



NADA MEMBER EMAIL UPDATE 25th February 2010

This is a fortnightly email update for NADA members

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NOTICE BOARD

► NADA FREE Training Opportunity Single Session Work with Families

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► Worker Subsidy Grants to attend NIDAC Conference

Applications Close 15th March 2010

NIDAC are offering worker subsidy grants for workers in rural and remote areas to attend the First National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference 2010, on the 16 -18 June 2010, Adelaide, SA. [Click here](#) for more information.

► Productivity Commission Research Report

[Contribution of NFP Sector](#)

The Productivity Commission has released its final report on the contribution of the NFP Sector.

► Modern Awards

Modern awards for the social and community services sector came into effect on 1 January 2010 under the Commonwealth Government's new workplace relations system. View the [NCOSS/ACOSS factsheet](#) or view related documents at the [Fair Work Australia website](#)

► Community Housing Registration Newsletter

Homelessness NSW has put together a newsletter on Community Housing Registration for organisations that receive funding support from Housing NSW. To view the newsletter click [here](#).

► Keep Them Safe (KTS) Support Line

The NSW Government has established a telephone support line to assist NGOs with the changes under KTS, specifically with the introduction of the new reporting threshold. The KTS Support Line operates between 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). The phone number is **1800 772 479**. For more information about the service [click here](#).

► Funding Opportunity

NHMRC Project Grants - 2010 funding round

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) call for applications for the 2010 funding round of NHMRC Project Grants. Applications close on **17th March 2010**. [Click here](#) for more information.

► Register your event for Drug Action Week 2010

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) has launched Drug Action Week (DAW) 2010 with the new theme of "*Looking After YOUR Mind!*" ADCA is calling on organisations from across the alcohol and other

drugs, health, education, community, education and media sectors to get involved by registering an event on the DAW website www.drugactionweek.org.au.

CALENDAR

NADA events

► **Improved Services Initiative Grant Recipient Forum**

Thursday 18 March 2010

Australian Technology Park, Redfern

Contact [Robert](#) or [Sarah](#) for more information

► **FREE Drug & Alcohol Workforce Development Seminar**

Tuesday 23 March 2010

NSW Health, 73 Miller Street, North Sydney

NADA is working in collaboration with the Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office (MHDAO) and the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) to develop a worker resource and seminar that focuses on the role of families in preventing alcohol-related harm among young people. [Click here](#) for more information.

► **FREE Australian Integrated Mental Health Initiative (AIMHI) Training – Yarning about Mental Health**

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th April 2010; or

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May 2010

Australian Technology Park, Henderson Road, Eveleigh

The training will be provided by Healing & Resilience Unit, Menzies School of Health Research. [Click here](#) for more information.

Other events

► **FREE Keeping Children and Young People Safe: the complexity of working with substance using parents**

Go to the ECAV [webpage](#) information on training dates in your area.

► **Mental Health Connect training**

MHCC are offering training for those who are working on an ongoing basis with people with mental health issues. For more information [click here](#).

► **Fighting Fair (level 1) Mediation & conflict resolution training**

8th & 9th March 2010

Sydney

For further information contact [Scott Dutton](#) on 0425 83 77 56, or register at www.fightingfair.com.au

► **EQuIP for Drug and Alcohol Services**

Wednesday 24th March, 2010, 8.45am – 3.30pm (Sydney, NSW)

This is a practical program designed for those involved in quality within drug and alcohol programs, and who wish to become more familiar with the use of EQuIP. For more information, click [here](#)

► **Developing Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks**

Friday 26th March 2010

23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hill, Sydney: One day workshop, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre

Contact [AES](#) for more information on 02 6262 9093

► **FREE Mental Health Legislative Framework Training**

Friday 26th March, Friday 16th April

NSW Institute of Psychiatry, 5 Fleet St North Parramatta, Sydney

Contact [TL Tran-Tremble](#) for more details.

► **Psychopharmacology Workshop for Non Medical Mental Health Professionals**

30th March 2010

VIBE Hotel North Sydney

The workshop will focus on psychotropic medications, prescribing patterns, therapeutic effects, side effects and potential complications. [Click here](#) to download the program and information on registration for the event.

► **LIFE Professional Development: evaluating suicide prevention projects**

30th March 2010

Sydney

The workshops will introduce and explain the key concepts of evaluation and leave participants with a take-home plan. [Click here](#) for more information and a registration form.

► **Improving Social Determinants of Indigenous Health Conference**

30th & 31st March 2010

Brisbane

Contact: www.improvingindigenoushealth.com

► **FREE WORKSHOPS in Core Concepts in Working with Survivors of Torture and Trauma**

Friday, 30th April 2010, Thursday, 24th June 2010,

Thursday, 12th August 2010, Friday, 15th October 2010

Contact [Jacqueline Donoso](#), or call 9794-1900.

