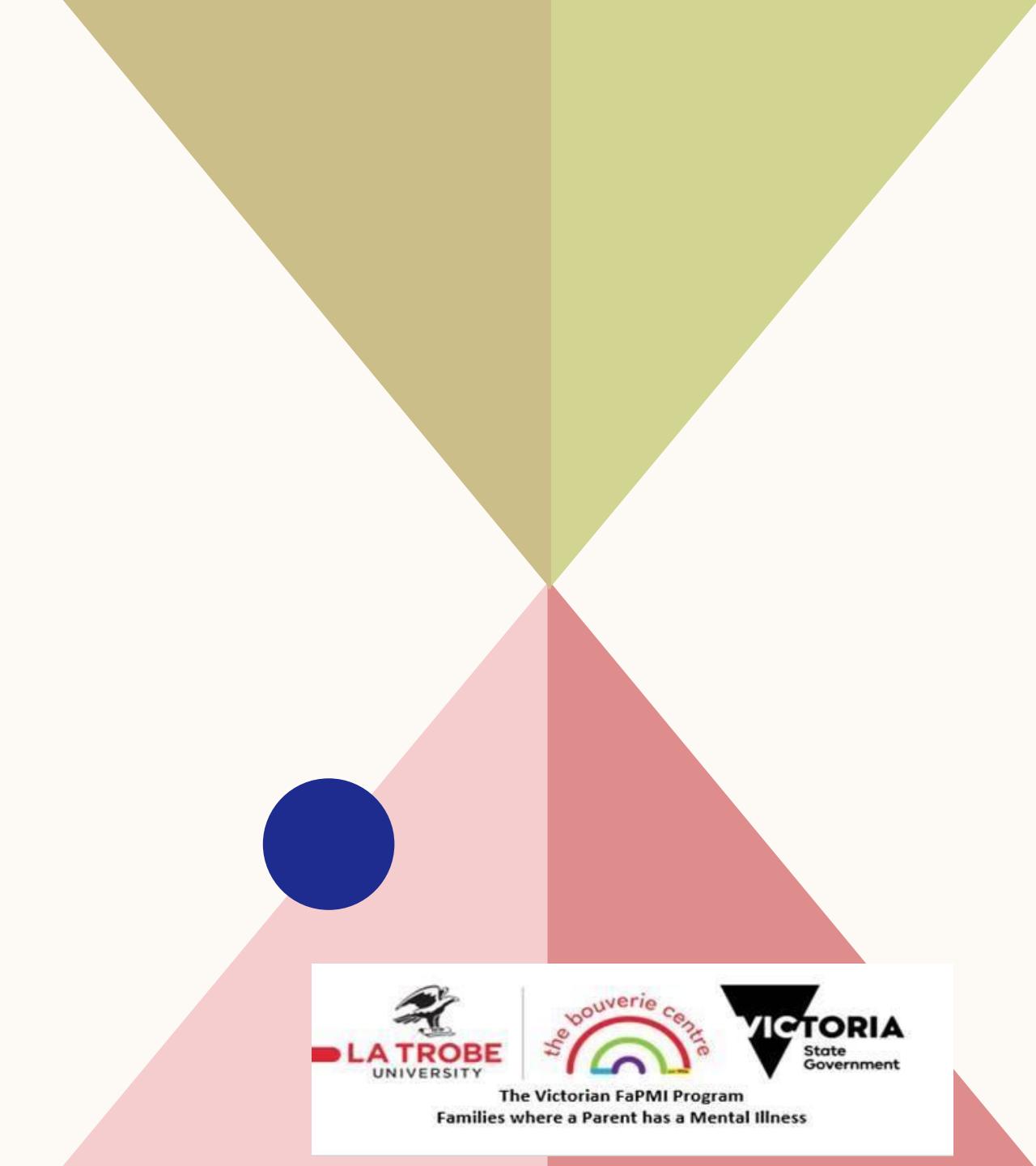
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## Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness (FaPMI)

*“Deliberate family attention is something that the system sorely lacks and is never provided when you need it... having something that's family centric... and able to hear and stand by and with families [is needed].*

Parent/carer of a child with mental illness

### What is FaPMI?

The FaPMI Program is a Statewide Program coordinated by The Bouverie Centre which covers all Victoria's Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS) and its network partners. The FaPMI Program aims to promote the wellbeing of parents with mental health challenges, their children and their families through timely, coordinated and supportive action. We do this by working closely with staff within Monash and also other local services, to ensure your families & children's needs are met.



