

Launch of Dual Diagnosis Support Kit

The Dual Diagnosis support kit was launched on 6 February 2006 by Acting Director-General, Dr Gül Izmir and Dr Adrian Falkov, Acting Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Statewide Network.

The Dual Diagnosis Support Kit includes information for workers, foster carers, and parents with dual diagnosis - as well as two storybooks for children aged 5 -7 years and 8 -12 years, plus a handy wallet-sized information card for adolescents.

The resources are intended to help Workers, carers and parents to talk about issues of parental dual diagnosis, explore concerns that children or family members may have and encourage positive coping and help-seeking behaviours.

Workers may choose to work through the resources with families, or leave the materials with them so that parents, carers and children can discuss the issues themselves.

The kit was developed by DoCS and the Mental Health Coordinating Council with funding from the National Illicit Drug Strategy.

The Kit is available through the NSW DoCS website at http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/index_a.htm there are words at that link that you could play with as well.



*'The Flying Dream': a children's book
graphic from the DoCS and MHCC Dual Diagnosis Kit*