



Parents Matter Program

Project information sheet for Lead Parents

The “Parents Matter” program is being led by the University of Tasmania and facilitated by the Huon Valley Council in your community. The aim of the program is to provide parents and carers with information about educational and career options available to their children after they finish grade 10.

Here are some answers to questions you may have about the Parents Matter program:

What will this program achieve?

This program will establish parent-led community based learning groups for parents with children in years 5-8 (but not limited to) to find out more about education and career options beyond grade 10. These groups will be organised, facilitated and led by a small number of volunteer parents and/or community members two to four times between March-September 2020 in your community at school or other community venue.

Interested parents/community members will be recruited, trained and assessed in three VET units of competence, through Training and Business Company (RTO provider number 60101), to lead the group’s activities with the support of the project team.

What exactly will I need to do if I become a lead parent/ community member?

We are seeking volunteers to become the program’s lead parents/community members who will, from March 2020:

- plan, organise and run events for parents/carers with school-age children. This will include organising venues, catering, deciding on content, booking transport, assisting with organising guest speakers and tours etc.
- design and develop advertising material (e.g. flyers) for the events
- encourage parents/carers to come to the events
- assist the project team to evaluate the program
- participate in an evaluation interview at the end of the program



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How will I do this?

Each lead parent/community member will be fully supported and trained. We will provide training to lead the activities, and upon successful completion a Statement of Attainment from Training and Business Company (RTO provider number 60101) in the following units of competence:

- BSBADM405 Organise meetings
- BSBCMM201 Communicate in the workplace
- BSBWHS201 Contribute to health and safety of self and others

The training will commence in March and will involve attending 4 workshops (approximately 6 hours each) between March–September 2020 and attending activities organised through the program. Enrolment and other associated training costs, including tour transport, are covered by the project funds.

How will we choose people for the lead roles?

We have used the information in the Assessment Guidelines for the 3 units of competence to identify these four things.

To apply:

- Complete and return an Expression of Interest Form available from the Huon Valley Council website www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au or at the Customer Service Centre.
- Attend a short informal interview with people from the project team. After the interviews we will make a decision as to who will be best suited for the lead roles.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the project team and commence training in March 2020.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by the project team.

How will I do this?

Training: attend 4 workshops (6 hours each) between March–September to complete the required learning and assessment tasks.

Program planning: the lead parents may sometimes need to meet outside of the workshops to complete tasks such as finalising flyers, contacting venues etc.

Community-based events/activities: events will be held two to four times between March–September 2020 for approximately 90 minutes each, most likely during school hours.

What if I no longer want to be a lead parent/community member?

If you change your mind and decide you don't want to participate in the program, then you just need to let project team know.

What if I have questions about this program?

If you have questions about the program, please contact the project team:
Pathway Broker Donovan Szytura on 6264 0300 or donovan@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

This project has been approved by the Tasmanian Social Sciences Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have concerns or complaints about the conduct of this project, please contact the Executive Officer of the HREC (Tasmania) Network on 03 6226 2975 or email ss.ethics@utas.edu.au. The Executive Officer is the person nominated to receive complaints from the participants. Please quote ethics reference number [H0018302].



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