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Supporting the sector to provide effective school-based sexuality and relationships education: an example of collaboration.

Department of Health perspective

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Supporting students, teachers & parents

Full suite of educational resources and programs developed/funded by SHBBVP targeting sexual health education in school sector:

For Students

- x3 *Puberty Series* booklets, *Get The Facts* website

For Parents

- *Talk Soon Talk Often, Yarning Quiet Ways* books & tip sheet (website coming soon)

For Teachers

- Curriculum materials and support: *Growing and developing healthy relationships* (GDHR)
- Teacher education and training.

Teacher PD

- Recognition of necessity for provision of training and PD for teachers.
- Project funded and commenced in 2002 along with release of GDHR Curriculum Support Materials Books.



Training

- First contract 2002 - 2008 *Concord Training Services* (company of teachers and training consultants); Initial 'pilot' included teacher relief

Delivery by skilled/experienced teachers; importance of peer modelling, trainer seen to have 'walked the talk' .



Training Model – implemented by Concord

- 2 day initial training
 - no relief \$ covered
- Plus x2 follow-up days
 - proved too difficult
- Regional/remote
 - remote very difficult and mixed results.
- Provided ongoing resource info and support



Teacher PD continued on along with launch of GDHR Website:

Mark 1 – 2010 to 2015



Mark 2 – 2015 (Current)





Periodic review and evaluation

Catalyse Audit of uptake of GDHR 2006

- also reported evidence to show participation in PD had direct impact on awareness and use of GDHR.

Estille & Assoc Impact Evaluation of PD 2009.

- Over 200 teachers surveyed/telephone interviews.
- Jan 2008 >390 teachers, 60 school nurses trained.

Findings

- high quality/practical, >confidence, maintained over time, teachers inspired to change to more student centred teaching styles in general.
- Evaluation recommended continuation of face-to-face PD.





Ongoing progress & development cont.

- WA Health Education Services Education and Training consultants contracted 2009 – 2012.
- Roll-out 2 day training with follow up support continued.
- Dropped follow-up days, introduced afterschool seminars.
- Last training by WAHES 2012 - disbanded
- Development of on-line PD module in association with DoE 2012.



Commitment by DoH constant

2013:

- Strategic rethink to consider what was wanted/needed into future.
- Service needed a secure, well-established and reputable 'home' with potential to grow.
- Networking and discussions held across sector.
- Development of Tender brief and process.



Tender process



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Tender process overseen by DoH

Curtin University appointed Dec 2013

- Strong collaboration between Curtin and DoH
 - Weekly communication, constant exchange of ideas and information sharing and involvement.
 - Formal and informal mechanisms e.g. Symposium planning group, seminar presentations for both, GDHR Impact Evaluation Reference Group.
- Curtin Project implementation: reports and performance demonstrating great results and major value adding!



Current & future state

Where are we at and what's next for the Department of Health?

- End of initial 3 year contract period with Curtin December 2016
- Development of new Tender specifications and new competitive tendering process
- Ongoing project delivery

EXPAND THE SECTOR AND THE EXPERTISE!