

17185 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions

We run a volunteer home-visiting service of highly trained and supervised volunteers who are mothers themselves, meeting parents in their homes in the last trimester of pregnancy and for the first year of their babies lives. We get requests from referrers and mothers all over the country for a similar service fo be run in their area.

The referrers who work professionally in the area, refer to us and speak very highly of our organisation.

We believe that this is. a cost effective and highly beneficial and is well backed up by research.

Most of our families are identified as being isolated and anxious and the volunteer is often the first to be told of their struggles. They then can help get them to appropriate resources.

Well trained and managed volunteers are often a missing link and has a positive ripple effect on the whole community.

See our website and references

www.mumformum.org.au

In 2018 we won the NAPCAN award in 2018.

We have supported mothers hailing from 75 different count IOF origin and 130 postcodes. Since Covid we have also been offering weekly phone support for a whole year.

We have a big role to play in being alerted to domestic violence and support mothers to engage with professional supports.

It is a simple yet profound program that should be facilitated to be replicated in all suburbs and run within communities to strengthen communities one family unit at a time ensuring no one falls through the cracks.