





This one-day workshop offers a unique opportunity to understand the content and approach of this powerful way of working with stepfamily couples.

The workshop utilises the *Making Stepfamilies Work Leaders Manual*, a versatile program for relationship educators, based on over 20 years of practice experience of the authors Irene Gerrard and Margaret Howden.

**Outcomes:** Participants can expect to

- To enhance knowledge and skills in working effectively with stepfamilies, especially in group settings
- A thorough understanding of how to facilitate the course
- Suggestions on managing group processes

### Who Should Attend?

- Staff new to working with stepfamilies in group settings
- Experienced educators wanting specialist training in stepfamily work
- Practitioners wanting to combine educational strategies with the therapeutic intent of empowering couples to achieve changes in their families

**Registration:** (all prices include \$75 for the Leader Manual)

- \$215 Early Bird (by 24 September)
- \$235 (after 24 September)
- \$160 Students

**Venue:** Drummond Street Relationship Centre  
195 Drummond Street, Carlton

**Time:** 9.30am - 4.30pm

### About the Trainer

#### Irene Gerrard BSW, MAASW, MVAFT

Irene is a couple and family therapist whose innovative work with stepfamilies, exploring their needs in therapeutic and group settings, spans two decades. Irene conducts a clinical practice which provides counselling for individuals, couples and families together with supervision for professionals.

Irene has gained extensive family therapy experience in a range of senior positions within community agencies and is currently Counselling Supervisor at Doncare. She has lived in a stepfamily since 1980, and she and her partner have six children between them from their former marriages.

Irene is a senior consultant and trainer with Stepfamilies Australia, and has been actively involved since 1983. Her work with Stepfamilies Australia has included developing and conducting specialist courses and workshops for stepfamilies and professionals, and co-authoring the group Leaders Manual *Making Stepfamilies Work*, published by Stepfamilies Australia



### Registration Form - Making Stepfamilies Work

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On payment this registration constitutes a Tax Invoice.  
Please keep a copy for your records.

I wish to attend the Making Stepfamilies Work workshop on Friday 29 October, 2010.

I enclose Registration of:

- Early Bird rate \$215 (before 24 September)  
 Full rate \$235 (after 24 September)  
 Students \$160  
 inclusive of Leaders Manual \$75, GST and lunch.

If you or your organisation have a copy of the Leaders Manual, please deduct \$75 from the registration fee.

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