



## NADA MEMBER EMAIL UPDATE 8 SEPTEMBER 2010

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members

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### NOTICE BOARD

#### ► Keep Them Safe (KTS) Training

**Did you or your staff miss out on the free KTS training that was being offered in early 2010 by CCWT**

CCWT has indicated to NADA that it will now be running KTS training for a fee. If we get enough participants for a training session, we will get back in touch with CCWT to discuss options for a training session for NADA members. If you are interested, please send an email to [Mahlia](#). Session topics include the difference between risk of harm and risk of significant harm; mandatory reporting responsibilities including using the new Mandatory Reporter Guide; effective referral to support services and managing information exchange with other agencies.

#### ► Consultation now open for draft Version 3.0 of CHC08 Community Services and HLT07 Health Training Packages

**Feedback required by 10 September 2010**

The 2010 consultation period for draft Version 3.0 of the CHC08 Community Services and HLT07 Health Training Packages is now open. Download the consultation documents for the [CHC08 Community Services](#) and [HLT07 Health Training Packages](#).

#### ► MHCC 2011 Scholarships open soon!

**Scholarships for 2011 open on 13 September –11 October**

Scholarships streams include - *Clinical, Certificate IV in Mental Health (CHC40508), Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA40104), Diploma of Community Services (Mental Health) (CHC50308) or Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, other drugs and mental health)(CHC50408) and Advanced Diploma in Community Sector Management (CHC60308)*. **More information will be available from the [MHCC website](#) this Friday.**

#### ► OATSIH Accreditation Support Grants

**Applications close 15 September 2010**

Eligible organisations are those that receive the majority of their recurrent funding for health service delivery, as their core business, from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). Eligibility and application details are available from the [OATSIH website](#).

#### ► Expressions Of Interest - Local Health Network Governing Councils

**Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 17 September 2010**

Information about Chairpersons of NSW Local Health Networks Governing Council is now available, click [here](#). NSW Health is inviting Expression of Interest for the positions of Chairperson.

#### ► City of Sydney Grants programs

**Local Community Grants – Applications close 20 September 2010.**

**Matching Grants – Applications close 4 October 2010.**

The City of Sydney Local Community Grants Program offers grants up to \$5,000 to not-for-profit community organisations for projects, events, activities, services and resources that help build strong, healthy and vibrant local communities.

The Matching Grants Program supports community initiative with matched funding up to \$10,000. All you need is a great idea and a group of willing participants. For more information about either of these grants visit the City of Sydney website by clicking [here](#).

#### ► The 8th Dangerous Consumptions Colloquium

**Abstracts close 20 September**

**2-3 December 2010**

Australian National University, Canberra

In past years presentations have explored alcohol, illicit drugs, gambling, tobacco and pharmaceuticals. The convenors invite abstracts of up to 250 words proposing papers for the colloquium. Abstracts should be sent in the body of an email or as an attached word document to [Dan Woodman](#) using DC 8 in the subject line.

### ► 'Better Futures' grant funding

#### **Applications close 24 September 2010**

Applications for grant funding under the 'Better Futures Strategy – Enhancement Package' are now open to community organisations and local councils that engage young people in activities that help build social, communication and leadership skills. For more information, click [here](#).

### ► Grants to End Homelessness – The Mercy Foundation

#### **Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 30 September 2010**

The Mercy Foundation 'Grants to End Homelessness' are available for initiatives, services, projects and research that will contribute to the goal of ending homelessness. Projects that focus on chronic homelessness and women who experience chronic homelessness are currently priority areas for funding. These will generally be larger grants (up to \$50,000 for any one year) with grants likely to be averaging \$20,000 - \$30,000 per year. For more information, click [here](#).

### ► Mental Health Month Survey

The Mental Health Month survey is now live, Complete the survey and promote it via your contacts, friends and family to be in the running for a great prize! To complete the survey, click [here](#).

### ► Looking for a Scholarship?

The Australian Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships for charitable organisation managers and financial officers. Find out more on their [website](#)

### ► StreetSmart Homelessness Campaign

Recruitment for the 2010 *Dine Out...Help Out* campaign is underway. Why not 'Hand On' the flyer to your favourite restaurant. For the six weeks in the lead-up to Christmas, StreetSmart will partner with participating restaurants to ask diners to make a small donation to StreetSmart on their bill. Donations go to not-for-profit organisations working with people experiencing homelessness. For more information, click [here](#).