Around 1 in 4 Victorian children live in homes with a parent with a mental illness



Of these children a quarter to a half will experience some form of psychological disorder in childhood

### What do we provide?

- Education, training, resources and consultation support
- Development of strong local networks
- Capacity building for peer support programs
- Brokerage funds to support activities and financial relief to families where a parent has a mental health challenge

### Who does what?

There are FaPMI Coordinators within Monash Health that work closely with AMHS and networking partners to influence and promote family inclusive practise.



There are also Community Workers for Children & Young People employed within the service that support the needs of young people.

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- We also work closely with our Child and family sector to help families navigate support options for mental health needs.
- Provide consults/brokerage for families with workers in both sectors.

# WHAT DOES THE FAPMI PROGRAM DO?

## Workforce Development

Capacity building on Family focused practice

Enhance workforce's ability to support families where a parent has a mental illness

Facilitate understanding of the impact of  
•mental illness on parenting, families and dependant children & young people  
•parenting on mental illness

## Systems and Procedures Development

Promote the establishment of Family Focused policy and protocols

Facilitate the development of systems and procedures to recognise and respond appropriately to Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness

Facilitate the development of practice standards in working with Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness

## Consultation and Support

Facilitate referral pathways across mental health, AOD, Maternal / infant & child and family services

Facilitate avenues for consultation and support for agencies

Facilitate secondary consultation

## Inter Organisation Partnership Enhancement

Develop new or enhance existing partnerships between sectors and services

Facilitate collaboration to enable a range of programs & services such as CHAMPS.

Promote Research, Evaluation , Practice Based Evidence and Evidence Based learning

## **WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! ONGOING COLLABORATION AND THE CHILD INFORMATION SHARING SCHEME (CISS) CONSULTS- AND THE CHILD SHARING INFORMATION SCHEME**

Sharing information with Child Protection, Family services and other agencies around a parent consumer's mental state and treatment plan helps to inform the service system about the risks to a child's ongoing safety and wellbeing. It is also integral in collaborating around what is working well.

Without vital information from treatment providers around parental mental health, inter-service safety planning for children is undermined

There can be barriers to sharing information...

[Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme and Child Information Sharing Scheme | Monash Health](#)

## The Mental health and Wellbeing Act (2022)

It's part of the principles to recognise the Parenting role and their children, family/carers and supporters in their own right. The Supported decision making framework, which includes promoting the Advance Statement of Preferences ( includes information about the person's children/dependents) Hence a Family care plan should also be considered under the new Act. The Royal Commission recognised that:



## FaPMI Community Worker for Children & Young People (CYP)

The CYP role within FaPMI aims to improve support and identification of young people ages 0-25 who have a parent/caregiver experiencing mental health challenges in both AMHS and in the community. **What we do:**



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Co-facilitation of Peer Support Groups & Family Events



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Network with local services to strengthen bonds between Monash & community



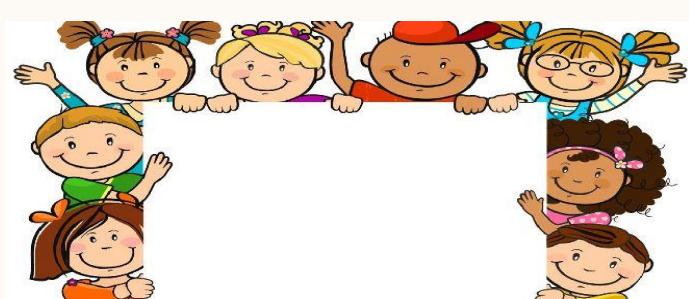
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Support Training, Education and provision of resources



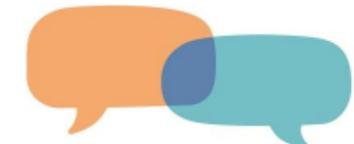
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Work with the treating team to strengthen young persons support networks



- Kerri-Ann Prakasham is the CYP worker based at Dandenong. Working full-time Monday-Friday**
- Projects I am working on:**
- Family Events
- Resourcing staff and services
- Collecting information to form a database of children/families
- Helping to administer FaPMI brokerage
- Group Programs
- Newsletter for the whole service
- 'What's On' events for families
- Networking with local services
- Able to meet young people with case managers to discuss programs/share information

# **Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Dandenong (servicing Greater Dandenong)**



**mental health &  
wellbeing local**

Free support in your community

Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals support Victorians aged 26 years and over to get mental health and wellbeing treatment, care and support closer to home. All support is free, voluntary and easy to access, and you do not need a referral from your doctor to access help.

Mind is currently providing face-to-face, outreach and telehealth and telephone support services. Walk-in consultations are currently available on select days while the centre is fitted out.

## **About Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals:**

These services adopt a 'how can we help' and 'no wrong door' approach, to enable more people to access the support they need, including those who have previously been unable to find the right care and/or experienced barriers to accessing services.

