

## POLICIES

### POLICIES for Prevention of Mental Disorders

#### [2] Selective Programs

- a) Biological factors
  - i Post-natal depression
  - ii Children with chronic illnesses
  - iii Children with learning difficulties
- b) Psychological factors
  - i Children experiencing grief and loss
  - ii Children with disruptive behaviours
- c) Social factors
  - i Indigenous families
  - ii Immigrant families
  - iii Children involved with bullying
  - iv Children in out-of-home care

#### **[2 a ii ] Children with chronic illnesses**

MHYFVic advocates that all medical services dealing with children who have chronic medical illnesses should observe best management criteria which include:

- Optimal medical care of the particular disorder (protocols apply)
- Psychosocial assessment of child and family
- Appropriate social supports and therapeutic interventions
- Full information about the disorder and about reliable e-Health sources
- Engagement of the family in “ownership” of the management plan
- Service delivery that fosters empathy and trust

Basic and advanced medical training should emphasise these wider criteria beyond the protocols for disease treatment.

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