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Research Seminar – 1st December 2005

Title: Healthy Start: A national strategy for children of parents with learning difficulties

Presenters: Ms Robyn Mildon and Ms Catherine Wade from the Victorian Parenting Centre
Introduction by Dr Fiona Arney, Senior Research Fellow – Australian Centre for Child Protection

Healthy Start is a new national strategy focusing on young children of parents with learning difficulties in Australia. The primary aim of Healthy Start is to build capacity across the human service sectors to better meet the needs of these families. Healthy Start will do this by better resourcing practitioners and organisations who support these families to promote a positive and healthy start to life for these children. The key elements of the strategy are: (i) the expansion of established Australian evidence based parent education and support programs across Australia; (ii) the development of leaders and community networks; (iii) innovative service development targeting areas of demonstrated need. Healthy Start is a joint initiative of the University of Sydney and the Victorian Parenting Centre, and is funded by the Department of Family and Community Services. This seminar will provide an overview of the research that forms the basis for the Healthy Start strategy, and will describe the progress and planned evaluation for the strategy.

Date and time: Thursday, 1st December, 2005, 10am – 12pm (morning tea will be provided).

Location: H1-07, Amy Wheaton Building, University of South Australia, Magill Campus, St Bernard's Road, Magill.

Parking: Free, on campus.

RSVP: For catering purposes, please contact Elizabeth Oram at the Australian Centre for Child Protection on (08) 8302 4030 or email elizabeth.oram@unisa.edu.au by Monday 28th November, 2005.

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