## **Contact details**

📍 Greater Dandenong, 3175, VIC

📞 [\(03\) 8908 1800](tel:(03)89081800)

## **Details**

**Funding types available**  
Free

**Greater Dandenong**  
Call for support, walk-in hours or to book an appointment

Tel. **03 8908 1800**  
29b Langhorne Street,  
Dandenong VIC 3175

## mental health & wellbeing local

Free support in your community



Feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or like your wellbeing is suffering? Have you ever wondered where you might go to talk to someone?

**In the Greater Dandenong region, we are now offering support if you would like to talk to someone about your mental health and wellbeing.**

Support is available for people aged 26 years and over and you don't need a referral, Medicare card or visa.

### Why might people need support?

Some of the reasons people might seek support at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Local may include but is not limited to experiences of financial hardship, feeling isolated, family problems, and issues with alcohol and other drugs.

We can introduce you to a variety of options for connection, information, and support that suit your needs.

Together we can support people to reduce psychological distress, manage daily activities, rebuild and maintain connections, engage with education and employment, and participate fully in the community.

### Who provides support?

At the Mental Health and Wellbeing Local you can connect with staff who have lived experiences of managing their own mental health and wellbeing needs and seeking support.

Support at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Dandenong is delivered by Mind Australia, Thorne Harbour Health, Foundation House and Monash Health.

### How do I access support?

Call 1800 332 501 or 03 8908 1800

- to arrange face to face support at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Dandenong:  
Weekdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- for immediate phone support 7 days a week:  
Weekdays 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Weekends 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**For free support in your local area, call or visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/mhwlocal)**

**Free call** 1800 332 501

**Dandenong** 03 8908 1800

DandenongLocal@mindaustralia.org.au

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Dandenong:**  
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Scan for free support

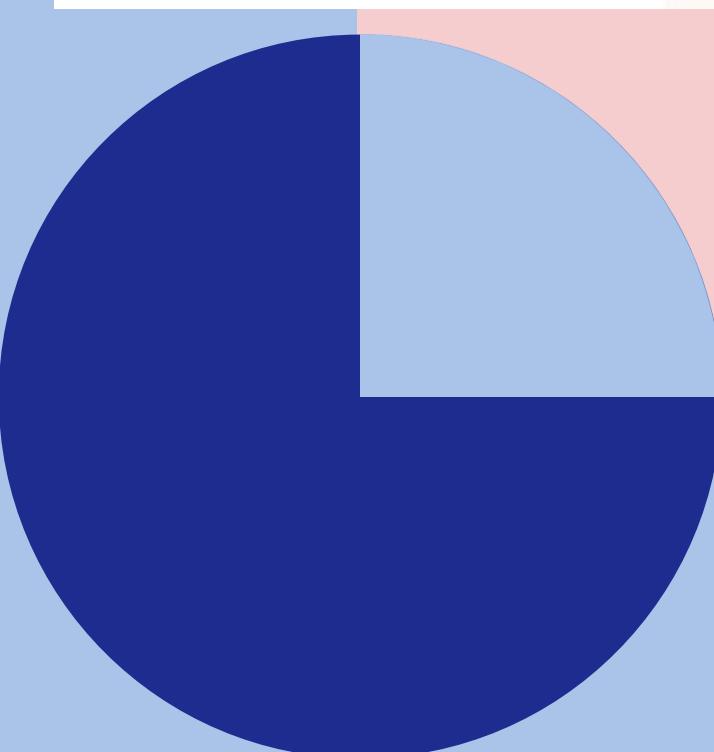


Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Greater Dandenong is funded by the Victorian Government





## Mental Health & Wellbeing Connect South East Metro



# Mental Health & Wellbeing Connect Centres For Families/Carers supporting someone with mental health challenges

## What do the Mental Health & Wellbeing Connect Centres offer?

- A warm & welcoming space for families, carers & supporters to connect with Family/Carer Lived experience Peer Workers, other carers & other support staff
- Information & support for Families/carers/supporters that suits their individual needs
- Access to carer brokerage funds to support & help sustain them in their caring role
- Assistance for family/carers/supporters to navigate the mental health & wellbeing system & other services
- Support for volunteer based family & carer peer support groups

## What is the Connect Centre?

**At the Connect Centre, we offer support to you; the family, carers, supporters, and kin of people with mental health and/or substance use challenges.**

The Connect Centre has been co-designed, and is staffed, by people with lived or living experience as a family member or carer of someone with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

This means we can listen, relate, understand and provide you with the support you need.

More than 60,000 Victorians provide mental health care to loved ones. They are usually unpaid and have little support.

Our centres offer a safe, welcoming space to connect with our team, seek assistance, or simply enjoy some quiet time.

We have multiple sites across the region, with a main centre in Dandenong.

