



# Foundation House

## Learning & Professional Development Calendar Semester 1, 2012

### The Refugee Experience

The first course in both professional development series is 'The Refugee Experience' which is offered in Dandenong and Brunswick. This one-day course provides an overview of the refugee experience using the Foundation House framework for understanding the psychosocial impact of torture and trauma. This module is designed for both new and experienced workers and introduces some key frameworks that are the basis for further professional development modules with Foundation House.

#### Content includes:

- Australia's Humanitarian Program and recent refugee settlement patterns in Victoria
- the traumatic experiences of refugees
- the impact on individuals, families and communities
- how to identify possible survivors of torture and trauma
- relevant services for refugee survivors and referral processes
- the Foundation House framework about the impact of torture and trauma which forms the basis for interventions
- the range of psychosocial effects of traumatic experiences
- strategies to achieve recovery goals

#### Comments from participants:

*"The facilitators were fantastic – a wealth of knowledge. A great use of case studies - very meaningful."*

*"It was very useful hearing real life experiences from refugees – I could relate it back to the work I do."*

#### One Day Course

Suitable for anyone working with refugee survivors of torture and trauma, and a prerequisite for those wishing to do a Foundation House specialist course.

\$210 per person

Light Lunch Included

REGISTRATION  
ESSENTIAL

#### Brunswick

Thursday 23rd February

9.30am – 4.00pm

Foundation House  
6 Gardiner St, Brunswick

**\* Sorry, Fully Booked \***

#### Dandenong

Wednesday 18th April

9.30am – 4.00pm

Foundation House  
155 Foster St, Dandenong

Please note: The Dandenong professional development room is not wheelchair accessible. If you have physical access needs please consider our Brunswick professional development venue which is accessible. Alternatively, please contact us immediately and arrangements may be able to be made for the course to be held at a different venue in Dandenong.