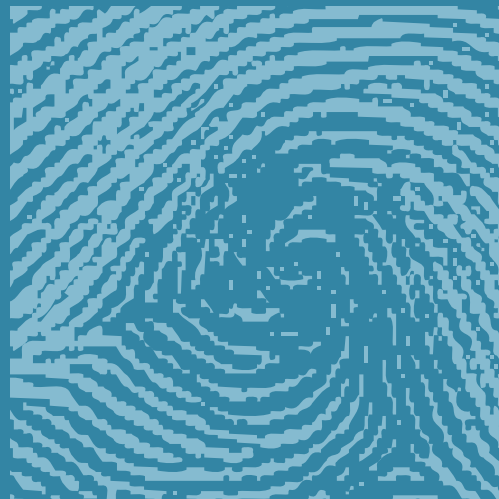


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Introduction

Victoria has a well-established group of statewide non-government (charitable or not-for-profit) organisations with a strong health promotion focus. A number of these organisations are state based affiliates of national organisations. These Statewide Health Promotion Organisations (SHPO's) define their business in terms of specific health conditions, risk factors or population groups often resulting in an overlap in services between organisations. Collaboration between SHPO's and leadership coalitions around particular issues is becoming increasingly common and is encouraged and supported by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The SHPO's provide significant skills and capacities in relation to health promotion research, program development and service delivery. Most have an existing record of working alongside sections of the primary health and community support service sector and many have developed innovative models for implementing programs in conjunction with local service delivery agencies.

This is the third edition of the Statewide Health Promotion Organisations: A Partnerships Resource For Local Agencies (the Resource), which is produced to assist statewide and local agencies. The Resource provides a list of statewide health promotion agencies and defines the activities of each agency, detailing current examples of project work and partnerships. The Resource will be useful for those working in the primary health and community services sector, particularly where health promotion networks may be poorly developed. The Resource has the potential to enhance health promotion practice in these areas by fostering new partnerships between the SHPO's and encouraging them to better meet local needs.

The DHS developed the Resource as part of its efforts to ensure that health promotion is an integral part of the primary care sector. This Resource is specifically designed to assist service agencies and does not replace the list of health promotion services for clients provided in the Service Directory link of the Government's Better Health Channel (www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au), or the Primary Care Partnerships: Statewide Health Services Directory (<http://pcp.serviceseeker.com.au/index.html>).

This third edition of the Resource is reflective of recent changes within the sector, and includes up-to-date information from all agencies listed. Organisations wishing to have their details included in this Resource, or agencies wishing to modify their details should access the DHS website (www.dhs.vic.gov/phd/statehealthpromo/form.htm) and complete the online application form which can be electronically submitted. The Resource is also available on this site for people wishing to print additional copies.

For inclusion in the Resource organisations need to:

- Operate on a statewide basis
- Be primarily a health organisation with a significant health promotion role
- Demonstrate an understanding of health promotion, and be able to describe their activities in a health promoting framework
- Have a capacity to support local agencies

People without access to the Internet website can use the form included at the back of this document, or contact the Partnership Development Section of the Public Health Group on 9637 4216. Additional copies of the Resource can also be obtained by ringing the DHS on this number.

This Resource is available on the Department of Human Services web page (www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/statehealthpromo/).

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Absolutely Women's Health

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Absolutely Women's Health 132 Grattan Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9344 2704 Email: absolutely.womens@rwh.org.au Website: http://wellwomen.rwh.org.au Health promotion contact: Meg Gulbin Manager Absolutely Women's Health Ph: 03 9344 2704 absolutely.womens@rwh.org.au</p>	<p>To empower women to make informed choices about their health care through appropriate and accessible health information.</p>	<p>The <i>absolutely women's health program</i> is a health promotion program for all women that is part of the Women's Health Program of The Royal Women's Hospital. The program has a holistic approach to health and views each issue from an emotional, physical, political and social aspect. We hold a variety of events at the hospital and with other agencies. We aim to celebrate, inform, debate and discuss contemporary and controversial health issues that affect women's health and women's lives.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Resource development • Addressing access and equity issues • Advocacy • Community action • Working with minority groups 	<p>Examples of current programs</p> <p>Collaborative activities All our health promotion activities are conducted in partnership with a range of peak women's organisations, women's health services, statewide services, community health, indigenous health and ethno specific agencies.</p> <p>2003 examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hidden carers—Young Carers Issues in conjunction with Villa Maria Carer Services, Carers Victoria and Centre for Adolescent Health <p>Lesbian Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of 'Pride and Joy' Lesbian Parenting Booklet in conjunction with Prospective Lesbian Parents, Bouverie Centre, Melbourne University General Practice Division <p>Mental Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cracking the Sads—Young Women and Depression Conference in conjunction with Women's Health in the South East, Peninsula Support Services, South Yarra Youth Services, Villamaria Carer Services. <p>Indigenous Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAIDOC Week Celebrations and Journey of Healing—in conjunction with the Aboriginal Women's Health Business Unit <p>Political Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women of Vision—International Women's Day Celebration in conjunction with Victorian Women's Trust, YWCA and International Women's Development Agency

Alzheimer's Australia Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Alzheimer's Australia Victoria 98–104 Riversdale Road Hawthorn 3122 Locked Bag 3001 Hawthorn 3122 Ph: 03 9815 7800 Fax: 03 9815 7801 Email: alzv@alzvic.asn.au Website: www.alzheimers.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Lynette Moore Ph: 03 9815 7800 lynnettemoore@alzvic.asn.au</p>	<p>Providing leadership in policy and services for people living with dementia, their families and carers.</p>	<p>Referral to / from GPs, specialist clinics (ACAS, CDAMS). Education / training role with aged care service providers (HACC etc). Liaison with / consulting to aged care service providers (HACC linkages, cover respite, residential care etc) regarding individual clients (people with dementia and / or carers). Information and resource provision to the sector and consumers. Public education / community awareness raising regarding the importance of accessing diagnostic and support services.</p>	<p>Specific services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone information and referral service • Telephone outreach program • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Library • Political lobbying • Counselling / support • Working with specific sectors • Working with aged care sector / people with dementia / family / carers of people with dementia 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with CDAMS (Cognitive, Dementia and Memory Services) • ACAS • Carer Respite Centres • HACC personal care providers • Linkages programs <p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producing training resources • Conducting education programs for workers • Developing support services for people with early stage dementia • Producing / providing information • Community education / public awareness projects about dementia and the importance of seeking diagnosis and assistance

Arthritis Victoria (incorporating Osteoporosis Victoria)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Arthritis Victoria (incorporating Osteoporosis Victoria) 263-265 Kooyong Road Elsternwick 3185 PO Box 130 Caulfield South 3162 Ph: 03 8531 8000 Fax: 03 9530 0228 Toll free (country callers): 1800 011 041 Email: afv@arthritisvic.org.au Website: www.arthritisvic.org.au Health promotion contact: General Manager Education and Services Ph: 03 8531 8000 afv@arthritisvic.org.au</p>	<p>To be Victorias leading independent musculoskeletal promotion organisation with a strong reputation for empowering individuals and communities to enhance their quality of life.</p>	<p>For the benefit of people with or at risk of musculoskeletal conditions, their carers, families and health professionals, the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Support and advocacy • Information • Research <p>Arthritis Victoria is a self-funded, membership-based organisation.</p>	<p>Arthritis Victoria's multi-disciplinary approach integrates skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-management • Physical activity • Health promotion • Peer support programs • Information provision through a variety of channels, eg text, telephone information services, website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural and Regional Health Education Program (2002). A comprehensive multi-strategy approach for health professionals and consumers • School bone health program aimed at increasing appropriate physical activity to maximise bone building during the critical years of childhood and adolescence • Working in partnership with International Diabetes Institute and Primary Care Partnership South West to develop and deliver a leader training program in strength training classes for people with chronic illnesses • Development of health information sheets aimed at primary and secondary prevention (developed using NH&MRC guidelines for consumer information) • Advocacy for children with Juvenile Arthritis • Telephone information service staffed by volunteers • Commencing a three year project to integrate CALD services into core program areas

