



### NADA Member Update 26 June 2009

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#### Notice board

##### ► NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project

Stage One Member Consultation Questionnaire closes **30 June 2009** – have your say! To complete the questionnaire, click [here](#)

##### ► NADA Training Directory July – Dec 2009

The Training Directory for July – Dec 09 is now available on the [NADA website](#) under Latest News along with a new and improved application form. The closing date for applications is 5pm Thursday, 9 July 2009. Please email [traininggrants@nada.org.au](mailto:traininggrants@nada.org.au) if you have any questions or require more copies of the Directory.

##### Do you need a photocopier?

A NADA Member has two photocopiers they would like to offer to anyone who would be willing to pay \$100 a month each to assist through the final year of the lease for the copiers. Please contact Karen McLaughlan on 02 9365 2500

##### ► NCOSS Analysis of NSW State Budget

The 2009-10 NSW State Budget was presented by the NSW Treasurer on 16 June 2009. The NCOSS analysis and other information relating to the Budget is available on their [website](#).

##### ► ACON Substance Support Service

Calls for Expressions of Interest to provide supportive therapies such as *massage, acupuncture* or *physiotherapy* to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community members who are impacted by substance use. Successful applicants will provide vouchers for individual treatment sessions for ACON to purchase and distribute as required. **To obtain an Expression of Interest form** or for all enquiries contact Brian Francis at ACON Sydney (02) 9206 2097 or [bfrancis@acon.org.au](mailto:bfrancis@acon.org.au) **Closing Date for Submissions – 5pm Monday 20th July.**

##### ► ADCA Submission to the Productivity Commission

Please note that ADCA has formally lodged its submission to the Productivity Commission (PC) on its study of the contribution of the not-for-profit sector. This submission is now publicly available [here](#). ADCA would like to

commend both NADA and WANADA on their submissions - ADCA is in agreement with many of the key issues raised and will certainly reinforce them with the PC should there be an opportunity.

► **Parent and Child Sensitive Practice survey**

The 15-minute *Parent and Child Sensitive Practice Survey* is still open for any interested AOD workers. To participate in the survey, please follow the link from NCETA's [home](#) page.

► **Is your organisation represented on your local CDAT?**

The NADA Health Promotion Sub-Committee is currently investigating the involvement of NGO Drug and Alcohol Services with Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs). Please email [robert@nada.org.au](mailto:robert@nada.org.au) if you currently sit/or have sat on your local CDAT.

► **Family Connections – Illawarra Institute of Mental Health**

Researchers are currently looking for family members caring for a relative with psychosis to take part in a correspondence-based support program called Family Connections. To find out more call free call on 1800-153-340. You can also visit their [website](#)

► **ANCD Strengthening Families Program consultation**

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD), on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is seeking input on the development of a new phase of the National Illicit Drug Strategy (NIDS) Strengthening Families Program from organisations that either work with people affected by substance misuse who may have children, or with families and/or children who may be affected by substance misuse. This is an important opportunity to ensure that your views are considered by FaHCSIA when redesigning and refocusing the Strengthening Families Program. Questions will take approximately 10 minutes and can be accessed at [survey monkey](#). To assist in answering the questions a background [discussion paper](#) is also provided. **The closing date for answers to be submitted is Monday 6 July.**

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## Calendar

► **ACHS Workshops July to December**

Please note that the ACHS Workshop Calendar for July – December 2009 is now available at: <http://www.achs.org.au/educationandsupports/>. You will find links to registration forms on the calendar, click on the blue hyperlinks. If you require further information, please contact us on: 02 92819955 or [educate@achs.org.au](mailto:educate@achs.org.au) for further details.

► **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT): Effective Treatment of Depression and Anxiety workshop**

**7 September 2009 – VIBE Hotel, Milsons Point**

This workshop will provide an introduction to the theory and practice of cognitive-behavioral therapy for clients with depression and anxiety. Download registration details at [www.ppleducation.com.au](http://www.ppleducation.com.au) or for enquiries phone 02 6628 2901.

► **Keeping Children & Young People Safe: The Complexities of Working with Substance Using Parents**

**22-24 September, NADA office, Redfern**

This free 3 day workshop will be held at NADA on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009. To register please contact Tung Pham at the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) on 9840 3987 or [tung.pham@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tung.pham@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au). Enrollment closing date is 11 July 2009.

