

## Update for ACT and Victorian Partners: January 2015

Dear Partners,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! The kContact team hopes you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. This newsletter is to provide an update on the progress for the kContact study.

In our last newsletter in September 2014, we provided a progress report on the literature review and the submission of the ethics applications for stage 2 of the project.

### Progress

- A draft literature review to inform the guidelines has been completed. This draft will be used as a basis for a journal article for publication.
- An abstract on the intervention methodology was accepted for the *Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect* to be held in Auckland in March 2015 (ACCAN 2015).
- The ACU Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) approved the ethics application with amendments for stage two of the study. This application for stage two of the study was submitted to the University of Melbourne HREC for registration and submission to DHS in Victoria for approval.
- The expert panel session was held to review the background document for the guidelines and develop the intervention (practice enhancement) for stage 2.
- The draft intervention manual has been completed.
- The site randomisation has been completed for intervention and comparison sites.

### What we hope to achieve over the next few months...

- Finalise the intervention and interview manuals.
- Register the trial with Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR) in order to publish the trial protocol.
- Finalise the interview schedules and questionnaires for participants.
- Commence baseline interviews with participants (late February 2015).
- Children's reference group will be held to develop the methodology for the children's study in the ACT (January 2015).

### Save the date

For members of the Stakeholder Advisory Groups we have scheduled our next meetings for

**Dates proposed:            Victoria: Tuesday 17 March 9.30am -11am**

**ACT:    Tuesday 10 March 11am – 12.30pm**

In the meantime, please contact us if there are any issues or concerns.

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