► **E health - National Coordination & Alignment Conference**

14th – 15th April 2010

Bayview Boulevard, Sydney

This conference will give a strategic overview of e-health developments in Australia and examine current systems in the context of the four strategic work streams identified in the National e-Health Strategy. For more information contact Criterion Conferences on 1300 316 882 or [click here](#).

► **Unfinished Pathways to Social Inclusion - VICSERV's International Mental Health Conference**

29th – 30th April 2010

Melbourne Cricket Ground

[Click here](#) for more information.

► **Reconnexion's 5th National Anxiety and Depression Conference**

17th -18th May 2010

Melbourne

[Click here](#) for details about the conference program.

► **AER Workshops**

19th & 20th May 2010

Sydney

The Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Foundation (AER) is offering two workshops in Sydney on *Writing Grant Applications & Reports*, and *Management Techniques*. [Click here](#) for more information.

► **Diversity in Health**

7th – 9th June 2010

Convention and Exhibition Centre Melbourne

Conference will include a mental health stream. [Click here](#) to find out more.

► **2010 Australian Winter School in the Sun - Back to Basics: A Commonsense Approach**

21st - 23rd June, 2010, Brisbane

More information is available on www.winterschool.info.

► **11th International Mental Health Conference – Anxiety and Depression**

18th – 20th August, Surfers Paradise, QLD

Abstract submissions are open until 20 April [click here](#) for details.

► **Australasian Evaluation Society Conference**

30th August - 3rd September 2010, New Zealand

[Click here](#) for registration and information

► **The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) 20th Annual Conference '20 years strong and now a renaissance'**

14th -17th September 2010

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

[TheMHS](#) is collaborating with two other conferences which will be held concurrently with TheMHS event. Abstract submissions are open until 11 March, [click here](#) for details.

► **PHAA Conference: Public Health in a 21st Century Society**

27th – 29th September 2010

Adelaide, SA

Go to www.phaa.net.au for registration and information

► **Mental Health Assessment of Aboriginal Clients**

26th -27th October 2010

Sydney

Dr Tracy Westerman will deliver a workshop on measuring and developing Aboriginal mental health cultural competencies. [Click here](#) for more information

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

► **NADA Submission to the National Drug Strategy Beyond 2009 Consultation Paper**

NADA completed a submission on the consultation paper designed to inform the development of the next National Drug Strategy. To view a copy of this submission, click [here](#)

WHAT'S NEW ON THE NADA WEBSITE

► **Latest news**

For up to date information, on events, notices or resources, check out the [latest news](#) section of our website.

MEDIA

► **NADA Advocate**

The NADA ADVOCATE (Vol 3, Issue 1) is now available from the [NADA website](#).

NADA PROJECT UPDATE

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► **NADA Policy and Procedure Toolkit**

Call for Membership Contributions

We are in the process of gathering as many examples of organisational policies, procedures and additional supporting documents as possible to get a better understanding of what our members are currently using. This

will assist us to develop useful and appropriate templates for the NADA Policy & Procedure Toolkit. Please send any policies and supporting documents that you are willing to share to [Sarah](#).

RESOURCES

► **New Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP) Bulletin**

Bulletin No 3: Legislative Thresholds for drug possession and traffic: An overview of State and Territory differences in Australia

A PDF version of the Bulletin can be downloaded from the DPMP website: www.dpmp.unsw.edu.au

► **A Stronger, Fairer Australia: a new social inclusion strategy**

Launched on 28 January 2010, A Stronger, Fairer Australia sets out the Australian Government's vision and strategy for social inclusion. To download the document click [here](#).

► **Headspace Evaluation Report**

The Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) was contracted by headspace and the University of Melbourne to conduct the first independent evaluation of headspace. The evaluation is a longitudinal, mixed methods research project, established to examine the achievements, limitations and future directions of the headspace program. [Click here](#) to download the report.

► **Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, Vol 38 (2) 2010**

Increasing program capability to provide treatment for co-occurring substance use and mental disorders: Organizational characteristics (pp 160 – 169)

Gotham, Heather J. - Claus, Ronald E. - Selig, Kim - Homer, Andrew L.

► **Review of Substance Use in Pregnancy Services NSW Health**

To access a copy of the review [click here](#)

► **National Compact between the Australian Government and Third Sector: Consultation Report February 2010**

A summary of consultation conducted in 2009 in relation to a National Compact between the Australian Government and the Third Sector has been released. Click [here](#). The National Compact: Working Together will be launched on 17 March 2010, with an official signing ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra.

► **Getting Wise to drugs: A resource for teaching children about drugs, dangerous substances and other risky situations**

Emmett D & Nice G, 2007, UK Available from www.bookshop.adf.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

► **Women and Families Project Officer**

ACON

Applications close 5pm Friday 19th March 2010

► **Committee Members**

Phoebe House Inc

Applications close 22nd March 2010

For full details of the above positions and to view other vacant positions in the sector on our [website](#)