You don't need a referral; you can just drop in.

## Support we Provide

### We offer:

- phone support
- drop-in sites
- one-to-one peer support (in person or via phone)
- group programs
- educational sessions
- therapeutic support, including family work
- cultural support
- access to information and resources
- practical and financial support

### Our Team

Our staff have diverse skills and lived experience of caring and supporting people with mental health and substance use challenges.

**Carer Peer Workers:** Provide support, guidance and empathy, fostering recovery and hope through shared experiences.

**Therapeutic Workers:** Support the wellbeing of you and your family, working on mental health, relationships, and developing self-care and communication skills.

**Cultural Support Workers:** Offer cultural advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers, aligned to specific social and emotional wellbeing frameworks.

We also support culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and LGBTIQASB+ communities.

## Our Partners

**Our Connect Centre is a collaboration between Better Health Network (BHN), the Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency (VACCA) and Berry Street's Take Two Program.**

### Berry Street Take Two

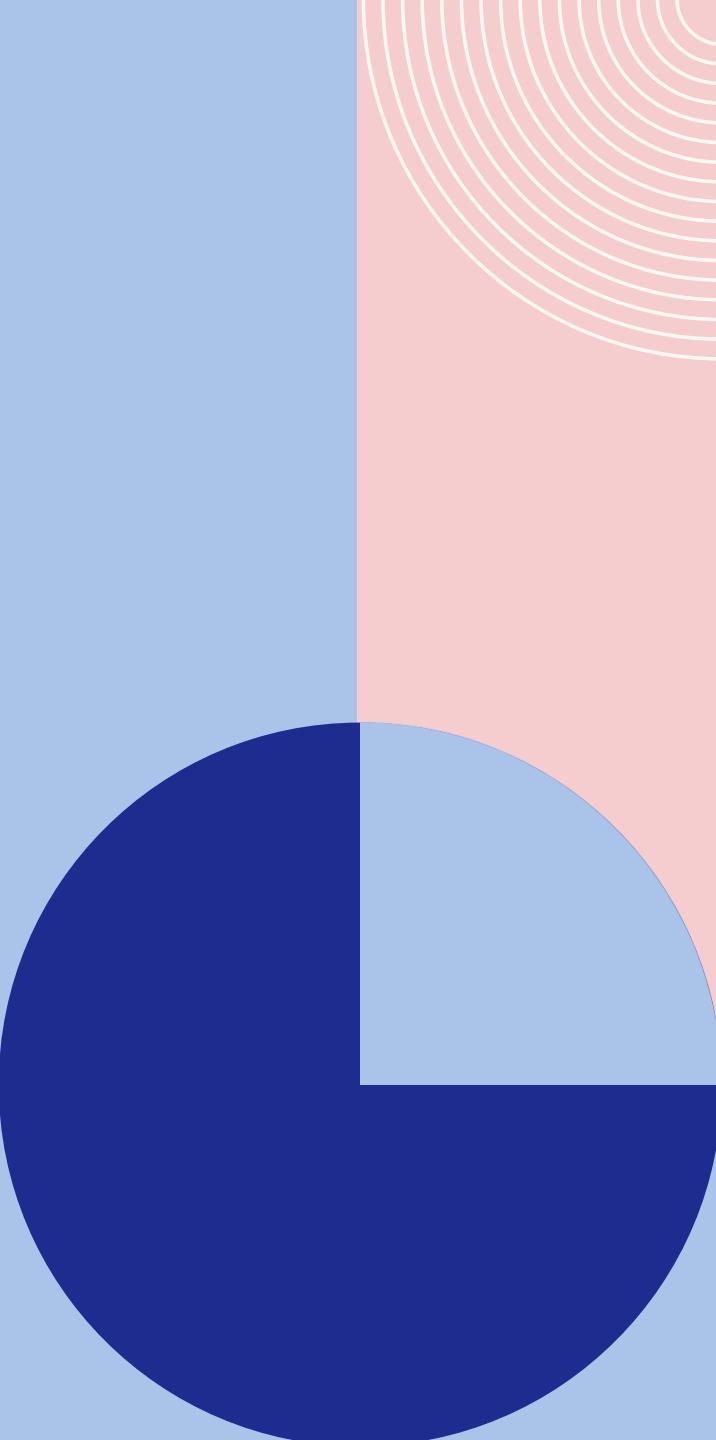
The Take Two program is a Victoria-wide therapeutic service of Berry Street, which has operated for over 140 years. It began in 2004 to address trauma's impact on the mental health and wellbeing of children and families through evidence-based, trauma-informed approaches.

### Better Health Network (BHN)

BHN is a large community health service offering integrated support, including mental health and alcohol and other drugs (AOD) programs. It includes a large lived and living experience workforce.

