

Partners in Prevention

Evaluation Working Group

Minutes 20 October 2008

Present: Kiri Bear (DVRCV), Renee Imbesi (CASA House), Liz Senior (EACH)

Apologies: Claire Zara (WHGNE), Michael Flood (VicHealth)

1. Introductions - Reasons for being involved in this group

- Share learnings and gain knowledge
- Directed by boss
- Evaluation is an important component of the health promoting schools framework
- Want to learn more about evaluation
- Want to support workers on the network to evaluate their projects

2. Review of EWG proposal

- Program evaluation is not necessarily the same as 'scientific evaluation'
- Aim of encouraging evaluation is about improving program effectiveness (not about comparing projects)
- Participatory action research gives rich data and increases longevity of intervention

3. Viewing of Prevention Connection online presentation

'How do we measure the prevention of Violence Against Women?'

<http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=193§ionID=254>

Discussion:

- Like the focus on contexts not just on individuals
- We could develop proxy indicators along the lines of the VicHealth framework but specific to young people in schools and other orgs
- Need to define barriers and enablers to evaluation for workers
- Look at evaluation in the broadest sense, not just about pre and post testing

4. Formative evaluation - Kiri to develop survey for workers on the network

- Send out to network two weeks before next network meeting so people can reflect on answers (by 21/11/08)
- To be circulated to EWG for comment by 7/11/08
- Questions to include:
 - o What are people looking for/ what support do they want with evaluation?
 - o What kinds of evaluation do they want to do?
 - o What skills/knowledge /resources do they need?
 - o What skills/knowledge/resources have already been helpful to them?
 - o What are the barriers and enablers to their evaluation activities thus far?
- Next EWG meeting will discuss outcome of survey.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 16th December 2008, 2.00pm (TBC)**

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