

2006 Queensland Child Protection Week Award winners



The Parenting and Enjoying Teenagers Program, BABI Youth and Family Support Wynnum, Manly and Redlands

Education category winner

The winner of the Education Award, Child Protection Week 2006, is the Parenting and Enjoying Teenagers Program of BABI (Bayside Adolescent Boarding Incorporated) Youth and Family Support.

This year, the Parenting and Enjoying Teenagers Program celebrates two decades of delivering services and support to families in the Wynnum, Manly and Redlands areas.

While the program primarily targets families from the local area, it is also available to families throughout Brisbane who can access the Wynnum centre.

The early intervention and prevention focus of the educative program aims to equip parents with a practical framework for parenting teenagers. The program operates four times each year, servicing between 40 and 50 parents each year.

Over the past 20 years, the program has been presented 122 times reaching around 1,000 families. It is open to a range of families

(two-parents or single-parent) and on occasions includes other people in a parenting role with young people such as foster carers, caretakers and grandparent carers.

Referrals for the program come from a variety of sources and it is advertised widely through schools, local media and service providers.

BABI has also been able to use the program as a participant based training opportunity for staff whose work also involves families, young people and children. The staff members are then able to use and recommend strategies in their service provision for the safety and well-being of children and young people.

The response from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. One parent said that applying the concepts she had learnt had helped improve her family life and saved her marriage and her relationship with her son.