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New centre helps northern families

More than 600 northern suburbs families have benefited from services provided by the Greensborough Family Relationship Centre (FRC), which celebrates its first anniversary on 2 July.

The centre is managed by a consortium involving Relationships Australia (Victoria) as the lead, and partners Berry Street Victoria and Centacare Catholic Family Services.

Centre Manager, Shane Quinn, said the Greensborough FRC had been established as part of the Australian Government's reform of the family law system. Its purpose is to strengthen family relationships, provide dispute resolution services, and be a source of useful information and referral to other appropriate services and agencies.

"We have been able to help families going through separation to achieve workable parenting plans which focus on the needs of children. It is also important to recognise that other family members, particularly grandparents, wish to maintain relationships with children and grandchildren."

Mr Quinn said the Greensborough FRC had a strong focus on community development and was particularly keen to provide family services, referrals and information to varied community groups.

"We have a dedicated Community Development Liaison Officer who works actively with the indigenous and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities to ensure they are aware of the wide range of help we can provide to families in need."

Mr Quinn said staff would celebrate the anniversary with key stakeholders at a special function at the Centre on Friday 20 June.

"We look forward to continuing to help families in the northern region of Melbourne and to build better relationships within the community," he said.

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