



**NADA FAMILY & CARER EMAIL UPDATE: 21 December 2009**

**This is an email update for NADA Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Family & Carer Grant recipients.**

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**NOTICE BOARD**

► **FaHCSIA Kids in Focus funding round has been extended**

The application closing date for Funding for Kids in Focus-Family Drug Support has been extended from 15 December 2009 to **2 February 2010** following a decision by FaHCSIA to expand the list of legal entities eligible to apply for kids in Focus funding. All other documentation, including the Selection Criteria remains unchanged.

For further details [click here](#).

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**CALENDAR**

**Events**

► **National Summit: Awakening the Voice of Families in Services and Policy and Politics - Calling for Contributions**

National summit in Melbourne **24-25 May 2009** at the Angliss Conference Centre Melbourne, to register [click here](#).

Papers and presentations are invited from parent, siblings and carers, support agencies, service providers, researchers, governments and community leaders on parents, families and carers in services, policy and politics in Australia. Presentations may be papers, workshops, proposals or displays.

**Expression of interest** in presenting a paper or workshop or display should be forwarded, in no more than 300 words by **26 February 2010** to: Vern Hughes, National Summit Convenor [vern@civilsociety.org.au](mailto:vern@civilsociety.org.au) or call 0425 722 890. For more information about contributions [click here](#).

► **(The Mental Health Services) 12th Summer Forum 'The Right to Care that Works'**

Date: 18 & 19 February 2010

Location: Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour Sydney

Contact: [media@themhs.org.au](mailto:media@themhs.org.au) for sponsorship information and for more details [click here](#)

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

Date: 14 -17 September 2010

Location: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour Sydney

Contact: [media@themhs.org.au](mailto:media@themhs.org.au) for sponsorship information and for more details [click here](#).

► **Mad Pride Youth Event - Talent Quest announced...\$500 in prizes**

South Sydney Youth Services have announce the the MAD PRIDE Talent Quest to be held on **Friday 12th**

**February 2010** at Fraser Studios, Chippendale (5 minutes walk from Central Station). The Talent Quest forms the main part of the performance program of the 2010 MAD PRIDE YOUTH EVENT... And is a fantastic way for young people to be celebrated for their originality, creativity and bravery. Winners receive a total of \$500 in cash and prizes at the 2010 MAD PRIDE YOUTH EVENT in February.

Registrants must be under 30 years of age and have *experienced or have had family/friends experience mental illness*. Amateur or emerging artists are encouraged to register. Entries are required to respond to the theme: **"Mad as Art"** and be a maximum of 5 minutes in length. For more information contact **Mardi** at **South Sydney Youth Services** on **9318 0539**

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## RESOURCES

► **Guidelines on the management of co-occurring alcohol and other drug and mental health conditions in alcohol and other drug treatment settings** *Written by:* Katherine L Mills, Mark Deady, Heather Proudfoot, Claudia Sannibale, Maree Teesson, Richard Mattick, Lucy Burns

The resource was developed by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre in collaboration with clinicians, researchers, consumers and carers from across Australia, with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

A limited number of hardcopies are currently being disseminated to all alcohol and other drug treatment services across Australia. [Click here](#) to download additional copies and resources may be downloaded.

► **Carers' Stories of Hope and Recovery, Vol 2**

Beyondblue have released a DVD resource including personal accounts of caring for a family member or friend with depression, anxiety or a related disorder. The resource is designed to accompany the hardcopy *"Beyondblue Guide for Carers – Supporting and caring for a person with depression, anxiety and/or a related disorder"* released earlier this year.

To access the resources you need to register your organization [click here](#) to register & order your resources now.

► **FaHCSIA Social Policy Research Paper No. 38 – Young Carers in Australia:**

This paper examines the impact of caring on young carers and identifies a number of issues relevant to policy development.

[Click here](#) for more information and to view/download paper.

► **Carers NSW Conference**

[Click here](#) to download the papers from the Carers NSW 2009 conference.