



IMPROVED SERVICES INITIATIVE EMAIL UPDATE

This is an email update for Improved Services Initiative grant recipients.

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NOTICE BOARD

► Improved Services Initiative Forum

Thursday 26th November at Australia Technology Park, Redfern

The primary focus for the day will be on developing effective partnerships. Guest speakers will include representatives from the Department of Health and Ageing, General Practice NSW, Area Health Clinical Mental Health Partnership Program (MHDAO, NSW Health). To register to attend the forum, contact [Sarah](#).

CALENDAR

NADA events

► Mental Health Connect: Mental Health Skills for Drug and Alcohol Workers

5th & 6th November, Redfern and 26th & 27th November, Newcastle

NADA in collaboration with the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) are providing the Mental Health Connect training program. The program is a two day interactive workshop and is free for NADA members. For registration details visit the NADA website.

Other events

► MHCC Partnership Labs

16th October 2009 at Australian Technology Park, Sydney.

The MHCC are providing a free training workshop on developing partnerships. The three labs will be on discovering new models of mental health carer respite in partnership, strategizing cooperation and collaboration based partnerships and crafting agreements to suit your partnerships. Contact [Sarah](#) for registration forms to attend.

► Family Options for Parents with Mental Illnesses and their Families: Implementation, Outcomes and Children's Needs and Experiences in a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Wraparound Intervention

22nd October at PRA Level 11, 1 Lawson Square, Redfern.

The seminar will be presented by the MHCC and will be held from 9.30am – 12.15pm. To register contact [Edi Condack](#) or phone (02) 9555 8388 ext 100. Cost of the training is: \$10 for non MHCC member, \$5 for members and free for consumers.

► Mental Health Week

4th – 11th October

Details of events taking place across NSW are listed [here](#)

► Anxiety and Depression Awareness

[beyondblue's](#) anxiety and depression awareness (ADA) initiative takes place throughout October. The aim of the initiative is to provide an opportunity for workplaces, community groups and individuals to take part in activities to raise awareness of anxiety and depression and help reduce the associated stigma.

Conferences

► APSAD 2009 Conference

1-4 November, Darwin Convention Centre

The draft conference program is now available at the APSAD [website](#)

▶ Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Care 2009

25th & 26th November, Rydges World Square, Sydney

For more information visit: www.indigenoushealthcare.com

▶ Mind and Its Potential

2-3rd December, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

<http://www.mindanditspotential.com.au/>

▶ Australasian Society for Psychiatric Research Annual Conference

2nd - 4th December, Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University, Canberra

From Young Minds to Grey Matters: Advancing Mental Health & Wellbeing

<http://www.aspr.consec.com.au/>

▶ Building Resilience – From Surviving to Thriving Conference

The Mental Health Association conference will be holding a two day conference (15th & 16th April) on building resilience in communities, the workplace, with youth and schools and with Indigenous and with communities where English is not the first language.

▶ Building Bridges National Community Mental Health and Addictions Conference 2010

14-16 April 2010, Wellington New Zealand

The conference will explore:

- The changing face of mental health and addiction services at primary level
- The evolving needs of mental health and addiction consumers in the new environment
- Clinical meets community - clash or collaboration?
- Youth health groups - a lesson in shared service development?
- Coping in the current climate and maintaining innovation
- The challenges of forensic mental health

Call for abstracts/expressions of interest due on **9th October 2009**. Visit

http://www.buildingbridges.co.nz/site/building_bridges_trust/ for further information.

▶ NIDAC 2010 Conference: Listening, Learning and Leading

16 - 18 June 2010, Adelaide Convention Centre, SA

For more information see our conference [website](#)

RESOURCES

▶ Dual Diagnosis/Comorbidity Roundup (September 2009)

This is an occasional bulletin which provides details of recent events, policy developments, research, resources, trainings and websites related to comorbidity. For a copy of this resource contact Sarah.

▶ Resource Tool for Non Government Drug and Alcohol Agencies

NADA partnered with the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) to develop the tool which aims to support non government drug and alcohol agencies to apply the EQUIP Standards and a formal quality improvement program with ACHS. Please [click here](#) to download a copy of the Resource Tool.

▶ Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office (MHDAO) Website

The NSW Health [Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Office \(MHDAO\)](#) have created a new website. Information provided on the site includes; information about the structure and programs managed by the office, key documents, publications and resources for health professionals and consumers and a wide range of links to relevant state and national services are also available.

► **NSW Institute of Psychiatry 2010 Postgraduate Handbook**

The NSW Institute of Psychiatry – Mental Health Education and Training. The 2010 postgraduate course handbook is available online www.nswiop.nsw.edu.au
