



Evaluation results

40 evaluations received

1. How do you rate the value of today's forum?

- 12 x I learned something new
- 10 x I had the opportunity to network
- 7 x It motivated me
- 20 x All of the above
- None of the above

Comments

- Valuable
- Great networking
- I found it very useful and I can use some information in my work from what I learnt today.
- I always enjoy sharing ideas and networking.
- I got some great ideas on how to get parents involved in play.
- MCH presentation was very comprehensive and informative.
- Enjoyed the discussions on workshops and got some good feedback.
- MCH – excellent new info, current practice.
- Loved the info about MCH service, more like this would be great.
- Very good.

2. Did the forum meet your expectations?

Yes, it was:

- 19 x Excellent
- 21 x Very good
- Adequate

Comments

- Except I had heard the MCH part this morning.
- Would have been good to have some specific activities or games good to engage parents/ children.
- Interesting presenters and opportunities to participate.

No, the forum:

- 2 x Needs some improvement
- Needs a lot of improvement

3. How could the forum be improved?

- More time to talk about ideas re parent participation.
- Clearer parking instructions please!
- Shorter lunch/network break.

- Hands on workshop, like recycling workshop or programming session, how to set up program information form that you can work from.
- Parking – what the!!
- Closer to Orbost next time. Lunch was a little long. 1 hour would be sufficient.
- One hour lunch/network would have been sufficient – we have a 3 1/2 – 4 hr tripto and from Melbourne, even a 1/2 hr shorter forum time makes a difference when travelling home at the end of the day.
- More food for lunch please. Slightly shorter lunch break.
- Lunch was just a little long perhaps share time with morning tea.
- Do the interactive/group sharing first, before seminar to promote networking, feeling of inclusion and social safety.
- Not a huge fan of group sharing. Would have liked to have seen PV ideas on topics discussed.
- Less personal examples. You're there as a worker, not a mother.
- I feel the lunch/networking break was too long – prefer to have time at the end of the session so that people who want to network can stay on and talk after we have discussed the topic.
- Swap sessions as brain works better in the morning.
- Considering our level of expertise it would have been useful to go beyond the “basic” information eg welcoming etc as professionals in this field we probably need the next level of information.
- Get the old facilitator back, she was awesome, clever, witty, engaging, not to mention good looking Ha ha only joking! Guess who?

4. Suggested venues/topics for future forums

- SPPI training specific PND, children and special needs.
- Was happy with the venue. Good parking and very well organised. Food was very nice.
- Creating partnerships, funding, Frankston centre is nice!!
- CRAF training, SIDS and Kids, evidence based tools ie PEDS
- Link early years frameworks to playgroups, ie to support early years development, stories on how VEYLF be used at playgroup, developing connectedness to the community, families, culture.
- Any topic that supports playgroup.
- Community engagement involving other organisations in playgroup. Transitions from SPPI groups to community playgroups. Cardinia – we would love to have you at Cultural centre – great food and parking!
- Ringwood, Doncaster.
- Arts centre, somewhere outside – children's garden, tour and playspace.
- Activities for playgroup.
- Please contact me re hosting a forum in Glen Eira – Eliza Levi
- Somewhere near the city.
- This place is excellent because it is walking distance from my home!
- Would love to hear stories from individual playgroups. Maybe some that are unique or ground breaking.
- The Eastern side of Melbourne makes it easier for us from Gippsland East.
- Activities during lunch break.
- Can provide a chance – let local people sit in one table to exchange some good ideas.
- More discussion about tapping into other services, not staying in our playgroup bubble, but how to genuinely interface with service for vulnerable families especially.
- Closer to Melb city, perhaps session for regional professionals.
- City of Casey.
- Exciting play activities – open ended. How the VEYLF will impact on playgroups.
- How can we lobby for more funding together to overcome transport issues/other issues.

- Please have the venue somewhere central, such as in the city.
- Venue was good – parking was a problem (location and validation.) Lunch was lovely, thank you.
- City of Casey. Cultural activity ideas.
- City of Moonee Valley, City of Maribyrnong, City of Moreland.

5. General comments

- Overall very happy. Met some friends. Learnt a lot.
- Thank you, well done.
- The forum was very informative and provided a great place to share ideas and experiences.
- Tips, sharing – excellent. I would like MCH presentation power point/notes. Thanks!
- It has been a very resourceful session.
- Enjoyed the day and the people the presenters and conversation and food.
- Loved 1 ½ hrs to talk – I mean network.
- Well presented! Thanks.
- Thank you.
- Very happy.
- Thank you.
- Thank you.
- I really enjoyed the day , it is fantastic to network and learn new things, The MCH ages and stages presentation was terrific thank you. Marg Thornton, East Gippsland Shire Council.
- Great day, thank you.
- Topics: How to set up a welcoming playgroup in different age group.
- Upper Yarra Family Centre in Yarra Junction (Now you know who I am!!)
- Really enjoyed learning more about MCH nurse role.
- Enjoyable day.
- Enjoyed Helen's info, good to hear what's happening in MCH.
- Thanks, MCH was good.
- Great day, thanks.
- I enjoyed the opportunity to network at lunch time, thanks for listening to our feedback.
- I would prefer if the workshop (afternoon) had come in morning when we were all fresh with ideas.
- Thank you.
- Thank you for all the great information and chance to share experiences and ideas.
- Whilst the ages and stages project talk was interesting, it didn't seem overly relevant to playgroups in my mind. That hour could have been better spent on a playgroup specific topic. As there are lots of different faces around I think it would be good to run a workshop such as "Running an effective playgroup" or one of the PV DVDs. There would be plenty of people present who haven't experienced the workshops or DVDs and for those who have it would be a good refresher. The morning could be devoted to the workshop and the afternoon more round table chats/brainstorming etc. Liked the long lunch/networking opportunity.
- I look forward to the minutes with tips and ideas that I can try.