### ► Working with traumatised clients in AOD services: Worker Survey

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC), in collaboration with the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA), is looking for AOD workers from across Australia to participate in a study which aims to examine the impact of working with traumatised clients. Participation would involve completion of an anonymous online survey that would take approximately 15 minutes to complete. For further information, click [here](#).

### ► Mental Health Conference Funding Program - From Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA)

#### **Applications open until 5.00pm on 12 November 2010**

The Mental Health Conference Funding Program is now open and receiving applications for the latest funding round. There will be limited financial assistance available for organisations holding conferences or events with a strong mental health and/or suicide prevention focus. Funding is available for conferences being held between now and 28 February 2011. For more information, click [here](#)

For more information about available grants and tenders please click [here](#)

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## CALENDAR

### NADA EVENTS

#### ► NADA Health Promotion Forum: Community Engagement

**22 September, 10:30am-12:30pm**

This practical forum will provide participants with an introduction to community engagement in the drug and alcohol sector, information about working with the media and an interactive hypothetical situation based on binge drinking / poly drug use. Please RSVP to [Sarah](#) on 02 8113 1308 by **Friday 17 September 2010**.

#### ► Clinical Supervision Workshop

**23-24 September**

Australian Technology Park, Henderson Road, Eveleigh

This interactive workshop will provide theory and skills training to prepare participants to provide best practice supervision and consultation. We encourage you to send 2-3 representatives from your organisation to attend the training to assist with implementing the supervision processes within your organisation. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### ► National Improved Services Initiative Forum: A Tale of Two Systems: Alcohol and Other Drug and Mental Health Co-occurrence **7-8 October, The Shores, West Beach SA**

A reminder that the National Improved Services Forum will take place in South Australia on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 October 2010. To register to attend the event, please complete a registration form and send to NCETA either via fax (08) 82017550 or email: [nceta.conference@flinders.edu.au](mailto:nceta.conference@flinders.edu.au).

► **NADA/MHCC Research into Practice Conference 2010, including NADA AGM**

**6 and 7 December 2010**

Novotel Sydney Manly Pacific

The conference will showcase research conducted by NGO drug and alcohol and mental health services on working with clients with co-existing mental health and drug and alcohol problems. More information and registration details will be made available shortly. Contact [Robert](#) for more information.

► **Forum on the new Associations Incorporated Act**

**25 October 2010**

NADA and the Council of Social Services NSW (NCOSS) are hosting a forum on the new Associations Incorporated Act, governance implications, related risk management and relationship to quality improvement programs. More details to come or contact [Tanya](#).

**OTHER EVENTS**

► **Free Legal Workshop for Community Workers**

**9 September 2010**

The next workshop conducted by Kingsford Legal Centre Solicitors will be on: Social Security and Powers of Attorney. For more information please contact 9385 9566 or RSVP as soon as possible by emailing [Dianne Anagnos](#)

► **World Suicide Prevention Day**

**10 September 2010**

Suicide Prevention Australia is holding a Community Forum on *Encouraging Help Seeking and Stigma Reduction – Breaking down the Barriers*, as part of World Suicide Prevention Day. For more information, click [here](#). To register for this event contact [Annabel Priddis](#) on 9424 5975.

► **Generation Next Seminar: The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People 2010**

**10 September 2010**

Mathews Lecture Theatre - UNSW, Sydney

For more information click [here](#) or phone 1300 797 794.

► **NDARC Education Trust Comorbidity Meeting**

**14 September 2010**

Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour

This workshop brings together respected researchers, clinicians and other health professionals in both the fields of Mental Health and Alcohol and other Drugs treatment to examine current trends of substance use, treatment delivery and outcomes. This is a pre conference workshop for the TheMHS Conference. Note: You can attend this meeting only and do not need to register for the full conference. To register, go to the [TheMHS Conference website](#).

► **Addictions and Gestalt Psychotherapy**

**20 September, Sydney**

This course will explore use of phenomenological investigation, dialogical enquiry, the use of experiment within the counselling process and the application of field theory. For more information, click [here](#).

