

the children's hospital at Westmead

Presented by the Department of Psychology, The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

In collaboration with the NSW Branch of The Australian Psychological Society (APS) College of Educational & Developmental Psychologists

School-Link: Linking education, disability and health to support the mental health needs of children and adolescents with an intellectual disability.

Presenters:

Jodie Caruana (School-Link Co-ordinator, Psychological Medicine, CHW)

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Hebah Saleh (School-Link Officer, Psychological Medicine, CHW)

Jodie is a mental health manager with the Department of Psychological Medicine at CHW focusing on intellectual disability. Jodie has a keen interest in mental health promotion and social justice.

Hebah is a psychologist and previous school counsellor working with the CHW School-Link Initiative. Hebah has worked with refugee and migrant communities.

Both Jodie and Hebah were engaged in research into the mental health needs of students with an intellectual disability and are now implementing projects to address the voids.

Topic:

Children and adolescents with an intellectual disability have a greater risk of developing mental health problems and disorders than the general population. This talk will provide an overview of The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW) School-Link Initiative which has partnered with the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Family and Community Services to support the mental health needs of this population. We will use a combination of literature and case studies to discuss the background, interventions, prevention programs and referral pathways for this population.

By the end of this presentation participants will have:

1. A fuller understanding of the literature on mental health and intellectual disability of children and adolescents.
2. Identified current interventions for this population.
3. Identified Prevention Promotion and Early Intervention Programs (PPEI) suitable for this population.
4. A better understanding of the pathways to care for this population.
5. A knowledge of the relevant sources of professional development on this topic.

No Booking necessary

Date and time: Monday 4th June 2012 from 3-5pm (Registration from 2.30pm)

Venue: Lorimer Dods Lecture Theatre, Education Centre (Level 4), The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Cnr Hawkesbury Road & Hainsworth St, Westmead. Take the glass lift from level 2 opposite the Emergency Department to Level 4.

Cost (including GST): \$20; \$10 Full-time students with student ID

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