### Victorian Aboriginal Child & Community Agency (VACCA)

VACCA is the leading Aboriginal child and family services organisation in Victoria. VACCA has supported children, young people, and families for over 47 years, delivering more than 80 programs across the state. Through their vision of self-determination - Live, Experience, and Be - they exist to support culturally strong, safe and thriving Aboriginal communities.



## Our Locations

### Dandenong - Main site

Mental Health & Wellbeing Connect -  
South East Metro  
51 Robinson St, Dandenong  
Mon to Fri: 9:30am - 4:30pm\*

### Bentleigh

BHN Bentleigh, Nepean Room  
Level 4, 973 Nepean Hwy, Bentleigh

### Mornington Peninsula

Rotating monthly on Thursdays  
• Kindred Clubhouse, Hastings  
• Seawinds Community Hub,  
Capel Sound

### Pakenham

Living and Learning Pakenham -  
Community Room  
6B Henry St, Pakenham

### South Melbourne

BHN South Melbourne, Tom Hills Room  
341 Coventry St, South Melbourne

Call us or visit our website for more details.

\*Future extended hours

## Contact Information

Phone: 9066 1500

Email: [connectcentre@bhn.org.au](mailto:connectcentre@bhn.org.au)

Web: [www.bhn.org.au](http://www.bhn.org.au)

For more information scan the QR code:



The Mental Health & Wellbeing  
Connect Centres are supported  
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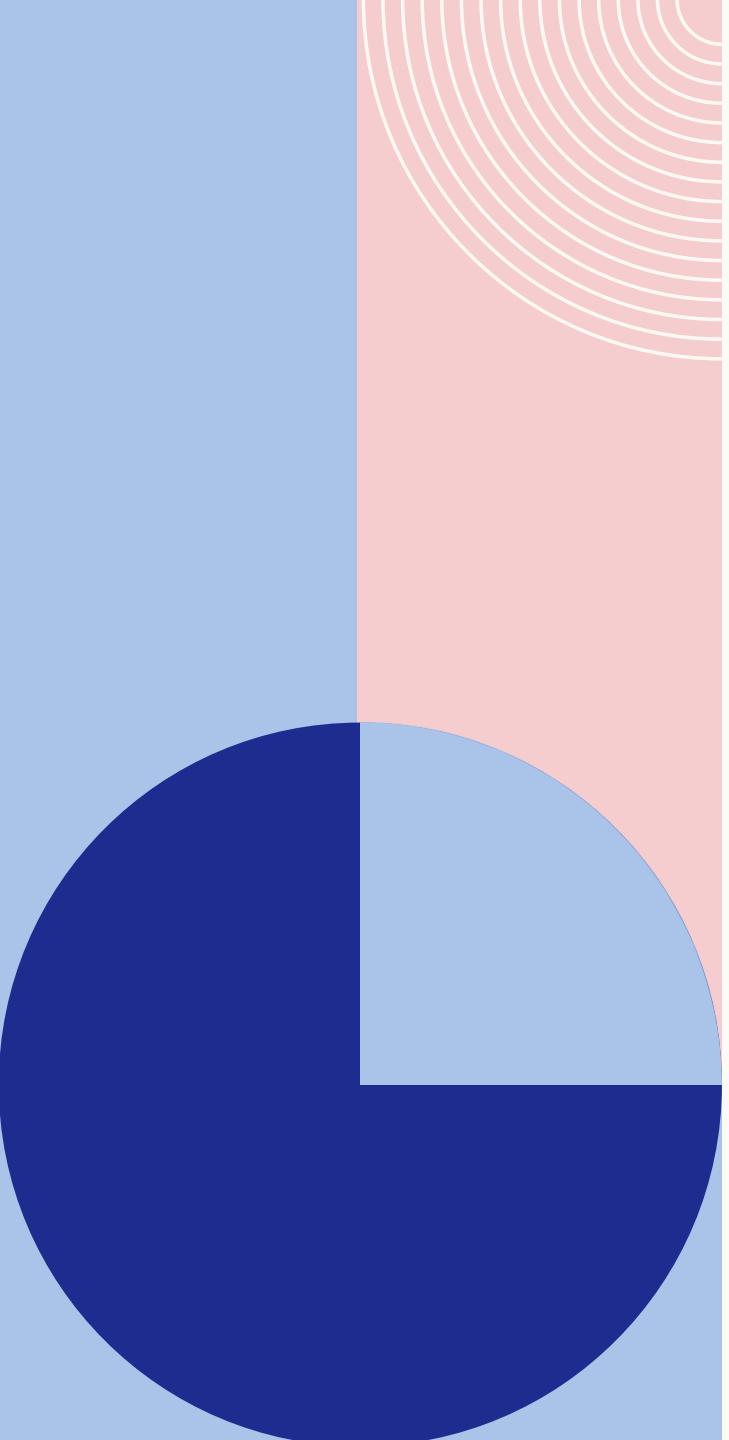


Ph: 9066 1500



# Mental Health & Wellbeing Connect South East Metro





## We're here to support you

Call **1300 24 23 22** to speak to our qualified clinicians and Aboriginal Liaison Officers. A family member or health professional can also call for you.