Asthma Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Asthma Victoria 69 Flemington Road North Melbourne 3051 Ph: 03 9326 7088 Fax: 03 9326 7055 1800 645 130</p> <p>Email: advice@asthma.org.au</p> <p>Website: www.asthma.org.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Mr Garry Irving Ph: 03 9326 7088 girving@asthma.org.au</p>	<p>To eliminate asthma as a major cause of illness and disruption within the community.</p>	<p>Collaboration and work through a range of agencies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Childcare services • Workplaces • Sporting clubs and facilities • Community Health Centres • First Aid industry • General practitioners • Pharmacists • Health professionals • Divisions of GP's • VicHealth 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Regulatory review • Community action • Addressing access and equity issues • Environment action • Counselling / support • Organisational development • Social marketing / mass media • Health professional education • Telephone advice and support 	<p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Asthma Management Course: involves the training of pharmacists, First Aid providers and community health professionals to conduct courses for schools, childcare centres, workplaces, sporting clubs, outdoor recreation industry and residential care facilities. <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma Resource Database and Guidelines: a list of resources produced for asthma and guidelines for the production of future resources <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of health networks, researchers and hospitals to conduct research into asthma

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Australian Breastfeeding Association (Victorian Branch) 1818–1822 Malvern Road East Malvern 3145</p> <p>PO Box 4000 Glen Iris 3146</p> <p>Ph: 03 9885 0855 Fax: 03 9885 0866 Helpline: 03 9885 0653</p> <p>Email: info@breastfeeding.asn.au</p> <p>Website: www.breastfeeding.asn.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Kate Mortensen Manager Lactation Resource Centre Ph: 03 9885 0855 info@breastfeeding.asn.au</p>	<p>To empower women to breastfeed.</p> <p>To be the recognised authority on breastfeeding information, management and support.</p>	<p>The Australian Breastfeeding Association is a large community-based self-help group, recognised as a leading authority on breastfeeding management and offers a unique counselling and support service to the community and health sector throughout Australia.</p> <p>The Australian Breastfeeding Association promotes skilled and loving mothering, while creating community awareness of the importance of human milk.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Community action • Skills development • Political lobbying addressing access and equity issues • Resource development • Counselling / support • Research and development • Information provision • Organisational development • Working with specific sectors • Telephone help line 	<p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development and training for midwives and counsellors, including accreditation of breastfeeding friendly workplaces. <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and dissemination of breastfeeding resources, including the Lactation Resource Centre, community education and counselling. <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the Centre for Clinical Effectiveness and DHS on the 'Giving Breast Feeding a Boost' project. <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be active participants in government inquiries, committees concerning breastfeeding, and providing input into government policy and development.

Australian Drug Foundation

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Australian Drug Foundation 409 King Street West Melbourne 3003 PO Box 818 North Melbourne 3051 Ph: 03 9278 8000 Fax: 03 9328 3008</p>	<p>To work in partnership with the community to strengthen people's capacity to prevent alcohol and drug problems and reduce alcohol and drug harms.</p>	<p>The Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) is a non-government, non-profit organisation. The ADF is contracted with DHS to provide the state-wide Drug Prevention Clearinghouse. The ADF also works in partnership with various community organisations to address specific issues.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Community action • Political lobbying • Information provision • Regulatory review • Resource development • Work with specific sectors • Research and development • Social marketing / mass media • Working with minority groups 	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Alcohol Action Network (CAAN)—a network of people working to reduce pressures on Australians to drink unsafely • DrugInfo—Drug Prevention Clearinghouse, community drug information service via library, alcohol and drug specialist library service accessed via personal visit, telephone, mail and Internet, information and education resource development and dissemination • Somazone—a youth health information website (somazone.com.au) designed and managed by young people • The Good Sports Accreditation Program—in conjunction with VicHealth, an accreditation program where community sporting clubs can earn recognition for their efforts to address a range of key health issues <p>Centre for Youth Drug Studies:</p> <p>Conducting research into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature, the meaning and the effects of drug use by young people • The efficacy of programs in drug prevention, drug education and early intervention • To contribute to the development of an evidence-based practice

Australian Institute for Primary Care

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Australian Institute for Primary Care Level 5, Health Sciences Building 2 La Trobe University Victoria 3086 Ph: 03 9479 3700 Fax: 03 9479 5877 Email: aipc@latrobe.edu.au Website: www.latrobe.edu.au/aipc</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Gai Wilson Ph: 03 9479 3993 g.wilson@latrobe.edu.au</p>	<p>Promotes quality improvement and best practice in all areas of primary health care. It supports the integration of theory and practice in primary health care and promotes the standing and visibility of primary health care and community health services.</p>	<p>The Institute provides expert consultancy and project management, research and development, information, education and training services, and accreditation and standards reviews for primary care and community service providers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Regulatory review • Environmental action • Organisational development • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Research and development 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Leadership in Population Health and Health Promotion Forums, Rural Population Health Project, Evaluation of the Primary Care Partnership Strategy, Evaluation of tobacco projects in the Victorian Koori Community • Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing—evaluation of the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy Community Initiative Projects • Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund evaluation • Austin Health Evaluation of Respecting Patient Choices Program

Bear in Mind

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Bear in Mind 2nd Floor, Ross House 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne 3000 Ph: 03 9639 7222 Email: bim_state-wide@yahoo.com.au Website: www.vicnet.net.au/~bim Health promotion contact: Ph: 03 9639 7222 bim_state-wide@yahoo.com.au</p>	<p>Our mission is to support people with an acquired brain injury (ABI) in developing presentation skills, self-confidence and wellbeing, whilst raising community awareness of the issues faced by people with ABI. Bear in Mind believes that brain injury is not just an ending, but also a new beginning.</p>	<p>To support people with ABI to develop skills and self-confidence and reduce isolation. Bear in Mind helps people with ABI to identify and meet their own needs, achieve positive experiences and get on with their lives.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Community action • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Research and development • Peer support and supervision for students on placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development • Community awareness activities • Community radio • Lobbying/campaigning on issues of importance to people with ABI • Bear in Mind works of joint community awareness projects with other groups, for example, Headway and the Brain Foundation <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear in Mind offers ongoing opportunities for people to receive training as office administration assistants (carers welcome) • Bear in Mind co organises Brain Injury Awareness Week events with Headway annually • Bear in Mind organises regional events • Bear in Mind has strong links with a range of ABI, disability and general community organisations. Where BIM is unable to assist we can link people to an appropriate service closest to them

Brain Foundation Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Brain Foundation Victoria The Nerve Centre 54 Railway Road Blackburn 3130 Ph: 03 9845 2950 Fax: 03 9845 2882 Email: admin@brainfoundation.org.au Website: www.brainfoundation.org.au Health Promotion Contact: Ms Sarah Lausberg Senior Project Officer Ph: 03 9845 2955 project@brainfoundation.org.au</p>	<p>To improve the quality of life of people affected by acquired brain injury, including stroke, headache and migraine.</p>	<p>To provide info for referrals and support to individuals, family and friends affected by acquired brain injury, including stroke, headache and migraine.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Community development • Skills development • Information provision • Addressing access and equity issues • Screening / risk assessment • Individual support • Production of resources • Research and development 	<p>Information Information and referral service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on headache and migraine, stroke and other acquired brain injury • Provided over the phone and on email • Information kits available on stroke, headache and migraine <p>Workforce development Carer education and support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 week courses, one day per week for family and friends of people with an acquired brain injury • social support events <p>ABI Flexible Respite Slow to Recover Case Management</p>

The Cancer Council Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>The Cancer Council Victoria 1 Rathdowne Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9635 5000 Fax: 03 9635 5270 Email: enquiries@cancervic.org.au Website: www.cancervic.org.au Health promotion contact: Cancer Education Unit Ph: 03 9635 5000 education@cancervic.org.au</p>	<p>The Cancer Council Victoria is an independent charity whose mission is to lead, coordinate, implement and evaluate action to minimise the human cost of cancer for all Victorians.</p>	<p>The health promotion role of The Cancer Council Victoria is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the knowledge base • Prevent cancer through programs which promote individual behaviour change, create more healthy societal and physical environments or exploit knowledge of risk factors • Early detection through education and screening <p>The model of evidence-based public health programs works with the primary and community health sector, the aged care sector, mental health services, hospitals and other health service providers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Regulatory review • Community action • Addressing access and equity issues • Counselling / support • Research and development • Social marketing / mass media • Recruitment to screening programs 	<p>Specific programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SunSmart • PapScreen Victoria • BreastHealth • Community Language Program • QUIT • Men's Cancer Program • Cancer Information and Support Service • Cancer Connect <p>Collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS • VicHealth • Heart Foundation • Universities and medical research institutes • Divisions of GP's • Private medical practices • VicFit • Local government • Schools • Early childcare centres • Community Health Services • Women's Health Services • Sport and recreation clubs • Allied health professionals • Mental Health Organisations • Community groups • Workplaces

