



Australia

**DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE WHO EXPERIENCES  
BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER?**

## **FAMILY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

**A FREE 12-week Program for Family Members and Carers of Someone  
Who Experiences BPD, BPD symptoms or Emotional Dysregulation**

***\*Education \*Skills \*Resources \*Support***

The Family Connections program is designed to provide parents, spouses, adult children, and siblings the knowledge and skills that will be helpful to them for their own wellbeing in living with a relative with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). The program also helps those relatives build a support network with other individuals with a relative with BPD.

**For more information and to register for the Family Connections  
program, please visit:**

**<https://www.bpdaustralia.org/about-family-connections/>**

**or email: [neabpd@neabpdaustralia.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:neabpd@neabpdaustralia.onmicrosoft.com)**

### **FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAM**

The evidence-based course content of Family Connections was developed by two internationally renowned clinician / researchers and modified in consultation with family members and consumers.

The format of the sessions allows group participants to obtain the latest information about the disorder, acquire and practice skills, and enjoy an open and supportive forum for discussion.

The program combines the real-life experiences and needs of families of persons with BPD with the expertise of more than two decades of professional work with families.

Group leaders, who are family members or clinicians, have extensive personal experience in this area and have taken an intensive leader training course to give them the tools to disseminate information and teach the key skills of the program.

### **COURSE CONTENT**

- \* Education on BPD
- \* Research on BPD
- \* Skills training based on Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) in a supportive group environment
- \* Application and practice of skills
- \* Development of a support network

### **TOPIC ADDRESSED**

- \* Education and Research on BPD
- \* Family Perspectives and Experiences
- \* Relationship Mindfulness Skills
- \* Family Environment Skills
- \* Effective Communication Skills
- \* Validation Skills
- \* Problem Management Skills