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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you may already be aware, the work of the Addressing Family Violence Programs* (AFVP) will commence a wind up process from 30 June 2011, coinciding with the scheduled completion of a number of our current funding streams. Whilst this is of course disappointing to us all, we have in fact been working hard for some time with a view to building a sustainable funding model for the future. This however may take some time and in the meanwhile we are unable to continue to accept referrals or provide training in this area.

Some AFVP services will continue operating until their funding streams reach completion, including: Dads on Board™, which will continue for 18 months; the Peek-a-Boo Club™, for which the Geelong and Frankston Peninsula groups will see out their current programs; and BuBs on Board, for which the current rural training program will be completed. We will also continue designing the Babies in Refuge Resource Kit, which will be available to women's refuges across Australia and online early 2012.

Over many years, the AFVP has provided a range of services to children and families affected by family violence, as well as to professionals in this area. We are grateful for the most generous support of many organisations, and in particular extend our sincere thanks to the Myer Fund, Victorian Women's Trust, RE Ross and the Melbourne Magistrates Court.

We would also like to sincerely thank the many professionals who have attended our training, purchased our books, referred into our programs and co-run groups with us over the past 16 years. It has been an absolute honour to undertake this work with all the infants, children, young people and their families, and we will forever be in awe of the wisdom and knowledge they have imparted to us.

We will of course continue to advocate for children and their families through the many services The Royal Children's Hospital provides.

Thank you once again for your support and we hope to be in touch in the near future.

*This includes, the Peek-a-Boo Club™, PARKAS, Dads on Board™ and BuBs on Board.

Yours sincerely,

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