Centre for Adolescent Health

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Centre for Adolescent Health 2 Gatehouse Street Parkville 3052 Ph: 03 9345 5890 Fax: 03 9345 6343 Email: craig.hodges@rch.org.au Website: www.rch.org.au/cah Health promotion contact: Mr Craig Hodges Programs Manager Ph: 03 9345 5890 craig.hodges@rch.org.au</p>	<p>To promote the health and wellbeing of young people through integrated research, program development, advocacy, education and training and clinical services.</p>	<p>To centre is strongly committed to prevention and early intervention through health promotion. The work of the centre functions through all points of the continuum, from primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. The centre's biggest role to the primary health and community sector is consultation, education and training in regard to holistic adolescent health. The centre has a role in the dissemination of specialist research.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Community action • Skills development • Political lobbying • Addressing access and equity issues • Information provision • Screening / risk assessment • Resource development • Research and development • Counselling / support • Working with minority groups 	<p>The Research Program The Centre for Adolescent Health is responsible for developing and maintaining a sound knowledge base to promote adolescent health. Research interests include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health promotion • Substance use • Chronic illness, and others <p>Research takes place in a range of settings including school, family and community.</p> <p>Educational and Professional Development Programs These programs integrate expertise from all areas of the Centre. We have developed a variety of programs for those living or working with young people.</p> <p>Community education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops to assist young people in accessing health services • Parent education <p>Our support programs provide a forum for young people to discuss issues, develop confidence and learn life skills while connecting with others in a similar situation. Groups are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people who feel shy or isolated • Young people living with any type of chronic illness • Young people whose parents are living with a mental illness • Overweight young people and their parents <p>Young adults (over 18) needing to explore challenges common to this age group</p> <p>Professional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate courses in Adolescent Health • Short courses that can be linked to the graduate program • Tailored workshops and professional education with those in youth and health fields • Sharing of knowledge through publication, teaching, mentoring and staff development • Development of programs to address key issues affecting young people

Centre for Culture Ethnicity and Health

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Centre for Culture Ethnicity and Health 23 Lennox Street Richmond 3121 Ph: 03 9427 8766 Fax: 03 9428 2269 Email: enquiries@ceh.org.au Website: www.ceh.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Eleni Karantzas Health promotion coordinator Ph: 03 9420 1356 elenik@ceh.org.au</p>	<p>CEH works with the Victorian Health Sector to develop solutions that improve responsiveness to cultural and linguistic diversity.</p>	<p>CEH is funded by the DHS to work with health promoting agencies to improve health outcomes for communities from non-English speaking backgrounds (NESB). Our core clients are primary, community and women's health service providers. However, consistent with the increasingly integrated nature of health service provision, CEH is committed to an inclusive approach on those occasions when our expertise is sought by other health sector providers.</p>	<p>Based on the mission and role of the organisation CEH offers the following services to health service providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and advice • Library containing a comprehensive collection of materials relating to culture, ethnicity and health • Resource development • Education and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2004 CEH Training Calendar • Organisational based training for health service providers • Framework for responding to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers within Primary Care Partnerships • Chronic illness self management: Addressing the Needs of NESB Communities resource Sheet • Community health and diverse communities needs analysis

Centre for Eye Research Australia

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Centre for Eye Research Australia Locked Bag 8 East Melbourne 8002 Ph: 03 9929 8360</p> <p>Email: cera@unimelb.edu.au</p> <p>Website: www./unimelb.edu.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Jill Keefe Associate Professor Ph: 03 9929 8360 jillek@unimelb.edu.au</p>	<p>To eliminate vision loss and blindness in our country.</p>	<p>Through research to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the determination of the causes of major conditions that lead to vision impairment Promote early recognition and detection of potential vision impairment Develop and promote models of optimal care for people with vision impairment Develop and promote methods to reduce vision loss and its impact in 'at risk' groups including the elderly and indigenous populations and rural and remote communities Promote informed choice by improving community access to relevant information about eye health Enhance the quality of research outcomes through strong partnerships with government and non-government agencies <p>Maintain international status as a WHO Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Blindness.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and training Skills development Information provision Political lobbying Regulatory review Community action Addressing access and equity issues Screening / risk assessment Resource development Working with minority groups Working with specific sectors Social marketing / mass media Research and development 	<p>Community action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of rehabilitation programs for people with impaired vision Continue the Lions Low Vision Initiative Victorian retinopathy screening development project Local initiatives in diabetic retinopathy screening Lions eye health program—Australia (LEHP-Australia) Vision screening of older people Primary health approach for the control of Trachoma in Aboriginal communities in central Australia

Continence Foundation of Australia: Victorian Continence Resource Centre

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Continence Foundation of Australia: Victorian Continence Resource Centre C/- St George's Health Service 283 Cotham Road Kew 3101 Ph: 03 9816 8266 Email: cfavic@continencevictoria.org Website: www.continencevictoria.org Health promotion contact: Mr Colin Cassells Ph: 03 9816 8266 cfavic@continencevictoria.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist people with incontinence, their families, carers and health professionals in understanding and managing incontinence To improve public awareness To promote the development of accessible continence services To promote the development of self-help groups To promote research on the causes, prevention, management and other aspects of incontinence 	<p>To provide free confidential advice, information and support for people with bladder and bowel problems. The centre is available to all Victorians including sufferers, carers and professionals.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provision Skills development Advocacy Education and training Community action Addressing equity and access issues Counselling and support Research and development Working with minority groups Working with specific sectors Resource development Social marketing / mass media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education activities to primary carers Continence Awards Week

Cystic Fibrosis Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Cystic Fibrosis Victoria 80 Dodds Street Southbank 3006 Ph: 03 9686 1811 Fax: 03 9686 3437</p> <p>Email: admin@cfv.org.au</p> <p>Website: www.cfv.org.au</p> <p>Information contact: Kerryn McIver Community Relations and Information Officer Ph: 03 9686 1811</p>	<p>To enhance the quality of life and meet the changing needs of Victoria's Cystic Fibrosis Community.</p>	<p>To look after the interests of people with cystic fibrosis and their carers. Cystic Fibrosis Victoria (CFV) works closely with Cystic Fibrosis medical and allied health providers. CFV also helps to provide awareness of the disorder and raises funds for CF research.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Counselling / support • Information provision • Community awareness of CF • Addressing access and equity issues • Resource development • Working with specific sectors 	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation Assistance Program • Financial Assistance Program • Siblings and Partners Support Program • Stress Relief Program • Outreach programs and contact network <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly newsletter (65 Roses News) • Adult newsletter • Website, chat room and message board • Resource library • Information kits <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFV convenes the CF Expert Advisory Committee which draws together key individuals from Victoria's CF service providers • CFV is a member of the Chronic Illness Alliance, comprising 45 organisations representing people with a range of chronic illness <p>Policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1999 CFV produced the 'Quality of Care Guidelines in Cystic Fibrosis Care' and works with other service providers to encourage collaborative policy development on areas such as cross infection and palliative care for young people with CF

Dental Health Services Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Dental Health Services Victoria 720 Swanston Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9341 1200 Website: www.dhsv.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Adriana D'Abate Ph: 03 9341 1005 Fax: 03 9341 1011 dabatea@dhsv.org.au</p>	<p>Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) will improve the dental health of Victorians through accessible and affordable dental health services; child dental health programs and oral health promotion and support for dental education and research.</p>	<p>Within the Health Promotion Division, DHSV has programs that motivate health professionals, teachers, community groups, adults and children to adopt healthy oral health practices. DHSV offers information, resources and support to these groups and in particular target groups with high needs.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Information provision • Organisational development • Resource development • Working with minority groups 	<p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHSV provides a series of training workshops for maternal and child health staff to support them in their role • Programs targeting priority groups <p>Community action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHSV is also working collaboratively with DHS and the City of Monash to provide the Monash preschool Dental Program—a prevention program promoting oral health

