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Parenting Support Strategies:

School Refusal: An information session for parents, teachers and youth workers

by

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Date: Wednesday, 24th February 2010
Venue: Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote
First Floor, Room 2B
Time: 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 non-members and \$10.00 ADAVIC members

School refusal is a complex and common issue in our society affecting up to 5% of children, and is stressful for the child, their family and the school. The more time the child is away from school, the more difficult it is for the child to resume normal school life. If school refusal becomes an ongoing issue it can negatively impact the child's social and educational development.

This information session will provide parents and teachers with an understanding of this complex issue and will provide them with a range of strategies they can use to assist their children back to school.

This information session will address:

What is school refusal?
How common is it?
Types of school refusers.
Why children refuse to go to school?
The symptoms school refusers present with.
Short and long term consequences of school refusal.
Things to consider in assessment.
What parents can do (practical strategies)
What schools and other professionals can do

Joanne Garfi is a psychologist with 23 years experience and expertise in child and adolescent issues. She has 8 years experience as a school psychologist, working in both primary and secondary schools providing specialist training to teachers. She has special interests in the treatment of Anxiety and Panic Disorder and is well known for her work with school refusal, childhood anxiety, behavioural disorders and developmental issues. She utilizes Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and skills development and prefers to take a whole person approach to treatment. Her emphasis when working with children is to have families and schools working together to bring about change.



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