



NADA Member Update 27 November 2009

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members.

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Notice board

► Update to NADA Member records

NADA is updating our member files. If you have any brochures or details about your organisation that may help us to better understand you, we would love you to send them in to us: Tanya, NADA, PO Box 2345, STRAWBERRY HILLS, NSW, 2012.

► ACOSS Community Sector Survey

The 6th ACOSS Community Sector Survey is now open and can be found on the ACOSS website www.acoss.org.au. Every eligible organisation that completes the survey before **16 December 2009** will be entitled to six months free use of the events, jobs, and training boards on the ACOSS website, valued at \$320. For more information about the survey contact Ellen Adele at ACOSS on (02) 9310 6204 or ellen@acoss.org.au.

► Community Services Training by Focus Oz eLearning

Funded training for existing community service workers Cert IV in Community Service Work or Diploma of Community Services Coordination are available. For information or to book attendance at an info session call 02 4323 2580 or email enquiries@focusozlearning.com.au.

► Call For Abstracts: NIDAC 2010

Abstract submissions are currently being accepted for the Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2010) "Listening, Learning and Leading" and close on 4 December. Download the [Speakers Guidelines](#) and submit your Abstract [here](#). Super Early Bird registration closes in just 2 weeks, so time is running out to register for the very affordable rate of just \$500! To take advantage, [register](#) here by Friday 4 December 2009.

► Family Support Program - Kids in Focus – Family Drug Support

Family Support Program's (FSP) Kids in Focus – Family Drug Support (Kids in Focus) is an early intervention, family focussed component of the wider National Drug Strategy. Kids in Focus is specifically directed towards family support rather than the health, education or criminal aspects of the wider strategy. Kids in Focus aims to assist families including parents, grandparents, kinship carers and children of substance using parents, by taking an early intervention and family focused approach to dealing with the impacts of substance misuse on families. **Funding Amount:** Funding will be offered to one service provider in each State or Territory to deliver Kids in Focus. Amounts for NSW is: \$1.8 million at \$600,000 per annum. For more information visit the [website](#). **Applications close 2pm local Canberra time, Tuesday 15 December 2009.**

► Auditor-General's Report- Human Services and Technology Agencies

In May 2009 the Auditor-General of New South Wales released a review of Grants Administration by the NSW Government. This audit examined the allocation of grants to NGOs and made several recommendations to 'grant making agencies', as well as three central coordinating actions for the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The Auditor General has now released a specific report (Volume Six Report to Parliament 2009) on the financial audits of NSW Government human services and technology agencies, including the departments of Ageing Disability and Home Care, and Community Services. View the [Full Report](#) . In addition, the Review of Grants Administration May 2009 is available. Click here for that [report](#).

► Foundation House News

Foundation House has recently launched a new 28 day residential gambling program. Foundation House also offers residential and non residential drug and alcohol and gambling programs available to males and females. For more information, click [here](#).

► Fourth National Mental Health Plan launched

On Friday 13 November 2009, the Australian Health Ministers' Conference (AHMC) launched the "Fourth National Mental Health Plan: an agenda for collaborative government action in mental health 2009-2014". For more information and to view the plan, click [here](#)

Calendar

NADA Events

► Research Workshop

Thursday 3 December 2009, GCA Towers, Redfern

Writing for Academic Publishing: A workshop for Comorbidity Research Grant Recipients

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Other Events

► Explore, Demystify & Discuss: The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Experience

7 December, Surry Hills Community Centre, 405 Crown St Surry Hills, NSW

ACON's Substance Support Service sends an open invitation for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and AOD professionals to a PUBLIC FORUM on 7th December 2009, 6-8pm. RSVP by Monday 30 November for catering purposes, Brian Frances (02) 9206 2097

► SAFE in Oz is in Sydney presenting 'An Introduction To Working With Individuals Who Self Abuse'

8th & 9th December 2009, University of Wollongong

This two day program is a pre-requisite for a three day workshop; 'Facilitating The SAFE in Oz Consumer Program'. To register contact **Annie Slocombe – 0433 085 367** or **Di Wines – 0417 303 505**, [email](#) or the [website](#).