► **NDARC Annual Symposium and National Drug Trends conference**

**28 & 29 September – Powerhouse Museum, Sydney**

NDARC is holding its Annual Symposium and National Drug Trends conference on 28 & 29 September at the Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St Ultimo. The symposium will highlight research projects undertaken at NDARC and will be of interest to policy makers, clinicians and other health professionals working in the D&A field. Early bird registration closes 31 July. The conference will present recent findings in illicit drug use, markets and related harms across Australia. Go to the [website](#) for registration, information and speakers times.

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## Advocacy and Policy

The latest updates are available from our web site [here](#).

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## Media

### ▶ NSW Community Building Partnership

The NSW government has announced a \$35 million Community Building Partnership program to support local jobs, stimulate growth and improve community facilities. Under the partnership, the NSW Government will contribute to the cost of building important community projects and stimulating local economies. Application packs are available from your local State Member or can be downloaded from the [NSW Government website](#)

### ▶ NADA Advocate

The next edition of the Advocate is due out in late July. The latest edition of the NADA Advocate is available now from the NADA [website](#)

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## Project Updates

### ▶ NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project

The NADA NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project: Stage One Member Consultation process has commenced. Complete the questionnaire [here](#). This questionnaire aims to gather information on current client information collection and use and how the sector could be assisted to improve their client information management systems. **Please forward your completed questionnaire by 30 June 2009.** The NGO D&A and Mental Health Information Management Project Plan summary is also available [here](#).

### ▶ Family and Carer Project

Additional questionnaires for family members affected by the AOD use of someone close that were not included in the *Tools for Change* toolkit are now available on the NADA website.

[Click here](#) to download the questionnaires and the associated journal article from *Addiction*.

### ▶ NADA Project update

Visit the NADA [website](#) for details of the latest project updates

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### ▶ Outside In 2009 Conference presentations

The PowerPoint presentations from the NADA & MHCC conference Outside In have been compiled into PDF documents and loaded onto the NADA website click [here](#) to view the presentations, abstracts and conference report.

### ▶ ACOSS Community Sector survey 2009

ACOSS has released its Australian community sector survey for 2009 The report provides information on service use, income, expenditure and workforce issues for the community services and welfare sector. The 2009 survey covers the financial year 2007-08 and had 556 survey respondents, and can be [found here](#).

### ▶ NEW Hepatitis C Council NSW website launched

The new site provides a wide range of hep C information and referral, aimed for people living with hep C and those working with it. Most significantly, the site has been designed with the visitor in mind. We hope that you are able to navigate easily through the site. Please click on the following link and then re-bookmark the new homepage in your browser. **[The Hepatitis C Council of NSW new website!](#)**

► **communityNet website**

communityNet is a free-to-use website providing news and information on current events, conferences, training, funding and employment vacancies in the community sector. Go to the communityNet website [here](#).

► **Helping someone with problem cannabis use: Mental Health First Aid Guidelines**

New first aid guidelines for problem cannabis use have been released to help the community identify and assist users who are developing a problem with their cannabis use or are in a cannabis-related crisis. The guidelines have been researched and produced by Orygen Youth Health for the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC). Click [here](#)

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**Positions Vacant**

► **Management Committee Vacancies**

Detour House Inc is currently seeking new members to join their Management Committee. Detour House was established in 1984 as supported accommodation house for homeless women affected by drug and/or alcohol dependence. The Management Committee is a group of up to seven women who volunteer their time and skills to ensure compliance to Commonwealth and State government legislation and statutory requirements. Members of the Management Committee usually meet every four to six weeks. Women interested in finding out more about joining the Detour House Inc Management Committee are encouraged to contact Kerri on 02 9660 4137.

► **GROW Community Residential Program Staff vacancy**

The GROW Community is seeking to recruit a residential program staff member. The program operates along the lines of a self help, recovery based approach, that facilitates the residents' attempts to overcome areas of personal difficulty and addiction. Residential Program Staff are employed for up to 38 hours per week. Regular, on-going work (including weekend and over-night non active sleepovers) is required. All terms and conditions are governed by the SACs award NSW. Contact Brian Were on 96068960 or [growcommunity@grow.net.au](mailto:growcommunity@grow.net.au) for info pack or more information. **Applications close 17 July 2009.**

View all vacant positions in the sector on our website [www.nada.org.au](http://www.nada.org.au)

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