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**20 YEARS OF CHILD PROTECTION!**

BABI's "Parenting & Enjoying Teenagers" Program was awarded the 2006 Queensland Child Protection Award during Child Protection week on September 3, 2006.

In the ceremony at Parliament House the program was acknowledged in the 'Education Initiative' category for its local development and delivery in the Wynnum/Manly/Redlands community for the past 20 years.

A spokesperson for the Awards Committee said it was this longevity that particularly appealed to the judges.

All 3 presenters of the program, Mary Guentthroth, Robyn Pattison and Sarah Dooley, were in attendance at the award ceremony along with other BABI staff members.

Mary developed the program in 1986 and excitedly attended the presentation, proud that the program was still reaching families.

Sarah Dooley accepted the award on behalf of the program and BABI, saying "the program has made long term impacts on many families over the 20 years. Robyn is a local and often runs into people who have attended the course over the years who recount the impact it made on their lives, their families and their relationships with their children."

The program continues to operate 4 times per year, each school term, based at BABI's Wynnum office. The next course starts on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2006.

Further information or enrolment can be sought from Sarah Dooley, BABI's Family Support Co-ordinator on 3393 4176.