As PARTY 1 progresses in its data analysis phase PARTY 2 has commenced its baseline measures with the first of the twelve practices who have committed, so far, to continue the PARTY journey. We are very excited that so many practices are embracing this new phase of PARTY.

The initial activities involve taking a “snapshot” of the practices, their staff and their patients. The methodologies which we have honed in PARTY 1 are designed to ensure “smooth sailing” for everybody.

Throughout 2010, and early 2011, we are visiting all our PARTY 1 practices and providing them with analysed feedback of their practice data - clinicians in particular are finding this information very interesting. We look forward to visiting our remaining PARTY 1 practices so expect to hear from us in the not too distant future.

Thank you research assistants...

During the last stages of our PARTY 1 general practice recruitment of young people we had a final flurry of effort by our in-practice research assistants. Their role was to approach the young people attending the practices to tell them about PARTY so that they could be called about doing our telephone interview. A big thank you (in alphabetical order) to Adrian, Annie, Caroline, Daisy, Eleanor, Eris, Freg and Jessie who worked super-hard and even stayed overnight on country trips in order for us to complete the recruitment.

Thank you young actors.......

During PARTY 1, staff from participating practices took part in training sessions. For the intervention practices this involved some role plays with young actors portraying young patients with psycho-social health risks. In this capacity we were initially very ably assisted by the community drama students, from Princes Hill Secondary College, with their teacher, Ms Tracy Carroll. As the training sessions moved out of central Melbourne we utilised young actors, many of whom had started their involvement in drama at the same school. So we would like to extend a big thank you to these young actors for their talent and enthusiasm, in particular – Alex, Daisy, Eleanor, Freg, Hart, Jessica, Liz, Miles, Peter and Reuben. We also extend our thanks to Dr Helen Cahill and Dr Michele Yeo for their contributions.
The 2010 Primary Healthcare Research Conference was held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 30 June–2 July, with the theme “Primary health care research and health reform: Improving care”. This forum brings together a range of people who are interested in primary health care research, evaluation, development and policy. Delegates include academics, practitioners, policy advisors and consumers. We strive each year, at this conference, to ensure that youth health is well represented. This year we presented two posters, and Brenda Grabsch & Andrew McCoy presented information about PARTY 1 and PARTY 2 at a breakfast workshop on young people's health.

Breakfast session workshop

“Improving health care for young people through primary health care research and health reform” (Chaired by Dr. Carmen Jarrett and Dr. Carol Kefford for the Youth Health Research Interest Group)

The Youth Health breakfast session was well attended by about 40-50 people. Updates from youth health research projects in NSW and from PARTY were presented. Against this backdrop we heard about the direct experience of the health system of two young people in the Northern Territory. Their stories were powerful and highlighted issues around equity, discrimination, disempowerment, disrespect and confidentiality. Many of us who heard the account of their experiences were moved. The young speakers, who were supported by their social worker, hoped that the sharing of their stories would make a difference and might help ensure better outcomes for other young people seeking health care in the future.

Poster

“Young people—their future health starts now: baseline results from the PARTY Project” (Lena Sanci, Brenda Grabsch, Fan Yang, Janelle Seymour, George Patton, Susan Sawyer, Jane Pirkis, Alan Shiel) This poster presented by Brenda and Andrew (pictured at right) outlined the methods and baseline (pre-intervention) results from the PARTY 1 project.

“‘Hot Pics’ and Young People: We need to understand ‘sexting’ from their perspective!” (Shelly Walker, Lena Sanci, Meredith Temple-Smith) In her poster, Shelly presented her research regarding the phenomenon of ‘sexting’. This study responds to anecdotal reports from local schools, youth services and police, of increasing incidents of sexually explicit photos and video clips circulated amongst and by young people without the subjects’ consent. (See Shelley and her poster on the next page.)
**Introducing new members of the Youth Health Team**

**Shelley Walker** is completing a Master of Research in Primary Health Care in the Department of General Practice. She is also a Youth Health Worker in the Health Promotion team at Knox Community Health Service. Shelley has a nursing background and has been working in the youth sector for the past 15 years; she has a particular interest in young people and their sexual health issues and needs. Her study will explore the phenomenon of sexting from the perspective of young people. Shelley has received ethics approval to conduct individual interviews with up to twenty 15-20 year olds. Given that very little research about this issue exists, it is hoped that this study will provide valuable evidence to inform the development of strategies for primary prevention and early intervention for young people.

**Eleanor Tan** has recently come on board the PARTY project as Research Assistant. She first joined the Department of General Practice as a Research Assistant on a women’s health project in 2009. Having completed a Master of Public Health at the University of Melbourne, with an Epidemiology and Biostatistics major, in July 2010 she is looking to make a difference in primary health care. She volunteers in various community programs and enjoys contemporary acrylic painting, tennis and golf in her leisure time.

**FOURTH PARTY iPod WINNER ANNOUNCED!!!**

**Congratulations** to the winner of the recent PARTY prize draw - an 18 year old female from one of our outer Eastern suburban practices who was very pleased to receive news of her win. She has won a brand new 8GB iPod Nano for completing her 12 month follow-up survey for PARTY. The project has now completed over 2,200 telephone surveys involving exit surveys (pre- and post-intervention which are conducted very soon after the young person sees their GP or practice nurse), 3 month and 12 month follow-ups. Every young person who completes a telephone survey automatically goes in the draw for a chance to win and all follow-up surveys they complete count as additional entries in the draw! After every 500 surveys conducted another PARTY winner is drawn.