► **Training Acquired Brain Injury & Challenging Behaviour**

**17 September 2010** - Burwood

**11 October** - Wagga Wagga

This training event, facilitated by Brain Injury NSW (BINSW) will include an Introduction to Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and an overview on how to work with people who have ABI and Challenging Behaviour. If you would like to register or have any queries please contact BINSW 02 9868 5261 or [mail@biansw.org.au](mailto:mail@biansw.org.au)

► **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Special Interest Group Workshop**

**26 September 2010**

Adelaide Convention Centre

Advocacy for Action: Keeping Aboriginal Health on the National Health Reform Agenda. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

► **Handy Hints for the Novice Conference Presenter**

**14 October 2010** - Newcastle

**19 October 2010** - Sydney

This workshop will cover topics such as writing a winning bio and abstract that is fit to be submitted for a conference presentation, preparing an engaging, easy listening presentation and delivering your presentation and enjoying it. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## ► The Australian Health Services Leadership Conference 2010

19 November 2010

Macquarie Graduate School of Management

The conference focus will be on the National Health Care Reform and its effects on managers and leaders within the health services sector. To view the full program, click [here](#).

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## ADVOCACY AND POLICY

### ► NADA submission to NSW Government discussion paper, *Health Reform in NSW* (August 2010)

This paper provides a response from the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies (NADA) on the proposed health reform processes in NSW, specifically the change from 8 Area Health Services to 17 Local Health Networks by July 2011. The submission articulates key concerns for the non government drug and alcohol services sector in relation to the proposed role, boundaries and governance of Local Health Networks. To download the submission, click [here](#).

### ► Policy, Advocacy and Representation Report July-August 2010

NADA prepares regular reports to publicly document its policy, advocacy and representation activities. To view the summary report for July and August 2010, click [here](#).

Details about NADA's policy activity are available from our [website](#).

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## MEDIA

### ► NADA Advocate

The NADA ADVOCATE (Vol 3, Issue 4) is now available from the [NADA website](#).

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## NADA PROJECT UPDATE

### ► NADA Online MDS Database Enhancement and Training Project

In February 2010, NADA received funding from NSW Health to upgrade the existing NADA Online Minimum Data Set (MDS) system and to provide training to drug and alcohol non government organisations in the use of NADA online MDS system. NADA has already finished the development of the enhancement project which includes a new user interface for Area Health Service Data Coordinators to collect MDS data and new MDS report functionalities. Upgrading the online database is expected to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. NADA is now working with the AHS and INFORMH to organise the MDS training. Training grants may also be provided to member agencies based on needs and available budget. It is anticipated that the project will finish by the end of December 2010.

If you would like to know more about the MDS Database Enhancement and Training Project, please contact Kevin Liu on 02 81131309 or email: [kevin@nada.org.au](mailto:kevin@nada.org.au)

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## RESOURCES

### ► Indigenous Services Database and Other Resources:

The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) has compiled a comprehensive database on Australia wide Indigenous Services, training and resources. To access the database, click [here](#). To order your free copy of the CD Rom, please contact [NCETA reception](#) or phone 08 8201 7535.

### ► New Report: The Range and Magnitude of Alcohol's Harm to Others

A new report by the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation is now available, click [here](#) to download.

### ► Alcohol and Pregnancy and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources

Alcohol and Pregnancy and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources are currently available for health professionals. Resources can be ordered as hard copies and mailed to you free of charge or downloaded from the [website](#).

### ► The Integration of Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Services in Australia

The Australasian Housing & Urban Research Institute (AHURI) Positioning Paper (August 2010) aims to increase our understanding of the ways in which homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol services can be coordinated or integrated to provide services to homeless people, the extent to which system and service integration is occurring in Australia at present and the effectiveness of various integrated service delivery responses. To download the publication, click [here](#).

► **Medically Supervised Injection Centre Monitoring Report**

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has released a report on the trends of crime since the establishment of the Sydney Medically Supervised Injection Centre. To read the report, click [here](#).

► **NDSIS August Reports**

A monthly listing of recently released Australian reports, research and other items of interest to the drug and alcohol sector are available online on the NDSIS website. To view reports from August 2010 you may have missed please click [here](#).

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**POSITIONS VACANT**

► **Transition Worker (Part Time)**

**Community Restorative Centre (CRC)**

17 September 2010

► **Project Manager, Cultural Awareness Aged Care (Full Time)**

**ACON**

20 September 2010

For full details of these positions and others currently vacant, please click [here](#).

If you would like to advertise positions vacant please contact [admin@nada.org.au](mailto:admin@nada.org.au)

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