



# RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND PARENTS **RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH**

There are a wide range of support services that both you and your family can easily access online and in your local community to supplement the support you are receiving through your workers compensation claim\*. This fact-sheet contains locations where you can find additional information or services designed to support you. Many of these services are free or low cost. The important thing is to find the right support that works for you and your family.

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE CRISIS ASSISTANCE.

One thing that can support your family and help them support you during your recovery is information that allows them to better understand your mental health condition and your symptoms. Children of different ages will observe and understand different things, and some of the resources below may help you with difficult conversations, building resilience or provide practical information to help you and your family.

Your health professionals and treatment team are also there to support you with any other concerns you or your family have.

\* Please note that these supports or services are not provided or compensable under your workers compensation claim. These are additional and alternative options that you and your support network may be able to access in the community, online and through the government. Please contact the organisation directly to confirm any specific eligibility criteria, what services they offer and what their process is.

## Children of Parents with a **Mental Illness**

W: copmi.net.au/

#### Resources:

copmi.net.au/find-resources/ order-free-materials

#### Videos:

copmi.net.au/parents/ helping-my-child-and-family/ talking-about-mental-illness/ videos-depression-anxiety

#### **Translated Materials:**

copmi.net.au/find-resources/ translated-materials

It can be difficult to talk to children about mental illness. COPMI provide booklets, factsheets, videos and resources on their websites that can help.

### beyondblue

Building resilience guide: beyondblue.org.au/who-does-it -affect/children/building-resilience -in-children-aged-0-12

Communicating with children: healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/ age-6-12/raising-resilient-children/ developing-communication-skills

# Kids Help Line





#### Reach out

W: parents.au.reachout.com

Reach out have information to help parents support their teenagers through everyday issues and tough times.

# Headspace

W: headspace.org.au/young-people/ life-issues/

Headspace has helpful information for young people aged between 12-25 relating to general mental health, physical health and drugs & alcohol.

# **Salvation Army**

W: salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/

The Salvation Army provides social services across a wide range of areas such as housing, family and domestic violence, homelessness, and youth services.

#### Youth off the Streets

**W:** youthoffthestreets.com.au/ get-support/

Youth off the Streets offers support for young people with accommodation, mental health, managing substance abuse, life skills and personal growth, youth justice, cultural support, and education.

# NSW Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service(CAMHS)

W: sesIhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ child-and-adolescent-mental -health-service-camhs-0

CAMHS provide various services in the local community to children, adolescents and their families. They support through a range of difficulties where these are impacting on mental health and emotional wellbeing.

# **Raising Children**

W: raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/ family-diversity/parents-like-me/ parenting-with-mental-illness

Raising children whilst managing mental health symptoms can be a challenge. There are professionals and support services out there that may be able to help. The first step is talking to your GP. More information can be found on the website below.