

Are you a General Practitioner with a special interest in the health of vulnerable children and young people?



GPDV and Child Protection and Family Services of the Department of Human Services are collaborating to establish a new system for assessing the health of all children coming into out-of-home care in Victoria. DHS has provided funding for a 12-month project from 1 August 2007 to begin building strong linkages between the general practice and child protection sectors.

Child Health Assessment Teams Project

One of the main goals of the project is to ensure that each child has a health assessment by a General Practitioner within the first 30 days of entering out-of-home care.

Out-of-home care is provided for children aged 0 – 17 who are placed by child protection with:

- Volunteer carers (in foster care, home-based or kinship care)
- Paid care staff (in purpose built or adapted residential accommodation)

We are seeking expressions of interest from GPs who are willing to be a General Practice Division representative at the DHS regional level, having input to the project to ensure that we:

- Develop a sound understanding about issues in the general practice sector that are important in building a new system for health assessment
- Communicate effectively with GPs who have an interest in becoming involved
- Design GP child health assessment and reporting processes that are practical to implement
- Design effective professional development to meet the needs of general practice
- Implement sound systems of clinical leadership to General Practice

GP Representatives will be remunerated according to usual GPDV rates. An expression of interest form is overleaf.

If you are interested in knowing more about this project, please contact:

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GPs who undertake child health assessments will be remunerated directly by DHS and provided with continuing professional development to equip them and their practice staff with the knowledge and skills required to assess and manage the complex health needs and issues faced by this population group, most of whom will have suffered abuse and/or neglect.

Regional General Practice Advisor

Child Health Assessment Teams Project

This role will entail the following involvement over the next 12 months

- Participation in a state-wide GP advisory group which will meet through a short series of 90 minute teleconferences organised by GPDV
- Consultation with divisions of general practice in the region about the project with the support of GPDV
- Occasional meetings with service providers in the region who are involved in health assessments and medical treatment for children in out-of-home care.
- Participation in a field trial of new professional development modules for General Practice about the health needs and management of children in out-of-home care

Remuneration will be at the GPDV hourly rate for General Practice representatives, which is currently \$100 per hour in usual consulting hours and \$60 per hour outside of usual hours, plus GST.

I wish to express interest in nomination to the position of Regional General Practice Divisions' Representative for the Child Health Assessment Teams Project.

I am a vocationally registered GP with the following qualifications and/or experience in paediatric care;

Name:

Practice Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Signature:

Send your expression of interest by fax to the **CEO of your local Division of General Practice** by **5 October 2007**