

**EMR Family Reconciliation Peer Support Group
Thursday 12th February 2009
Venue: Wesley Homelessness & Support Services**

Topic	Discussion
1. Introductions	Amy, FRMP - Melbourne Citymission; Paul, FRMP - Melbourne Citymission; Yin, FRMP - Melbourne Citymission; Mollie, FAN; Renee, Harrison Community Services; Michele, Harrison Community Services; Jane, Wesley; Jenny, Wesley; Tia, Jenny's Place - Anglicare; Marybeth, Jenny's Place - Anglicare; Shaunagh, ECASA and Zoe, Robinson House.
2. Apologies	Frances, Anchor.
3. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes received and passed
5. Presentation	<p>Guest Speaker, Shaunagh Reidy - ECASA Eastern Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaunagh provided handouts about information regarding ECASA and the support ECASA offers • Shaunagh works as an outreach worker who meets young people at places which are more accessible for young people such as residential units or cafes • ECASA provides counselling and advocacy for young sexual assault victims/survivors. The 24-hour crisis unit is located in Maroondah hospital. • ECASA also provides community education, consultation and training. • There is also a male worker available to meet client requests. • Sexual assault can have enormous effect on children. • Parents of victims can be seen together with their children or separately. • Parent group is running for some mothers and their daughters to look at the issues of safety, protective behaviour, etc. Duty worker at ECASA can be contacted for more information. • ECASA also provide training, please contact ECASA directly for more information on 9870 7310 or 1800 806 292.
6. Case Study	<p>Tia, Jenny's Place provided case study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny's Place are currently working with a 17-year old female who is 'playing up' with workers i.e. stretching boundaries within the unit. Young woman has three days left in the unit. • Discussion around boundaries and importance of being clear with young people about rules in residential services. • This case led to a discussion about lead tenants, who are difficult to obtain and are crucial for residential services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane from Wesley shared a successful case of 15-year-old who returned home after having mediation at Harrison. She is also now linked with school.
7. Resources, Training, Agency & Sector Updates	<p>Amy - FRMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming training “Youth Centred Family Focussed Interventions; what does it take?” Level 2, Friday 20th March 2009 - contact FRMP for more information or check out FRMP website FRMP’s February newsletter has been released - can be accessed via website www.frmp.org.au <p>Mollie - FAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAN is organising an Alsorts reference group for same sex attracted young people in Eastern region. Next meeting will be on 18th February. Contact Mollie or Jemmah on 9890 2673 for more information. The life skills program is ongoing at FAN. Contact Carol for more information. <p>Michelle and Ranees - Harrison Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a respite room for workers to work with young people in crisis. Stronger Families at Harrison’s is running a parenting group which has received popularity among parents. Michele has the capacity to take up to another 4 young people who have accessed a “Front Door” in the Eastern Region. <p>The whole network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to Amy for her great work and input at the EMR Peer Support Group and good luck for her next stage of life.
8. Next Meeting	<p>Speaker: suggestion made to invite Youth and Family Team at EACH to speak about programs - FRMP to follow up.</p> <p>10am - 11.30am Thursday 14th May 2009 Venue: Anglicare (7-11 Shipley St, Box Hill)</p>