### Who do we support?

- New and expecting parents from conception until the child is 12 months of age
- Parents needing help with mental health concerns

Together, our skilled clinicians will help you understand how you're feeling and connect you to the services and supports you need.

# ForWhen

1300 24 23 22

Mon-Fri 9am - 4.30pm

  @ForWhenHelpline

[ForWhenHelpline.org.au](http://ForWhenHelpline.org.au)



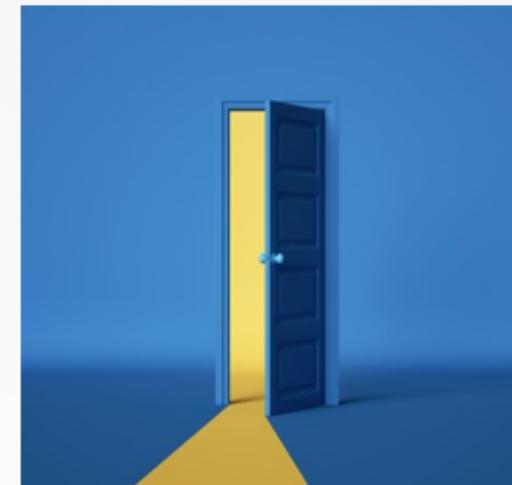
Support to access help for expecting parents with mental health concerns until the Child is up to 12 months of age- through Queen Elizabeth centre



## Referring to the Mental Health Program

Psychiatric Triage  
Ph. 1300 369 012

Paediatric Emergency Psychiatric Service  
Now operating at Monash Children's in Clayton



## **SERVICES SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE**



Little Dreamers is Australia's leading Young Carer organisation, supporting young people aged 4-25 who provide care for a family member affected by disability, chronic or mental illness in VIC, NSW and QLD. They offer direct support programs both in person and online



Satellite Foundation is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that connects and empowers children and young people where a parent or family member has a mental illness. Through delivering a range of in-person and online programs, activities, and messaging, Satellite aims to foster a strong connection between young people, their family and the wider community.

See link to find out more

<https://www.satellitefoundation.org.au/about-us/>



# FAPMI BROKERAGE FUNDS

Funding) \$1000 per year per family (or individual)  
**\$250 Grocery Vouchers per quarter (Max 4 per year)**  
There is a choice between  
**Woolworths**- (Woolworths, Big W and EG and Ampol petrol)  
or **Coles** (groceries only)  
Family activities ( 1 per quarter) see options later.

*Please note, these are digital vouchers, which will be sent directly to your client's email- so please ensure that it is correct a safe one for us to send the information. If the client doesn't have an email, we can discuss other options.*

[fapmibrokerage@monashhealth.org](mailto:fapmibrokerage@monashhealth.org)



## FAMILY ACTIVITY VOUCHERS (ONE PER QUARTER):

[Funlab Voucher](#) (\$100): Bowling, mini golf, arcades, immersive games, etc.



[Crocs Play Centre](#): Indoor play centres for children (available at selected locations across Victoria)

These can be accessed in addition to the annual cap



## HOW TO ACCESS OUR FUNDS

Go to the Teams link-

*As long as your client has children 0-25 years and is a client of the Adult mental health program- you can apply – and it's for workers to apply only, not the consumer themselves.*

**For link: [Apply Here](#)**

**For external services a FaPMI Consult is required prior to applying for the funds.**

For Assistance or consults: Email [fapmi@monashhealth.org](mailto:fapmi@monashhealth.org) or [fapmibrokerage@monashhealth.org](mailto:fapmibrokerage@monashhealth.org).

*Please note if applying for a bill or reimbursement, the relevant invoice or receipt will need to be sent to the FaPMI brokerage email.*



# OTHER OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES

- A Family Care Plan document has been established for families to complete
- The electronically fillable version and information sheet is available in Monash Health [Patient resources page](#)
- This is a resource available for our parent/guardians who wish to communicate their family's needs if they are admitted to a mental health facility

Home > Patients and visitors > Patient resources

## Patient resources

At Monash Health, we want our consumers to feel prepared to take control of their healthcare.

Our library provides a wide variety of information on health topics and services available at Monash Health.

