



Agenda
Eastern Homelessness Network (EHN)
Practitioners Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2020
10 - 12.00

Venue: Federation Estate
32 Greenwood Ave
Ringwood VIC 3134

10am Welcome

10.05 Agency Updates

10.20 Indie School - Jane Coysh

Indie School provides an alternative classroom delivery of VCAL and provide a unique leaning model designed for senior secondary aged students who have experienced difficulties in traditional school environments. Their re-engagement programs empower students to overcome the personal barriers which have led to their disengagement from education.

10.45 Anglicare – Family Violence Flexible Support Packages (FSP) - Amy Haartsen

Flexible Support Packages (FSPs) that target high risk and promote safety were introduced by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to recognise family violence (FV) and the impacts on the health and wellbeing of women and children. The purposes of FSPs are for a rapid response to provide personalised, targeted assistance and to assist women and children living with violence in a crisis or post-crisis situation. Amy will provide an overview of the program and outline some of the changes that were implemented when Anglicare became the new provider of FSP in Dec 2019.

11.10 Morning Tea

11.30 Pathways to Resilience and PRAP PLUS – Uniting - Maidie Graham

Pathways to resilience - Pathways to Resilience is an exciting partnership between Uniting, EACH, FAN, Safe futures Foundation and the Australian Childhood Foundation (ACF), offering an integrated, comprehensive suite of therapeutic family violence services to victim/survivors and their children (if applicable) across the Outer Eastern Metro Area. The program uses a therapeutic focus on addressing impacts of family violence to ensure victims/survivors, young people and children are safe, heal from their experiences and develop resilience into the future.

Private Rental Assistance Program (PRP) Plus - PRAP Plus works in direct correlation with the already existing Private Rental Assistance Program (PRAP). The purpose of PRAP Plus is to provide households with additional practical support in accessing, establishing or maintaining private rental tenancies. PRAP Plus supports those that are tenancy ready by means of advocacy, utilising relationships with local real-estate agents and drawing on knowledge of housing legislation. Maidie will give an overview of this program, the referral pathways and how it is different to the already existing PRAP.

12.00 Close

Please **RSVP** to EHNnetworker@vt.uniting.org for catering purposes and dietary requirements by **Monday 16th March**.

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