

The **Emerging Research Award** is presented to

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As part of her recently completed doctorate, Dr Maple's study provides a rare in-depth understanding of parental bereavement responses following the suicide death of a young child. Of particular relevance is that the study focused on the experiences of families from rural and regional communities.

The findings within the study have implications for suicide bereavement and the delivery of services, and highlight that the context of preparedness is important to understanding how parents are experiencing their pain. The study also offers insight into healing within the family and the restoration of relationships and quality of life.

Dr. Maple's work has been instrumental in providing support to families, informing them and the community (including the delivery of services) regarding how to cope with the death of a loved one through suicide. Her work has played an important role in bringing to the forefront the issue that loved ones have difficulty understanding and making sense of their experiences.