Our patient information is developed with consumers so that it is clear, easy to understand and helpful, and some information is available in different languages.

Title of resource: Category:  Mental Health

Search:

Title of resource	Category
Adult Prevention and Recovery Care Service (APARCS)	Mental Health
Advance Statement of Preferences: Fact sheet for consumers - Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022	Mental Health
Advocacy Poster - Mental Health	Mental Health
Aged Mental Health Biala Inpatient Unit	Mental Health
Aged Mental Health Unit 3 Inpatient Unit	Mental Health
Carer, families and support person information SECU - Unit 4 Dandenong Hospital	Mental Health
Clayton Continuing Care Team and Mobile Support Treatment Team	Mental Health
Community Residential Withdrawal Unit	Mental Health
COVID-19 Mental Health Inpatient Unit - Consumer Guide	Mental Health
Craboume & Pakenham Community Mental Health Service	Mental Health
Dandenong Acute Community Intervention Services (ACIS)	Mental Health
Dandenong Continuing Care Team (CCT) and Mobile Support & Treatment Team (MST)	Mental Health
Doveton Community Care Unit (CCU)	Mental Health
Early in Life Mental Health Service (ELMHS)	Mental Health
East Bentleigh Community Care Unit (CCU)	Mental Health
Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT)	Mental Health
Extended Prevention and Recovery Care Service (EPARCS)	Mental Health
Family Care Plan - fillable form	Mental Health
Family Care Plan - What it is and how do I fill one in	Mental Health
Food and Nutrition Counselling	Mental Health
Mental Health Act 2014	Mental Health
Mental Health Consumer & Family/Carer Resources	Mental Health
Mental Health Intellectual Disability Initiative - Adults (MHIDI-A)	Mental Health
Mental Health Peer Support for Consumers & Family Carers	Mental Health
Mental Health Services Information for consumers, families and carers	Mental Health

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## Monash FaPMI : Family Care Plan/ and parent and mental health booklet

### Parenting and Mental Health

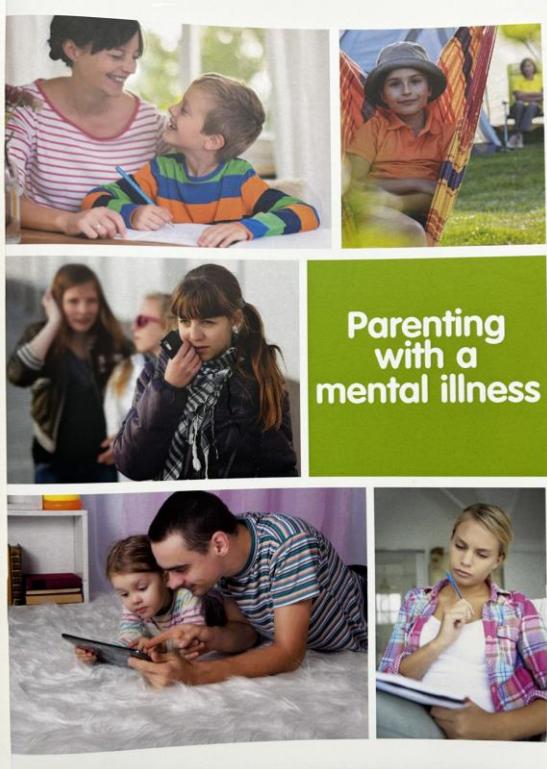
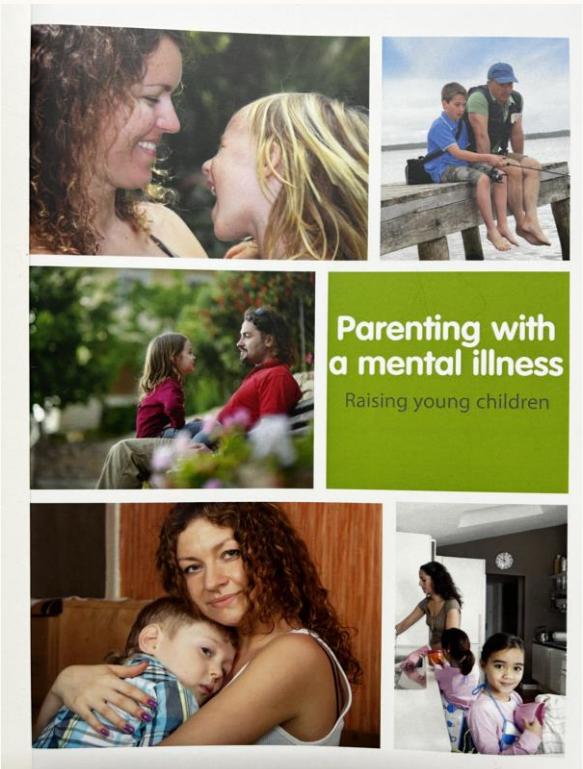
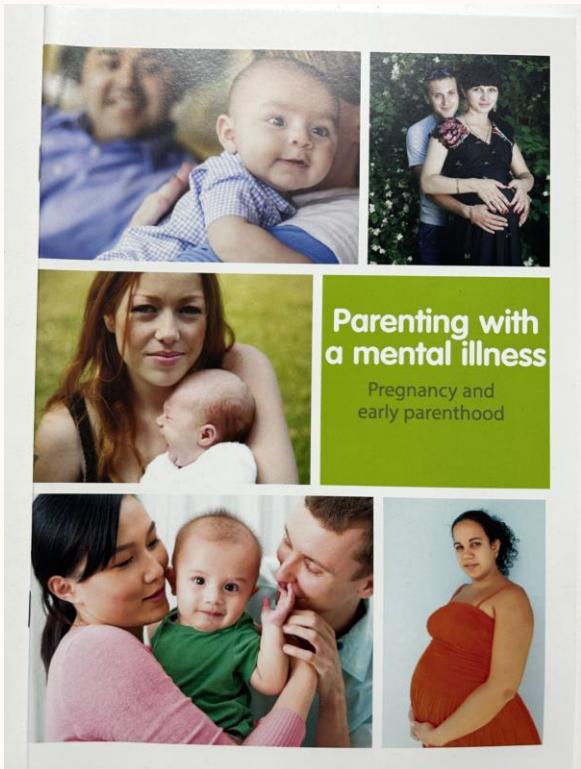
This booklet has been developed to support consumers on our mental health wards who are also responsible for caring for children as a parent or guardian. It is important that this information is discussed with a member of staff to consider what supports or resources may assist you.