Diabetes Australia Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Diabetes Australia Victoria 570 Elizabeth Street Melbourne 3000 Ph: 03 9667 1777 Ph: 1300 136 588 Country Caller Fax: 03 9650 1917 Email: mail@dav.org.au Website: www.dav.org.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Linda Burke Ph: 03 9667 1768 Mob: 0429 654 717 lburke@dav.org.au</p>	<p>Diabetes Australia Victoria is a peak consumer body representing people with diabetes in Victoria. We provide vital information and support to the community about diabetes.</p>	<p>The rapidly increasing incidence of diabetes in the community requires increased activity in the area of health promotion, education and awareness raising. The Health Promotion Unit focuses on the development and provision of information, resources, services and advocacy, which aim to increase the community's awareness of the risks of, and reduce the incidence of diabetes.</p> <p>We work with business and private companies, community health services, Divisions of General Practice, local, state and commonwealth government, hospitals and other health professionals supporting primary prevention and best practice in health promoting settings to assist people with diabetes and their families and carers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provision Advocacy Support groups Resource development Education and training Social marketing and raising public awareness Working with specific sectors and other agencies Health professionals skills development Risk assessment Addressing access and equity issues Socio-Environmental action Community action Regulatory activities Lobbying government Organisational development (policies and procedures) 	<p>Health information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAV website – distribution of publications, fact sheets, brochures and resources Position statement on physical activity <p>Social marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in community events and public speaking Live Well with Type 2 Diabetes posters, brochure, Diabetes Health Card <p>Skills development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes: <i>Reducing the Risk</i> health professionals resource and CD Rom kit <p>Community action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ComNet – coordination of over 60 community diabetes support groups Community development through events, seminars and conferences for people with diabetes <p>Organisational development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace health promotion Business policy and procedures Collaborations and partnerships with other health agencies, universities, traders and government <p>Legislation and regulatory activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Advocacy expertise and antidiscrimination advice Group Advocacy for rights of people with diabetes

Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria 1513 High Street Glen Iris 3146 Ph: 03 9885 0318 Email: edfv@eatingdisorders.org.au Website: www.eatingdisorders.org.au Health promotion contact: Rachel Barbara Ph:03 9885 0318 edfv@eatingdisorders.org.au</p>	<p>The Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria is a statewide non-profit organisation that aims to support those whose lives are affected by anorexia and bulimia nervosa and other eating disorders, and to better inform the community about these disorders.</p>	<p>Primarily the provision of information, support and referral. The foundation is also involved in many community awareness-raising activities in relation to eating disorders, body image and mental health.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Counselling / support • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Research and development 	<p>Information provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of publications and videos • Helpline and email support information referral service <p>Community education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week <p>Education sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For consumers and carers <p>Professional training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For health and mental health workers • Community and Youth workers • Teachers • Sports and fitness workers

Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria Inc

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria Inc (Epilepsy Australia in Victoria) 818 Burke Road Camberwell 3124 Ph: 03 9805 9111 1300 852 853</p> <p>Offices also in: Ballarat Ph: 03 5338 1277 Bendigo Ph: 03 5434 4300 Geelong Ph: 03 5223 1645 Moe Ph: 03 5127 5555</p>	<p>The Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria provides a comprehensive and responsive range of services and programs to meet the needs of people living with epilepsy. The organisation values and respects the diverse skills and life experiences of its members and those who turn to it for support.</p>	<p>The main roles of the Epilepsy Foundation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for individuals and organisation • Community education • Information publication and dissemination • Support group development • Professional education i.e. teachers and GP's 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Advocacy • Community action • Telephone support and information • Organisational and resource development • Website for information and discussion groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigorous public education • Employment counselling • Support for medical and psychosocial research • Accessible provision of comprehensive epilepsy information • Professional education

Family Planning Victoria Inc

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Family Planning Victoria Inc 901 Whitehorse Road Box Hill 3128 Ph: 03 9257 0100 Fax: 03 9257 0112 Email: kccho@fpv.org.au Website: www.fpv.org.au</p>	<p>Vision Family Planning Victoria (FPV) will be a leading provider of sexual and reproductive health services in the Victorian community.</p> <p>Mission FPV is providing a range of services, with an evidence-based approach, which are accessible, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs of community members. The services will be targeted to disadvantaged, high risk and marginalised people who experience difficulty accessing mainstream services.</p>	<p>FPV provides high quality counselling services in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and related issues.</p> <p>FPV educates and trains those who have a role in providing and promoting sexual and reproductive health, including those working with disadvantaged and marginalised members of communities.</p> <p>FPV provides leadership and works collaboratively to assist communities to enhance the health and wellbeing of their members, particularly in relation to sexual and reproductive health issues.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Screening / risk assessment • Counselling / support • Information and resource development • Working with minority groups • Social marketing / mass media • Research and development • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Working with specific sectors • Specialist human relations • Sexuality health service to people with disabilities • Service to people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities 	<p>Health promotion and community education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with Mallee Track Health and Community Services and local stakeholders to deliver Train the Trainer sexual health programs for local service providers • Sexuality and disability education programs, including working with Victorian College of the Deaf and special schools • Establishment of Diversity Support Group in rural Shepparton and YAK support Group at Action Centre • Resource development—a Human Relations Resource Training Kit and Manual • ‘Sex Happens’—a 3 year national AFL program for young football players • Folate campaign—in partnership with DHS. Includes targeting young women from Yooralla Spastic Society and those registered with the Epilepsy Pregnancy Register <p>Professional training and education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education for primary and secondary school teachers and parents • Sexuality education and intervention courses for disability workers • Professional development workshops for teachers and community health workers and educators • Accredited Sexual and Reproductive Health certificate courses for doctors and nurses

Farmsafe Victoria – Victorian Farmsafe Alliance

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Victorian Farmsafe Alliance 24–28 Collins Street Melbourne 3000 Ph: 03 9207 5509 Fax: 03 9207 5510 Email: dphillips@vff.org.au Website: www.vff.org.au Health promotion contact: Mr David Phillips Program Manager dphillips@vff.org.au</p>	<p>To improve the wellbeing and productivity of Victorian agriculture through enhanced safety awareness, training and practice.</p>	<p>Facilitating an alliance of key stakeholders in farm injury prevention. To provide support to community organisations to promote farm safety awareness and practice.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Community action • Addressing access and equity issues • Screening / risk assessment • Organisational development • Resource development • Working with minority groups • Working with specific sectors • Social marketing / mass media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for thirty-four Farm Safety Action Groups across Victoria • Quarterly newsletters and farm safety bulletins • Support and provide OHS training to farmers through a national training course titled Managing Farm Safety • Conduct specific farm safety activities such as ‘Kids on Farm’ safety days (for Primary School children), ATV or four-wheeled motorbike safety days • Produce curriculum resources for Primary Schools—Rural Injury Prevention Primary Education Resource (RIPPER) • Produce media releases on targeted safety issues • Manage farm safety projects, including the Safe Tractor Access Platform project and the Falls from Heights project (silo safety) • Provide farm safety information to community groups • Lobby government for changes in legislation • Develop a state-wide strategic plan for farm safety • Conduct and annual Farmsafe Alliance Forum to broadly promote farm safety

Heart Foundation

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Heart Foundation 411 King Street West Melbourne 3003 Ph: 03 9329 8511 Fax: 03 9321 1574</p> <p>Website: www.heartfoundation.com.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Noeleen Tunny Noeleen.Tunny@heartfoundation.com.au Ph: 03 9321 1530</p>	<p>To improve the heart health of all Australians and to reduce disability and death from heart and blood vessel disease.</p>	<p>The Heart Foundation provides a range of programs in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP's – through the Divisions of GP's • Cardiac Rehabilitation Practitioners • Dieticians, both community based and the Cardiology Special Interest Group • Physical Activity professionals • Local Government workers • Regional Health Promotion Officers 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVD specific information for health professionals • Advocacy • Social marketing / mass media • Policy development • Public information provision via HeartLine • Program development and delivery • Resource development • Policy – guideline development • Active research 	<p>Policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development and dissemination of policy and guidelines of a range of issues relevant to the prevention of CVD in collaboration with representatives from GP's, cardiac rehabilitation sector and physical activity professionals • Resource development and program development and delivery within the primary health and community sector <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With state-wide NGO's including QUIT, CCV, and Body Image and Better Health Program, Universities including Monash, Deakin, La Trobe and Melbourne Universities, Local Government and PCP's on a wide range of health orientated projects.

