PARTY TRIAL UPDATE

PARTY 1 is currently phasing down with all practice-based activities now completed and just the last of the 12 month follow-up interviews with the 14-24 year old young people to wrap up in 2011. What a great achievement for our practices, research participants and the PARTY staff!

But, no time to rest - PARTY 2 is already in full swing with many of our practices well into their Wave 1 measures. Twenty three practices, so far, have indicated their intention to continue their PARTY journey with us. It is very important to the trial that as many PARTY 1 practices as possible stay on board so we are most appreciative of the ongoing commitment of our practices. We are still visiting practices which only completed PARTY 1 this year so we are looking forward to many more putting their hand up to work with us to improve health care access and outcomes for the young people in the community.

In addition, we are currently well immersed in analysis of the PARTY 1 outcome data. With over 900 baseline interviews of young people and more than 700 three month follow-ups there is a lot of data to explore so ……………...WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

New in-practice research assistants...

In recent months we have had some new casual research assistants working with PARTY. They have been trained in our processes and are now out in the field recruiting lots of willing young people and parents from the PARTY 2 practices. Many thanks (in alphabetical order) to David, Meaghan, Jodie, Sarah, Shelley and Swee who have been as far afield as Ballarat, Greensborough, Burwood, West Heidelberg, Ferntree Gully, Brighton East and Melbourne CBD. They are looking forward to getting out in to lots more practices in the near future (Christmas notwithstanding). Their presence in the practices makes recruiting young people, and parents of young people, a very smooth process with minimal impact on the general practices.
Thank you for your involvement and interest in the PARTY Project in 2010

Best wishes for a happy and safe festive season

Regards

Lena, Brenda, Janelle, Fan, Caroline & Andrew
and the rest of the PARTY team