



VCASP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUBCOMMITTEE ('Kids VCASP' for short!)

What is it?

The 'Kids' meetings are held tri-monthly and are open to anyone who is interested in children with ABI - about 10-15 people generally attend each meeting. The 2 hour meeting includes some time to learn of new services, share what is happening at your work, help us identify themes across the state and consider ways we as a service sector can respond. Everyone contributes ideas/knowledge. The Statewide ABI Paediatric Coordinators team host and chair the meetings, do the minutes and distribute information.

Why come?

The meetings are designed to bring service providers together to support and share knowledge with each other, to identify 'gaps' & barriers that exist for these families and kids in a more strategic/systemic sense and then look at ways we could influence/change things.

Who comes?

A range of people that generally includes allied health therapists (acute/rehabilitation/community), DHS, community ABI information services, family therapists and a range of other professionals working in the ABI/disability field. Occasionally parents of children with an ABI may come too. Members come with 0-20+years of ABI experience so it includes a valuable mix of information and ideas.

What if I want to know more about Paediatric ABI or the Kids VCASP Subcommittee?

1/ You can join our email network list to receive notification of new Paediatric ABI resources and services, upcoming PD for workers, support available for families, minutes from VCASP Kids meeting plus more! Send us an email and we will add you to the list - vcasp@vcasp.org.au

2/ You can come to VCASP Kids meeting (we're really keen to have your input!) – last meeting for 2009 will be on 25th November. All meetings are from 9:30-11:30 and normally at Melbourne Citymission, 230 Normanby Avenue, Thornbury.

3/ Ring us to ask more (Paediatric ABI team at Melbourne Citymission – contact Sarah Cocks on 9487 9200)

It would be great to have your input and share the part your service plays along the ABI recovery process.