Heart Research Centre

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Heart Research Centre Post Office Box 2137 Ground Floor Charles Connibere Building The Royal Melbourne Hospital, 3050 Ph: 03 9347 5544 Email: heart@medicine.unimelb.edu.au</p> <p>Website: http://rubens.its.unimelb.edu.au/~heart</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Marion Worcester or Rosemary Higgins Ph: 03 9347 5544 m.worcester@unimelb.edu.au Rosemary.Higgins@mh.org.au</p>	<p>To bring health benefits to all communities through leadership and excellence in the conduct and application of research into the behavioural, psychological and social aspects of cardiovascular disease, particularly directed toward cardiac rehabilitation, secondary prevention, and primary prevention in high-risk groups.</p> <p>Health promotion roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing, implementing and evaluation model programs • Education and training • Advocate health policy • Create collaborations and partnerships to advance the Centre's goals. 	<p>The Heart Research Centre was set up to prevent health disease and facilitate cardiac rehabilitation. The Centre also plays a leading role in the prevention of heart disease and cardiac rehabilitation. While we were set up primarily to undertake research, much of our research is applied research and we work extensively with community health and other health agencies, such as the International Diabetes Institute.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Addressing access and equity issues • Screening / risk assessment • Resource development • Research and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted ethno-specific cardiac rehabilitation programs delivered with Moreland CHS, Doutta Galla CHS, Western Region Health Centre, ISIS Primary Care • Community based cardiac rehabilitation program in Footscray at the YMCA in 1997, transferred and sustained by the Western Region Health Centre • Project-based committees with key stakeholders, service providers and community members • Training workshops for health workers from community and acute health settings, and to disseminate the Best Practice Guidelines to health workers • Victorian Best Practice Guidelines for Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention for DHS • Community information, with English and Greek speaking capability • The model cardiac rehabilitation and prevention program in Cohuna commenced June 1992 and was successfully transferred to Northern Community Health Service in Kerang

International Diabetes Institute

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>International Diabetes Institute 250 Kooyong Road South Caulfield 3162 Ph: 03 9258 5050 Fax: 03 9258 5090</p> <p>Email: admin@idi.org.au</p> <p>Website: www.diabetes.com.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Seona Powell Ph: 03 9258 5023 spowell@idi.org.au</p>	<p>To provide leadership and excellence in care, education, research and health promotion for people affected by, or at risk from, diabetes and associated conditions.</p>	<p>To provide specialist education and care services that promote health for the individual with diabetes, family members, carers and significant others.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Screening and risk assessment • Counselling / support • Organisational development • Resource development • Working with specific needs groups • Diabetes resource centre and library 	<p>Education programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes and lifestyle information sessions for people with diabetes and the community • Strength training for adults with diabetes (Lift for Life) with Ashburton Pool and Recreation Centre <p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisions of GP's and allied health professionals to deliver training programs • Health organisations to deliver training for nursing, allied health, catering and care attendants • Industry to promote healthy eating • PCP's and health care organisations to promote a coordinated approach to diabetes services <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits and participation in physical activity • Glycaemic index testing centre <p>Resource development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child nutrition program for school aged children • Written and web-based resources, the latter available on-line

Jean Hailes Foundation

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Jean Hailes Foundation 173 Carinish Road Clayton 3168 PO Box 1108 Clayton South 3169</p> <p>Ph: 03 9562 6771 Fax: 03 9548 9120</p> <p>Medical Centre for Women Ph: 03 9562 7555 clinic@jeanhailes.org.au</p> <p>Research Unit Ph: 03 9543 9612 research@jeanhailes.org.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Education Unit Level 1 / 7 Audsley Street Clayton South Vic 3169 Ph: 03 9562 6771 educations@jeanhailes.org.au</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop research of an international standard • Translate research findings with better treatment methods • Provide accurate and up-to-date information to the community and the medical profession • Provide quality and comprehensive clinical care for women of all ages 	<p>Provide a range of clinical services such as GP, specialist medical and alternative therapies.</p> <p>Provide training to GP's in metropolitan and rural areas of Victoria and interstate.</p> <p>Conduct seminars and workshops for the general public statewide and nationally.</p> <p>Conduct community consultations on areas of interest to women.</p> <p>Service referral.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Screening / risk assessment • Counselling / support • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Research and development • Providing education to rural areas and aboriginal communities 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with both regional and state women's health organisations • Rural programs eg. Cowes Phillip Island • Multicultural programs

Kidsafe Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Kidsafe Victoria Royal Children's Hospital 1st Floor, Main Building Flemington Road Parkville 3052 Ph: 03 9345 6471 Fax: 03 9345 6378 Email: victoria@kidsafe.org.au Website: www.kidsafe.com.au Health promotion contact: Ed Szwajda Ph: 03 9345 6471</p>	<p>To 'make a safer world for kids' by leading the promotion of action to highlight and to minimise the unacceptable level of risk and consequence of injury to children in our adult focussed world.</p>	<p>Recognise primary causes and trends of child injury / death and facilitate strategies in an endeavour to reduce their frequency, their severity and the cost to the community. This is achieved through advocacy, education and campaign planning in conjunction with the safety promotion sector, government and manufacturers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Resource development • Working with minority groups • Social marketing / mass media • Targeting people with speak languages other than English 	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The anti-scald program 'Hot Water Burns Like Fire' (95/96 and 98/99 campaigns) coordinated by Kidsafe with financial and in-kind assistance from DHS, VicHealth, hot water system and anti-scalding device manufacturers and the plumbing industry. Campaigns targeted the community through mass media and information provision via primary health care providers and the plumbing industry <p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Kidsafe Kids' program (formerly the 'Early Childhood Injury Prevention Program) funded by DHS and the private corporate sector. This program targets parents and carers of young children through the Maternal and Child Health School Nursing Programs

Men's Line Australia

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Men's Line Australia PO Box 33 North Melbourne 3051 Ph: 1300 789 978 (Counselling line) Email: talkitover@menslineaus.org.au Website: www.menslineaus.org.au Health promotion contact: Mr Terry Melvin Ph: 03 9326 8522 Mob: 0404 879 987 tmelvin@menslineaus.org.au</p>	<p>To provide telephone counselling, information and referral to men with family and relationship concerns in a way that is respectful of men's needs behaviour. It offers on-blame, no-shame, no-judgement support to men with family and relationship concerns.</p>	<p>Men's Line Australia is a national telephone service for men. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Men can access the line anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call (mobiles excepted).</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information provision • Screening / risk assessment • Counselling / support • Working with specific sectors 	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's health information nights • Seminars on work-life balance

Mental Health Foundation Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Mental Health Foundation Victoria 270 Church Street Richmond 3121 Ph: 03 9427 0406 Fax: 03 9427 1294 Email: mentalh@mira.net</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Megan McQueenie Ph: 03 9427 0406 mentalh@mira.net</p>	<p>The promotion of mental health for Victorians and the prevention and destigmatisation of mental illness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy – individual and organisation • Community education and info publication and dissemination • Support group development • Professional education—teachers, GP's, mental health service providers 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Community action • Telephone support and information • Organisational development • Resource development 	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information National Mental Health Week (since 1984)—coordinate in Victoria • Options Mental Health Promotion Project • Depression Awareness Campaign <p>Counselling / support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of support groups and organisations

Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) Building 70, Monash University, 3800</p> <p>Ph: 03 9905 4371 Fax: 03 9905 4363</p> <p>Website: www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Erin Cassell Ph: 03 9905 1857 Erin.Cassell@general.monash.edu.au</p> <p>Victorian Injury Surveillance and Applied Research Unit (VISAR) Building 70, Monash University, 3800</p> <p>Ph: 03 9905 1805 Fax: 03 9905 1809</p> <p>Website: www.general.monash.edu.au/muarc/visar</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Karen Ashby Ph: 03 9905 1805</p>	<p>To challenge and support citizens, government and industry to eliminate serious health losses due to injury.</p>	<p>As a WHO Safer Communities Affiliate Support Centre, the role of the Monash University Accident and Research Centre is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide data and information on injuries in local areas • Provide information on effective strategies and countermeasures for injury and advice on available resources • Provide access to the Victorian Safe Communities Network <p>MUARC works with industry, all levels of government and the full range of primary health and community service providers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Community action • Regulatory review • Resource development • Research and development 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital emergency departments in collection of injury data <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUARC has provided data and advice to communities embarking on major injury prevention based programs, eg. Safestart Child Injury Prevention Program in City of Greater Dandenong, City of Ballarat and Shire of Upper Yarra. MUARC in collaboration with the Royal Children's Hospital Centre for Community Child Health • Through the Victorian Injury Surveillance System, MUARC offers a data / information service • MUARC works with government and industry to translate research into practice

National Stroke Foundation

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>National Stroke Foundation Level 3, 167 Queen Street Melbourne 3000 Ph: 03 9670 1000 Fax: 03 9670 9300 1800 787 653 (Freecall) Email: lucinda@strokefoundation.com.au Website: www.strokefoundation.com.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Lucinda Bilney Manager – Policy Ph: 03 9670 1000 Mob: 0402 261 210 lucinda@strokefoundation.com.au</p>	<p>National Stroke Foundation is the national agency for stroke research, preventative education and management in Australia. NSF works closely with all levels of government, health professionals and consumers to reduce the impact of stroke on the Australian community.</p>	<p>The Foundation strives to reduce the impact of stroke by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting and conducting research into the incidence, causes and treatment of stroke • Developing and implementing a national policy on the prevention and management of stroke • Educating the public about the risk factors and early warning signs of stroke and promoting healthier lifestyles 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Community action • Counselling / support • Resource development • Working with minority groups • Social marketing / mass media • Research and development 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with other non-government organisations in the development of information strategies • Worked with regional service providers on stroke issues <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide stroke information to service providers and the public <p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with establishing stroke support groups across Australia in conjunction with the state based bodies, i.e. Stroke Association of Victoria, NSW Stroke Recovery Association and Queensland Stroke Association

National Ageing Research Institute

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>National Ageing Research Institute Poplar Road Parkville 3052 Ph: 03 8387 2148 Email: info@nari.unimelb.edu.au Website: www.mednwh.unimelb.edu.au Health promotion contact: Ms Betty Haralambous Ph: 03 8387 2601 B.Haralambous@nari.unimelb.edu.au</p>	<p>To be the centre of excellence in Australia for medical research (biological, clinical and service delivery) into improving the life and health of older people.</p>	<p>To conduct research with a broad focus on ageing including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translating research evidence into practice • Health services research and evaluation • Service development and policy related research • Health promotion and the evaluation of health promotion programs • The development of resources and information 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and development • Translating research into practice • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Organisational development 	<p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well for Life: Health Promotion in Residential Care • Development of priority access tool for WMR local government HACC providers • Physical activity options for Carers Program • Delivery of training to health and community professionals in community settings • Staying Well: Facilitating Health Promotion in Planned Activity Groups <p>Policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a five year strategic plan for HACC services • Qualitative research including focus groups exploring motivators and barriers to health promoting behaviours • Evaluation of a minimum data set for Falls clinics • Evaluation of home rehabilitation clinics <p>Community action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of demand for local government in-home HACC services in Western Region <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of PCP's across the State • Local government authorities • DHS • Aged Services Network • Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing • A range of health service providers

Nutrition Australia

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Nutrition Australia Victorian Division Inc 260 Kooyong Road Caulfield 3162 Ph: 03 9528 2453 Fax 03 9528 2453 Email: vic@nutritionaustralia.org Website: www.nutritionaustralia.org Health promotion contact: Chairperson Ph: 03 9528 2453 vic@nutritionaustralia.org</p>	<p>To significantly contribute to minimising the economic, social and health impact of nutrition related disease in Victoria. To promote 'optimal health through food variety and physical activity'.</p>	<p>Nutrition Australia, Victorian Division Inc. is the peak community based nutrition education organisation in Victoria. The provision of scientifically based nutrition education materials via our Nutrition Resource Centre and national website. The provision of a member-base telephone and email Nutrition Information Service.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Information provision • Consultancy • PD seminars 	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community-based programs for school canteens, childcare centres, school curriculum development and nutrition policy development <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with the food industry, in particular with Corporate Members <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition forums and conferences • Workplace Health and Wellbeing program • Advocacy • Student and Volunteer placement Program <p>Social marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness campaign: National Nutrition Week • Liaison with the media

PapScreen Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>PapScreen Victoria The Cancer Council Victoria 1 Rathdowne Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9635 5000 Fax: 03 9635 5360 Email: papscreen@cancervic.org.au Website: www.papscreen.org</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Kate Broun Ph: 03 9635 5258 kate.broun@cancervic.org.au</p>	<p>To decrease the incidence of and mortality from cervical cancer among Victorian women.</p>	<p>PapScreen Victoria is the Victorian Cervical Screening Program. It is a joint Commonwealth-State funded program coordinated by the DHS. The Cancer Council Victoria is contracted to develop and implement Victoria's cervical screening communications and recruitment strategy.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Resource development • Social marketing / mass media • Working with minority groups • Research and development • Information provision 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide grants to support health promotion projects that promote cervical screening in local communities. Grants may vary from year to year, however some examples include: multicultural mini grants; small community grants; grants for neighbourhood house; Divisions of GP grants; and grants for Aboriginal health services. • Support cervical screening service providers and other health professionals through professional education and resource provision

QUIT Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>QUIT Victoria PO Box 888 Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9663 7777 Fax 03 9635 5510 Email: quit@cancervic.org.au Website: www.quit.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Suzanne Stillman Deputy Director Ph: 03 9635 5526 Suzie.stillman@cancervic.org.au</p>	<p>Overall aim is to reduce the death and disease caused by smoking. Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage cessation of smoking in all current smokers To prevent the uptake of smoking To reduce exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke To retain the expertise to advise the Minister for Health on tobacco issues 	<p>QUIT currently works with a wide range of organisations and in a range of settings including community health services, local government, GP's, dentists, maternal and child health services, schools and tertiary institutes, migrant resource centres, youth health services, pharmacists, hospitals, aboriginal health and co-op services, mental health services, workplaces.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and training Advocacy Community action Skills development Political lobbying Counselling / support Resource development Research and development Social marketing / mass media Working with minority groups Working with specific sectors Information provision 	<p>Policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS PCP strategy—QUIT Victoria provided training to support the Goulburn Valley PCP, Clean Air Initiative, which enabled Clean Air Resource Workers to offer clients, patients and staff information on smoking and quitting <p>Community action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A nation-wide campaign calling for smokefree pubs and clubs, features a television advertisement in which staff in pubs and bars appeal for smokefree workplaces. Peak health bodies supported the campaign in advocating that governments should be moving immediately to make workplaces smokefree through legislation <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS—Measuring Maternity Care Guidelines. In collaboration with DHS and Royal Women's Hospital, QUIT Victoria contributed to the inclusion and development of the smoking cessation guidelines. One of nine recommended indicators to be implemented throughout the State's maternity services, to measure 'the proportion of women offered appropriate interventions in relation to smoking'.

Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre Flemington Road Parkville 3052</p> <p>Ph: 03 9345 5085 Fax: 03 9345 5086</p> <p>Email: Safety.centre@rch.org.au</p> <p>Website: www.rch.org.au/safety</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Helen Rowan Ph: 03 9345 5085 Fax: 03 9345 5086 helen.rowan@rch.org.au</p>	<p>To continue to be a leader in the provision of quality, child safety promotion services that meet the needs of all.</p>	<p>The Safety Centre aims to provide resources to meet the needs of those working within local communities to reduce child injury mortality and morbidity through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and advice • Education programs and services • Approved safety products for sale • Media campaigns • Support for legislative reform • Support for improved product and environmental design 	<p>An affiliate SAFE Community Support Centre recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO).</p> <p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Education and training • Information provision • Resource development • Working with minority groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone advisory line • A folder of information sheets available free of charge to parents of young children • A Child Safety Handbook available free of charge to parents of primary school children • A Safety Shop providing a wide range of home safety products for direct sale or by mail order • First aid courses • Community displays in several languages available for loan to community groups • A directory of organisations and contacts that provide resources and support in safety promotion • Multicultural Training, Implementation and Evaluation Program for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (peer educator model) in 13 different languages • Safety Media Campaign for NESB groups • Safety Centre / Petcare Dogs 'n' Kids Program promoting responsible dog ownership and dog bite prevention • Discussion groups for parents of babies and young children • Workshops for child Care students

SANE Australia (Schizophrenia Australia Foundation)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>SANE Australia (Schizophrenia Australia Foundation) PO Box 226 South Melbourne 3205 Ph: 03 9682 5933 Fax: 03 9682 5944 1800 688 382 Helpline (office hours EST) Email: info@sane.org Website: www.sane.org (Helpline online) Health promotion contact: Ms Barbara Hocking Ph: 03 9682 5933 Barbara.hocking@sane.org</p>	<p>To help people affected by mental illness through education and information services, mental health promotion, applied research and campaigning.</p>	<p>Through its community education, research and campaigning activities, SANE Australia routinely works with GP's and Divisions of GP's, CHC's, consumers, carers, NGO's, psychiatrists, schools and universities, mental health workers and local government.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Stigma reduction • Information provision • Advocacy • Addressing access and equity issues • Telephone and online Helpline • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Social marketing • Research and development 	<p>Workforce development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Smokefree project—a smoking reduction program for people with a psychiatric disability in association with a GP shared care program <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Pamphlets • Guides to mental illness in plain English • Blueprint guides to good practice • Helpline—telephone and online <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial treatments for mental illness • SANE facilitates research projects that improve the physical health of people with mental illness and develops resources for self-help eg. The SANE Guide to Street Drugs and Mental Illness

Sports Medicine Australia

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Sports Medicine Australia Victorian Branch 1st Floor 120 Jolimont Road Jolimont 3001 Ph: 03 9654 7733 Fax: 03 9654 8556 Email: general@vic.sma.org.au Website: www.sma.org.au www.smartplay.com.au Health promotion contact: Mr Nello Marino Ph: 03 9654 7733 smartplay@vic.sma.org.au</p>	<p>Through service to our membership and the community, Sports Medicine Australia functions as the peak authority on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine and science in physical activity and sport • Medical health care of all active persons at all levels of participation • Wellbeing through safe physical activity • Prevention of health problems associated with inactivity 	<p>We provide expert information, advice and commentary on a diverse range of sport, physical activity and health issues. At a community level SMA is responsible for creating safer playing fields in which all Australians can actively and freely participate.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Information provision • Advocacy • Community action • Screening / risk assessment • Resource development • Working with specific sectors • Research and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and state conferences that facilitate multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to sports medicine and science • A community education program 'Safer Sport' incorporates the development and design of courses, educational resources, guidelines and general information for trainers, coaches, teachers, parents and participants • Sports Medicine Awareness, Sports First Aid courses or Sports Trainer Programs • SMARTPLAY is a program designed to reduce the frequency and severity of injury associated with sport and recreation in Victoria through the promotion of safer sport practices



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<p>SunSmart The Cancer Council Victoria 1 Rathdowne Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9635 5148 Fax: 03 9635 5260 Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Elizabeth Charalambakis Ph: 03 9635 5161</p>	<p>To reduce the incidence of morbidity and mortality from skin cancer in Victoria. To bring about an increase in early detection and treatment of skin cancers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To empower people to make healthy choices relevant to skin cancer To advocate for and support the implementation of sun protection policies and practices that lead to long-term structural and organisational change To reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation by encouraging people to change their behaviour and environments To encourage more people with early skin cancers to attend for treatment 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Information provision Advocacy Community action Counselling / support Social marketing Working in settings including: workplaces; schools; early childhood centres; community 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VicHealth World Health Organisation Local government Schools Early childhood centres Community health organisations Sport and recreation clubs Workplaces GP's

Victorian Council on Fitness and General Health (VicFit)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Victorian Council on Fitness and General Health (VicFit) Level 5, Suite 1, 470 Collins Street Melbourne 3000</p> <p>Ph: 03 8320 0100 Fax: 03 8320 0110</p> <p>1800 638 594 Physical Activity Infoline</p> <p>Email: enquiries@vicfit.com.au</p> <p>Website: www.vicfit.com.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Mrs Cate Lombard Manager Physical Activity and Health Ph: 03 8320 0100</p> <p>Ms Rachel Whiffen Information Officer</p>	<p>To enhance the quality and diversity of physical activity programs and services.</p> <p>To increase participation in safe, effective and appropriate physical activity across the lifespan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide leadership in the development and promotion of physical activity in Victoria To facilitate the development of innovative and effective programs to increase community participation in physical activity To develop evidence based models for the promotion of physical activity and health To partner key organisations in the development of coordinated local physical activity and health plans To work with fitness and related industries to continue to raise the standards of service delivery 	<p>Experienced professionals with backgrounds in health and medical fields, education and the fitness industry, are able to offer advice to government and non-government organisations, and the community on increasing participation in physical activity.</p> <p>Professional training and capacity building to the health, sport, recreation and fitness industry in the promotion of physical activity.</p> <p>Partnering key government, local government and community organisations in the development of physical activity plans, programs and services.</p> <p>Development of plans, programs and services related to increased participation in walking in local areas.</p> <p>Disseminating information on current activity research, evidence based programs, and opportunities.</p> <p>Maintaining a database of physical activity opportunities across Victoria and providing a telephone based statewide referral service.</p> <p>Partnering universities and organisations in research into physical activity.</p> <p>Social marketing and mass media campaigns.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Script Program: which assists the GP to provide brief advice to patients on physical activity and nutrition in the form of a lifestyle prescription, funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and the DHS Walking Action Plans: including the Walk and Talk Program with over 3000 participants across Victoria funded by the DHS, as well as the development of specific Walking Action Plans in a variety of communities Physical Activity Infoline: is a free information and referral service for people wishing to become more active funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria Physical Activity Information Centre: which provides information on physical activity research programs and services in Victoria and funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria

Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) Ground Floor 15-31 Pelham Street Carlton 3053 PO Box 154 Carlton South 3053 Ph: 03 9667 1333 Fax: 03 9667 1375 Email: vichealth@vichealth.vic.gov.au Website: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au ABN: 20 734 406 352</p>	<p>VicHealth's mission is to build the capabilities of organisations, communities and individuals in ways that change social, economic and physical environments so they improve health for all Victorians and strengthen the understanding and skills of individuals to achieve and maintain health.</p>	<p>VicHealth is a statutory body that invests in health promotion through multiple settings. VicHealth gives priority to low socio-economic groups, Kooris, people who live in rural and remote communities, children and families, young people and older people. Priority issues are identified as: tobacco control, mental health, physical activity, healthy eating and substance misuse.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancing knowledge and better evidence for interventions • Supporting innovative contributions in a range of settings / sectors • Systematically transferring health promotion knowledge to targeted spheres of influence • Being an agenda setter and advocate for health promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VicHealth invests in a significant number of innovative and collaborative initiatives within the primary health and community sectors. For a listing of current initiatives, including a short description and contact details, see the VicHealth website or annual report.

