

Useful Links

STATE PEAK AOD AGENCIES

ACT

Youth Coalition of the ACT

<http://www.youthcoalition.net/public/Development/resources.html>

NSW

Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies (NSW)

NADA

<http://www.nada.org.au/>

N T

Northern Territory Council of Social Services

NTCOSS

<http://www.ntcoss.org.au/>

QUEENSLAND

Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

QNADA

<http://www.qnada.org.au/>

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services

SANDAS

<http://www.sandas.org.au/>

TASMANIA

Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tas Inc

ATDC

<http://www.atdc.org.au/>

VICTORIA

Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association

VAADA

<http://www.vaada.org.au/>

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

WANADA

<http://www.wanada.org.au/>



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PEAK BODIES - OTHER

Mental Health Coalition

The Mental Health Coalition is the peak body promoting the interests of South Australian non-government organisations supporting people with a psychiatric disability.

<http://www.mhcsa.org.au/>

Mental Health Council of Australia MHCA

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) is the peak, national non-government organisation representing and promoting the interests of the Australian mental health sector, committed to achieving better mental health for all Australians.

<http://www.mhca.org.au/>

Multicultural Mental Health Australia MMHA

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing fund multicultural Mental Health Australia under the National Mental Health Strategy and National Suicide Prevention Strategy. Multicultural Mental Health Australia provides national leadership in building greater awareness of mental health and suicide prevention amongst Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

<http://www.mmha.org.au/>

VicServ

Psychiatric Disability Services of Victoria (VICSERV) Inc is the peak body for Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services in Victoria, that is, the community based mental health services.

VicServ member agencies in Victoria provide a range of support - housing support, home-based outreach, psychosocial and pre-vocational day programs, residential rehabilitation, mutual support and self-help, employment, training and support, carer education, respite and advocacy.

<http://www.vicserv.org.au/>

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NETWORKS

Australian Mental Health Consumer Network

The Australian Mental Health Consumer Network is the National Mental Health Consumer Peak Body for Australia. The Network provides a way for consumers to have input into the delivery of mental health services and national policy direction.

<http://amhcn.org.au/>

Australian Drug Information Network ADIN

The Australian Drug Information Network (ADIN) provides a central point of access to quality Internet-based alcohol and drug information provided by prominent organisations in Australia and Internationally. ADIN is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing as part of the [National Illicit Drug Strategy](#) and managed by the Australian Drug Foundation.

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

Australian General Practice Network AGPN

AGPN represents a network 111 local organisations (Divisions) as well as 8 state-based entities. More than 85 per cent of GPs and an increasing number of practice nurses and allied health professionals are members of their local Division

The Network is involved in a wide range of activities including health promotion, early intervention and prevention strategies, chronic disease management, medical education and workforce support. By delivering local health solutions through general practice, AGPN aims to ensure that all Australians can access a high quality health system.

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

Dual Diagnosis Australia and New Zealand

Dual Diagnosis Australia & New Zealand is an online community of people interested in contributing to better outcomes for persons with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. This site provides information on dual diagnosis publications, training materials, treatment resources and links to other websites. A great resource.

<http://www.dualdiagnosis.org.au/>

Primary Mental Health

The function of the Primary Mental Health Care Network is to provide a platform and support mechanism for the implementation of Australian Government primary mental health care programs through Divisions of General Practice. The network consists of a national co-ordinator based at AGPN and a mental health development and liaison officer in each state based office.

<http://www.primarymentalhealth.com.au/site/index.cfm>

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RESEARCH

Australian Centre for Addiction Research

The Australian Centre for Addiction Research (ACAR) is an interdisciplinary network of scientists, clinicians, academic professionals and officials engaged in promoting applied research aimed at prevention and clinical management of addictive behaviours.

<http://www.acar.net.au/>

Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd

AERF was established as an independent public company in October 2001 to address prevention, treatment, research and rehabilitation for the misuse of alcohol as well as paint, petrol and glue sniffing.

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

Auseinet

The key focus of the Australian Network for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention for Mental Health (Auseinet) is to assist a range of sectors to implement mental health promotion and illness prevention approaches in their respective settings.

<http://www.auseinet.com/>

Australian Drug Foundation ADF

The Foundation conducts research on drug issues, implements drug education programs, develops resources for school students, teachers and parents.

<http://www.adf.org.au/>

National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction NCETA

The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) is an internationally recognised research centre that works as a catalyst for change in the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) field. The promotion of Workforce Development (WFD) principles, research and evaluation of effective practices is NCETA's core business.

