

Networking, Coordinating, Cooperating, Collaborating: Practicing Positive Partnerships in the Ethnic and Multicultural Community

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Research aim:

This report documents the first stage of the PPP project. This initial stage consists of a pilot study to explore the experiences of partnerships within the EMCAC Sector. The aim is to generate some empirical data which will inform and guide the subsequent project stages. The Practising Positive Partnerships (PPP) project is a multi-stage project which seeks to deepen understanding of the nature of inter-organisational partnerships within the ethnic and multicultural aged care sector (herein, EMCAC Sector).

Results/Conclusion:

Participants overwhelmingly spoke of the need for organisations within the EMCAC sector to work together. The first part provides a definition and benefits of partnerships. The second part describes the influences on partnerships. The third part brings together a vision for the future of partnerships.

Implications:

Integral to the project is the dissemination and translation of the pilot study findings to various key stakeholders. This engagement with stakeholders will inform the development of a future collaborative work plan, directed by the steering committee. This may include the development of practice guidelines or extending the empirical data collection to other geographic regions.

Cultural Group(s):

Location of study:

Victoria

Age group:

Number included in study:

14

Type of participants:

organisations who represent both large and small ethno-specific and multicultural organisations

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes:

Pilot project