Victorian Safe Communities Network

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Victorian Safe Communities Network C/- Barbara Minuzzo Safety Centre Royal Children's Hospital Flemington Road Parkville 3052 Ph: 03 9345 5193 Email: vscn.vscn@rch.org.au Website: www.vscn.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Barbara Minuzzo Ph: 03 9345 5193 Barbara.Minuzzo@rch.org.au</p>	<p>To support local networks to implement evidence-based interventions that promote community safety and reduces injury.</p>	<p>To provide a collaborative approach to an efficient and effective way of guiding, assisting, supporting and nurturing communities to achieve safe community status as defined by WHO for 'Safe Communities'. The main functions of the Network are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote mutual support, communication and partnerships between key stakeholders and practitioners • To provide information on effective, evidence-based interventions and useful resources • Advocate on injury prevention / community safety 	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Skills development • Advocacy • Political lobbying • Community action • Environmental action • Resource development • Working with minority groups • Working with specific sectors 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) is a non-profit coalition • October 2002 saw the birth of 'Community Safety Month', a celebration of community safety activities across Victoria held in October each year. Initiated by the VSCN as 'Safety Sunday' in 1995, this concept developed into 'Community Safety Week' from 1996 to 2001 and has since grown to become 'Community Safety Month', coordinated by the Department of Justice through a joint DOJ/VSCN Resource Group with representatives from all State Government agencies, businesses and Local Governments • The VSCN collaborates with the WHO Safe Communities Network • VSCN also works with the two WHO Affiliate Support Centres in Australia: the Safety Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital, and Monash University Accident Research Centre • Moderation of safe_com_uk, a safe communities email list

Vision 2020 Australia

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Vision 2020 Australia Suite 1 15-31 Pelham Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9656 2020 Fax: 03 9656 2040 Email: V2020@vision2020australia.org.au Website: www.vision2020australia.org Health promotion contact: Dr Richard Clark</p>	<p>Vision 2020 Australia's aim is to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision loss by the year 2020 and ensure that blindness and vision impairment are no longer barriers to quality of life and full participation in the community.</p>	<p>Vision 2020: The Right to Sight is a worldwide initiative of the World Health Organisation. The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and other international non-government development organisations cooperating to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision loss by year 2020. The initiative focuses on elimination of the major causes of unnecessary blindness and vision loss worldwide over a twenty-year period.</p> <p>Vision 2020: The Right to Sight – Australia was incorporated in August 2000 and is a national partnership of over forty Australian based organisations involved in eyecare service delivery, eye research, education and development, vision rehabilitation, professional assistance and community support.</p> <p>Vision 2020 Australia initiates and facilitates opportunities for Partner collaboration aimed at prevention of avoidable blindness, vision loss, and improved vision care in three focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian community • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities • Global Eyecare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government advocacy – ‘one voice for vision’ • Developing and mobilising resources • Promoting community awareness of the need for good eye health • Networking and collaborating with key stakeholders in the vision sector • Working to improve access and equity • Providing a platform and facilitating opportunities for Partner collaboration • Sharing knowledge and information to improve skills and eyecare delivery locally and overseas • Creating a forum for Partners for collaboratively develop policies and strategies to help eliminate avoidable blindness and vision loss by the year 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Your Sight campaign – principally funded by the Victorian Government, the Save Your Sight campaign to encourage older people to have their eyes tested regularly, was launched in Melbourne on 25 November 2003, with a public launch in the City Square with the Victorian Minister for Health, The Hon. Bronwyn Pike • Queensland Partners and stakeholders have formed a steering committee who are in the process of preparing a proposal to the Queensland government for a similar campaign • The 2004 National Vision Forum, to be held in Canberra on March 24 and 25, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Ageing

Well Women's Service (Royal Women's Hospital)

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Well Women's Service (Royal Women's Hospital) 132 Grattan Street Carlton 3053 Ph: 03 9344 2791</p> <p>Website: www.rwh.org.au/wellwomens</p> <p>Women's Health Information Centre Ph: 03 9344 2007 Email: ahic@rwh.org.au</p> <p>Health promotion contact: Ms Meg Gulbin Ph: 03 9344 2199</p> <p>Rosemary Burrell Manager rose.burrell@rwh.org.au</p>	<p>In partnership with other health providers and the community, to improve the health outcomes of women and children by providing and promoting innovative services, research, education and advocacy.</p>	<p>The Well Women's Service is a collection of services at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne. All of our services are free of charge and are aimed at meeting the needs of a broad range of women, within a social model of health framework. It provides information and education, health promotion, telephone information and health counselling, resource development, cervical and breast screening, pregnancy testing, STI testing, referral and advocacy.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced midwives and women's health nurses • Resource development • Advocacy • Working with women from CALD backgrounds • Information provision • Maintaining links with external agencies • Working collaboratively with other health professionals and agencies 	<p>The current Well Women's Service has four major service areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Health Information Centre (WHICH): 'Shop front' health information and education, internet access, art exhibitions, drop-in pregnancy tests and Chlamydia screening • Well Women's Clinic: nurse run clinical service including the provision of Pap screening, STI tests, BP and breast checks • BreastScreen Service: part of the national breast screening program for asymptomatic women • Absolutely Women's Health: health promotion unit providing education and forums on contemporary women's health issues

Women's Health Victoria

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Women's Health Victoria Level 1, 123 Lonsdale Street Melbourne 3000 Ph: 03 9662 3755 Fax: 03 9663 7955 Email: whv@whv.org.au Website: www.whv.org.au Health promotion contact: Ms Marilyn Beaumont Executive Director Ph: 03 9662 3755</p>	<p>Vision All Victorian women have access to quality, women-responsive services that meet their health needs.</p> <p>Mission Maintain and promote an understanding of women's health from a feminist perspective through a clearinghouse of women's health information.</p>	<p>Women's Health Victoria (WHV) is a statewide health promotion agency, with the aim of preventing illness, disease and injury and promoting independence, health and wellbeing using a variety of interventions. The organisation manages a clearinghouse of women's health information, through which health information is sorted, analysed and interpreted for use to answer questions about women's health, to advocate on women's health issues and to be easily accessible to women, health professionals and policy makers.</p>	<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information management Clearinghouse development and management, an information hub that facilitates a two-way exchange of health information Sorting, analysing and interpreting women's health information Producing independent women's health information packages Library, web, telephone and referral services Advocacy Women's health knowledge Developing an environment for health promotion Addressing access and equity issues Organisational development and capacity building Research and development Identification of best practice models in women's health 	<p>Strategic priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing the 2002-2003 market research findings on access to women's health information Providing and disseminating health information statewide Advocating for inclusion of gender in statewide policy and planning Putting into practice actions to influence and improve health outcomes for women <p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BreaCan, Breast Cancer Support. A 2002-2005 pilot project providing information and a support service for people with breast cancer, their family and friends Women with Disabilities Strategic Consumer Advocacy Project. A twelve month project developing a model of advocacy in response to the needs of women with disabilities <p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gippsland Women's Health Service Women's Health Goulburn North East Women's Health East Women's Health Grampians Women's Health Association of Victoria Victorian Breast Cancer Action Group Victorian Women with Disabilities Network DHS Office of Women's Policy Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society Victorian AIDS Council University of Melbourne Key Centre for Women's Health in Society Queen Victoria Women's Centre Hanover Welfare Services Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Victorian Division of General Practitioners

Working Women's Health

Agency details	Mission	Role	Expertise & skills	Examples of current programs
<p>Working Women's Health Ground Floor 192 High Street Northcote 3070 Ph: 03 9482 3299 Email: info@workingwomenshealth. asn.au Website: www.workingwomenshealth. asn.au Health promotion contact: Dr Adele Murdolo Ph: 03 9482 3299 coord@workingwomenshealth. asn.au</p>	<p>Working Women's Health is a statewide service committed to ensuring that working women, particularly those from a NES background, have access to the knowledge and information they require to control their health and wellbeing.</p>		<p>Specific skills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and training • Advocacy • Skills development • Information provision • Political lobbying • Community action • Addressing access and equity issues • Organisational development • Resource development • Working with minority groups • Working with specific sectors • Social marketing / mass media • Research and development • Multilingual group / individual health promotion sessions with women 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol and Drug Health Promotion and Training: WWH has worked in collaboration with a range of alcohol and drug services, such as TRANX, Turning Point and the Western Hospital to conduct Multilingual health promotion with women and to improve the cross cultural and health promotion skills of staff • Gippsland Health Promotion: WWH has worked together with the Gippsland Migrant Resource Centre to conduct multilingual health promotion sessions in six languages with women in Moe and Morwell <p>Conferences / Forums</p> <p><i>Women's Stress in the Workplace</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health issues for newly arrived immigrant and refugee women, in collaboration with a range of agencies, including the Family and Reproductive Right Education Program, the Key Centre for Women's Health, University of Melbourne, Union Research Centre, Action on Disability in Ethnic Communities, and the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health

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