



CPPAQ Practice Paper Series Upcoming Paper: 23 April 2013

"Working with High Risk Adolescents: Mad Bad or Just Sad?"

Venue: Grant Thornton, Level 18, 145 Ann Street, Brisbane

Time: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Cost: Free for members or \$30 one off attendance

RSVP: Your name and whether you are a member to cppaqld@gmail.com.au
by Friday 19 April 2013

This CPPAQ Practice Paper will consider the challenges and rewards of working with high risk adolescents and offer some strategies for improving your practice with this group through use of a case scenario presented by a panel of highly committed and experienced practitioners.

The paper will explore:

- Applying a trauma-informed understanding to working with high risk young people
- Assessment of the young person's 'stage of change' and how this informs intervention
- The importance of identifying risk and protective factors
- Applying principles of harm reduction
- The importance of systemic, collaborative practice in meeting the needs of high risk young people
- Theories of adolescent development, and how these can help explain risk taking behaviour, as well as inform developmentally appropriate engagement strategies with young people
- Working from a relationship-based approach
- The importance of reflective practice (including reflection on the 'self' of the practitioner)

Our Panel:

- **Dr Scott Harden**, Child, Adolescent and Adult Forensic Psychiatrist from Brisbane Australia.
- **Laura Quinlan**, Social Worker with 12 years experience in the youth sector.
- **Chris Boyle**, Senior Practitioner at the Mt Gravatt Child Safety Service Centre, has worked in child protection for over 15 years.
- **Ian Nussey**, Bachelor of Psychology (Hons) and is a PhD Candidate (Griffith), has worked with individuals, families, groups and organisations providing therapy and development processes since 1990.
- **Damian Bartholomew**, lawyer at the Youth Advocacy Centre in Brisbane for over 20 years.

