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NAPCAN Play Your Part Award 2012 - South Australian Recipient

Recipients: Family by Family
For: Family by Family Program
Based in: Adelaide, South Australia

Background:

The Family By Family program was developed by The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) who created the Radical Redesign Methodology to tackle social challenges. Family By Family is the first project to come out of the Radical Redesign Team.

Family by Family finds and coaches families who have been through tough times and come out the other side and links them up with families who would like something to change in their circumstances. It is a process of connecting families to offer advice and support. Professionals take an indirect role; motivating, prompting and problem solving with family pairs, rather than assessing diagnosing or directing family change.

Family by Family is a new model of family support designed with families to address the problem of too much demand on crisis services, and too few families with the supports to manage chronic stress and isolation. The program aims to assist families not to just bounce back from hard times and survive but to thrive.

Over the last 12 months Family by Family worked with over 100 families in the Marion council area to experience the ups and downs of family life and to co-develop and prototype the Family by Family. The program offers support delivered by, with and between families.

The aim is to enable families to move beyond crisis and survival. The program sees the families as the experts and the resource. Families are the enablers of change. They connect and build relationships with other families in a way that professionals can't.



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Recognition of achievement

NAPCAN'S 2012 Play Your Part Awards are about acknowledging individuals, communities or organisations that work towards strengthening communities and thereby creating environments that support the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Family by Family has been recognised as an important strategy in creating child friendly and connected communities. The program is an excellent example of the sort of initiative that facilitates safe communities for children, and is the reason that this initiative is being awarded the NAPCAN Play Your Part Award South Australia 2012.