<http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au/>

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre NDARC

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) is a premier research institution in Australia and is recognised internationally as a Research Centre of Excellence. The Centre is multidisciplinary and collaborates with medicine, psychology, social science and other schools of the University of NSW, as well as with a range of other institutions and individuals in Australia and overseas.

<http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/>

National Health & Medical Research Council

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is Australia's peak body for supporting health and medical research; for developing health advice for the Australian community, health professionals and governments; and for providing advice on ethical behaviour in health care and in the conduct of health and medical research.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>

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INFORMATION

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare AIHW

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is Australia's national agency for health and welfare statistics and information.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/>

beyondblue

beyondblue is a national, independent; not-for-profit organisation that works to address issues associated with depression, anxiety and related substance misuse disorders in Australia.

beyondblue is a bipartisan initiative of the Australian, state and territory governments with a key goal of raising community awareness about depression and reducing stigma associated with the illness.

<http://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

DrugInfo Clearinghouse

DrugInfo Clearinghouse is a program of the Australian Drug Foundation. It provides easy access to information about alcohol and other drugs, and drug prevention.

<http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/>

ADVISORY

Australian National Council on Drugs ANCD

The Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) is the principal advisory body to Government on drug policy and plays a critical role in ensuring the voice of the community is heard in relation to drug related policies and strategies. Membership of the ANCD includes people with a wide range of experience and expertise on various aspects of drug policy, such as treatment, rehabilitation, education, family counselling, law enforcement, research and work at the coalface in community organisations.

<http://www.ancd.org.au/>

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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Council of Australian Governments COAG

COAG is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association.

<http://www.coag.gov.au/>

Department of Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

FaHCSIA is responsible for social policies and support affecting Australian society and the living standards of Australian families.

<http://www.facsia.gov.au/>

Department of Health and Aging (DoHA)

The Department of Health and Ageing has a diverse set of responsibilities.

<http://www.health.gov.au/>

Department of Veterans Affairs DVA

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) website is dedicated to maximising mental health. Targeting veterans, their partners, carers, sons and daughters, and current serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members, the site enables the user to find information on common mental health conditions, as well as information that takes into account the uniqueness of the veteran experience; services that are available to help cope with a mental illness. The site provides information on DVA mental health news and event information; and links to other mental health resources.

www.at-ease.dva.gov.au

Drugs & Alcohol in Victoria

This site contains information about drugs. It provides information for drug users, families, friends or those affected by drugs and wanting to learn more about the harms of drugs.

As well as information about drugs, there is information about counselling services, treatment and services in Victoria. All professional agencies and services listed will provide confidential and accurate advice.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/drugs/alcohol/>

National Drug Strategy NDS

The National Drug Strategy, a cooperative venture between Australian, State and Territory Governments and the non-government sector, is aimed at improving health, social and economic outcomes for Australians by preventing the uptake of harmful drug use and reducing the harmful effects of licit and illicit drugs in our society.

<http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

This site provides information on the Australian Government's role and contributions to mental health reform activities in Australia. The site is maintained by the Australian Government agencies with responsibility for implementing these reforms.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/>

Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health OATSIH

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) was established to give a greater focus to the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in mainstream health programs, and to assume responsibility for the administration of funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health and substance use services.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/health-oatsih-about>



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Victorian Dual Diagnosis Initiative (VDDI)

The Dual Diagnosis initiative was established to support the development of better treatment practices and collaborative relationships between drug treatment and mental health services. The key activities of the initiative are the development of local networks; training, consultation and modelling of good practice through direct clinical intervention, and shared care arrangements.

VDDI Dual Diagnosis teams comprise Eastern Dual Diagnosis Service, Northern NEXUS Dual Diagnosis Service, Substance Use and Mental Illness Treatment Team (SUMITT) and Southern Dual Diagnosis Service.

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/drugservices/services/com_dual.htm

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs

APSAD is dedicated to raising awareness about the problems related to the use of alcohol and other drugs, and to promoting improved standards in clinical practice and in research into this and allied subjects.

APSAD offers two major forms of professional development for health professionals. The first is the Society's scientific journal, the Drug and Alcohol Review, the second is the Annual Drug and Alcohol Conference.

<http://www.apsad.org.au/>

SERVICES

headspace

There are 30 funded headspace services providing a national, coordinated focus on youth mental health and related drug and alcohol problems in Australia. The service aims to improve access for young people aged 12-25 years to appropriate services and ensure better coordination between services.

headspace is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and operated by a consortium led by ORYGEN Research Centre at the University of Melbourne. The consortium includes the Australian General Practice Network, the Australian Psychological Society and the Brain and Mind Research Institute at the University of Sydney. These services provide an entry point for young people to access a broad range of services, which are available in their local community.

<http://www.headspace.org.au/>