► BOCSAR Occasional Seminar series

8 December, Justice and Police Museum, Cnr Phillip & Albert Sts, Circular Quay, Sydney

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and the Crime Prevention Division, NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General invite you to an occasional seminar: Actuarial risk assessment versus clinical decision making in corrections: should we use our heads or the formula? Speaker: Dr Dennis Wagner Research Director, U.S. National Council on Crime & Delinquency (NCCD) 10-11am, RSVP bocsar_seminars@agd.nsw.gov.au or 9231 9190.

► SMART Recovery Facilitator Training

11 December, Murdi Paaki, Ward 22, Bloomfield Hospital, Orange, NSW

SMART Recovery, in conjunction with Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network, are holding a SMART Recovery Facilitator Training from 10am - 2pm. There will be no cost for the training. To make an enquiry or to RSVP call Josette Freeman or Jim Villamor on 02 9373 5100 or email jfreeman@srau.org.au or visit their [website](#).

▶ **ACHS Workshop – Preparing for survey**

20 January 2010, Sydney

ACHS will be holding a training session in Sydney on for preparing for an external survey. For more information on the course, click [here](#)

▶ **Working with “Hard to Hold” Patients in Therapy**

10 February 2010, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Canberra

A clinical workshop based on Masterson’s approach to the borderline/narcissistic “disorders of the self”. Strictly limited to 30 participants. To register contact Susanna at the Australian Psychological Society on (02) 6628 2902 or email susanna@ppleducation.com.au or go to their [website](#).

▶ **Inaugural National Indigenous Drug & Alcohol Conference,**

16-18 June 2010, Adelaide

Super Early Bird rate of \$500 closes 4 December 2009. To register online click [here](#)

Advocacy and Policy

▶ **NADA’s response paper to the Productivity Commission’s draft research report**

The PC’s draft research report was released in October 2009. To view NADA’s submission, click [here](#)

What’s New on the NADA Website

▶ **NADA Links page**

Check out the [Links page](#) in the NADA website for a great list of resources.

Media

▶ **NADA Advocate**

The next edition of the NADA Advocate is out early December and will be available from the NADA [website](#).

▶ **NADA Member Feedback Report**

NADA has compiled its Member Feedback Report for 2009 which is available [here](#). Thank you to all those members that took the time to complete the feedback survey.

Project Updates

▶ **Project Tab**

Want to know more about the NADA and CRC **No Bars Project**. Visit the NADA website [here](#).

Resources

▶ **New NCPIC Resource in the Fast Facts series**

NCPIC has announced a new booklet in the Fast Facts series titled 'Concerned about someone's cannabis use: Fast facts on how to help' is available to order on the [NCPIC website](#).

▶ **Improved Services Initiative National Newsletter**

The creation of the Improved Services Initiative National Newsletter is part of ongoing collaboration between the Australian State and Territory AOD peak organisations (or equivalent), who have been funded to support

the grant recipients as part of the Cross Sectoral Support and Strategic Partnerships (CSSSP) Project. The newsletter provides an opportunity for grant recipients to promote the work they are doing under the Improved Services Initiative, the support being provided under the CSSSP Project, and to find out more about related initiatives. Click [here](#) to view the newsletter.

► **A question of balance: principles, contracts and the government-not-for-profit relationship**

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), the Social Justice & Social Change Research Centre at the University of Western Sydney and the Whitlam Institute have examined the contractual relationship between governments and not-for-profit organisations for the provision of services, particularly employment services. In the final report the authors not only present the research findings but make a series of recommendations including a proposed set of common principles that could govern future contracts. For more information and to download the report, click [here](#).

► **Alcohol and Pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources**

Alcohol and Pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Resources for Health Professionals resources from the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research are available as hard copies and may be ordered and mailed to you (free of charge) or downloaded from [here](#).

Positions Vacant

► **ARC Counsellor, Odyssey House**

for more details visit the NADAwebsite www.nada.org.au
