

POLICIES

POLICES for Prevention of Mental Disorders

[1] Universal Programs

- a) Safety, housing, food, welfare
- b) Family functioning, parenting and Pro-social functioning (Human Capital)
- c) Education to potential
- d) Reduction of toxic factors
 - i Biological factors
 - ii Psychological and social factors

[1 c] Education to potential

MHYFVic advocates that the state government, in collaboration with local government, should provide a high-quality child-care service incorporating age-appropriate kindergarten programs seamlessly progressing to primary school entry. Such an extended hours service should be available to any families that choose it, at affordable rates.

MHYFVic advocates that all primary and secondary schools should implement:

- student support systems that identify risk factors and warning signs and provide counselling,
- regularly assess progress in literacy and numeracy and provide remediation,
- implement whole-school respectful behaviour and anti-bullying programs

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