

# National Comorbidity Project - Improved Services Initiative

## VAADA's Project Objectives

### **Building linkages and strategic partnerships**

VAADA will partner at a strategic level within their state with the Victorian Division of General Practice Network, State Government Mental Health and AOD providers and other relevant health and community support services. It is anticipated that clear referral pathways between services, access to appropriate mental health services and effective client management between sectors will be negotiated to support individual treatment services to build partnerships with the broader health network.

### **Assist AOD NGO's to undertake organisational change to better meet the needs of clients experiencing comorbid substance use and mental illness.**

VAADA will review the existing state quality framework to determine where the framework might need to include comorbidity considerations and develop template policies and procedures specific to comorbid service delivery. VAADA will work with grant recipients to incorporate comorbidity considerations into their existing processes.

### **Identifying and facilitating training opportunities to improve AOD NGO capacity to identify and treat clients experiencing comorbid substance abuse and mental illness**

VAADA will assist grant recipients to identify training available within the state. In particular, it will be instrumental in negotiating and securing training for State Government funded AOD and Mental Health Service providers.

### **Disseminate targeted information and resources to the AOD NGO sector relevant to the identification and management of comorbidity**

VAADA will regularly update the AOD NGO sector on new and existing Australian Government, State Government and non-government initiatives and resources, relevant to the identification and management of people experiencing comorbid substance use and a mental illness