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# EMERGING MINDS/COPMI RESOURCES



# BOOKS

Other books are available, Contact FaPMI for the full list



A book for **children** who have a parent with mental illness.

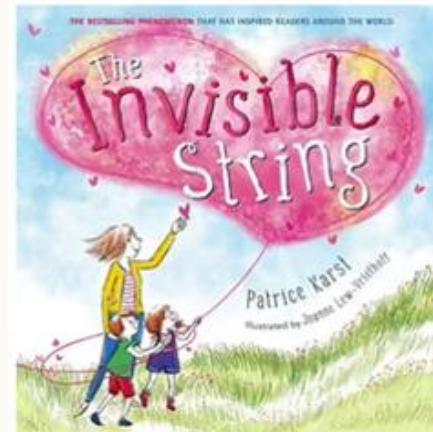
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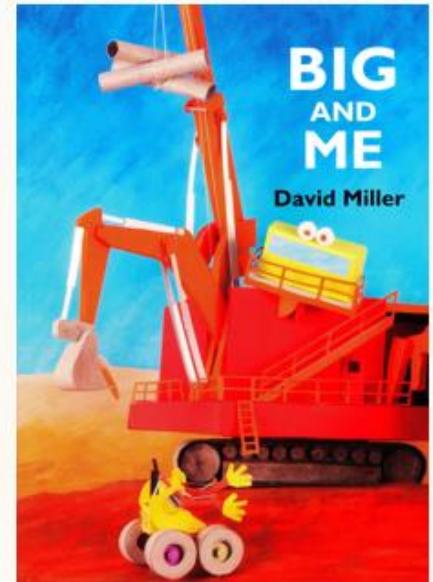
**Between you and me/Lets Talk about it:** A flip book for both parents and children which helps to explain mental illness - *also available in other languages i.e Tamil, Vietnamese, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese*



**One of a kind:**  
This book was made for Children who may find themselves in kinship care due to parental mental health difficulties.



**The Invisible String:** The Invisible String is a great tool to help cope with all kinds of separation anxiety, loss and grief.



**Big and Me:** The story is a metaphor for a child living with an adult who has a mental illness.

# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH?

## FaPMI Coordinators

### Dandenong

Lisa Tesoriero - 1.0 EFT

Work days: Monday to Friday

### Casey/Cardinia

Danielle Cameron – 0.6 EFT

Work days: Monday, Tuesday &, Friday

### Middle South/Clayton

Tracey Johnston-Hoad

Work days: Mon-Thursday

## Community Worker for Children and Young People (CYP)

### Dandenong

Kerri-ann Prakasham – 1.0EFT

Mon-Fri

### Casey/Cardinia

Commencing soon 0.7 EFT

### Middle South/Clayton

Commencing soon 0.7 EFT



# THANK YOU

For a Consult to access resources

Contact:

[fapmi@monashhealth.org](mailto:fapmi@monashhealth.org)