Dear Maternal and Child Health Coordinators,

The 2011 residential workshop will be conducted at the Novotel Creswick on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March 2011.

The theme of this year’s workshop is: ‘Committed to Best Practice’

We are inviting you as a valuable part of the Maternal and Child Health Service to contribute to the success of this workshop.

The objectives of this workshop include:

- To engage the Maternal and Child Health leaders in supporting the Maternal and Child Health Service.
- To clearly identify the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the Maternal and Child Health leadership group.
- To embed the use of the MCHS Program Standards to ensure delivery of a consistent, safe and quality service.
- To provide the Maternal and Child Health leadership group with opportunities to share best practice initiatives and strategies.

In meeting this workshop’s objectives all MCH Coordinators are being asked to submit one example of a Best Practice initiative linked to the Service Improvement Plans within their Local Government Area and encompasses the Maternal and Child Health Service Program Standards.

Service Improvement Plans include: measures to increase participation in the Universal Maternal and Child Health Service consultations, plans to improve identification and engagement of vulnerable children and plans for increasing participation by Aboriginal children.

A selection of these initiatives will be showcased in the form of an oral or poster presentation.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR BEST PRACTICE INITIATIVE

- The Best Practice Initiative is linked to your Service Improvement Plan.
- Provide only one Best Practice Initiative per Local Government Area.
- Provide a brief description (150 words) of the best practice initiative which includes how this initiative was planned, implemented and evaluated.
- Address your responses to Helen Cunningham
- Any questions contact Helen Cunningham on 1300 791 423 or by email mch@edumail.vic.gov.au.
- All responses are due by 27th February 2011