

# PRISM POINTS

## Mailout for the PRISM Project

**T**he main project mailout will be based on notifications of livebirths to women living in the 16 municipalities participating in PRISM. Questionnaires will be sent out on a weekly basis, along with a cover letter explaining the project and a reply paid envelope for women to return the questionnaire direct to the research team. Two and four weeks after the questionnaires are sent, each woman will be sent a reminder postcard.

### Key dates:

**February 2000:** Start of births to women who will be followed up with a questionnaire

**August 2000:** Start of study mailout to arrive six months after the birth (main survey)

**February 2002:** Start of two year follow-up mailout (sub-survey).

Creina has been working with the research team to finalise the questionnaire and other documents required for the study mailout. We intend to collate these and send them out in mid to late July, in readiness for the first week of the mailout (7 August). Creina has also been developing information for each council to help prepare for the mailout. This information will be put together in a folder and will be sent to each council soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact Creina if you have any questions about the pilot study or the data collection for the main study. She may be contacted by:

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## Project News

**T**hree divisions in the Department of Human Services recently approved a \$162,000 grant for PRISM data collection and health outcome evaluation.

Rhonda Small will be returning from long service leave at the start of August. The research team are looking forward to Rhonda rejoining the team on August 1, 2000.

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