



SERVICE SHOWCASE

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- 1. Providing holistic care 2. RaSP the holistic to people in their own communities through a health lens
 - ACT/DBT recovery program for dual diagnosis that "Builds a Life Worth Living"
- 3. The Living Room: Providing Holistic Care for Homeless People in the Heart of Melbourne's CBD

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RaSP – the holistic ACT/DBT recovery program for dual diagnosis that "Builds a Life Worth Living"

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Recovery and Support Program (RaSP)

the holistic ACT/DBT recovery program for dual diagnosis that

"Builds a Life Worth Living"

Clare Woods - NERaSP Coordinator Katrina Wong - Co-facilitator





What is RaSP?



- Day rehabilitation for dual diagnosis
- Group program
- > 8 weeks, 2 days per week
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and interspersed with Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills

"The goal of ACT is to create a **rich and meaningful life**, while accepting the pain that inevitably goes with it." – Russ Harris

Low Threshold Service

- Basic literacy reading and writing
- Abstinence in week prior to commencing program (NERaSP staff can assist with resi/non-resi withdrawal)

Participants:

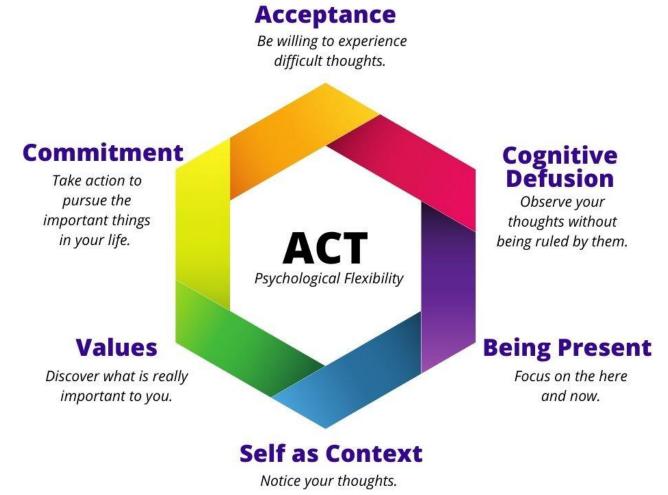
- ✓ May have complex MH diagnoses or co-morbidities (e.g. BPD, schizophrenia)
- √ May experience barriers to learning (ADHD, ABIs, intellectual difficulties)
- ✓ Might have No Fixed Address
- ✓ Might not be focused on abstinence
- ✓ Might not be keen on group work
- ✓ May have complex physical health concerns
- √ Might be experiencing legal or financial issues
- ✓ May have had poor experiences of rehabilitation in the past
- ✓ Might have little confidence that the program will be helpful
- √ Might take up the opportunity to repeat the program





ACT in a Nutshell





ACT Matrix



5 SENSE EXPERIENCING

What 'away' behaviours do you do?

Avoiding, substance use

AWAY

What internal stuff, gets in the way?

Thoughts and feelings

What toward behaviours could you do?

Self care, distress tolerance

TOWARDS

Who or what is important?

What are your values in this experience?

DBT in a Nutshell



CHANGE ACCEPTANCE MINDFULNESS **EMOTIONAL** REGULATION Being aware of the present moment **Understanding and** without judgement reducing vulnerability to emotions, changing emotions DISTRESS **INTERPERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS** TOLERANCE Managing a crisis Getting needs met, without worsening the situation, accepting reality as it is

Key Components of RaSP

- Getting comfortable with the uncomfortable
- Building a values-driven, life worth living
- ACT structure and ethos, DBT skills
- Lapses as rich learning opportunities, rather than 'failures'
- Consumer-led





Other Program Elements



- Referrals to other dual diagnosis related support
- Integrated care GPs, nutrition, pain management, dental care etc
- Assistance with linking to education, housing, employment services etc



Impact Evaluation Tools for RaSP



- DASS21: Measures Depression, Anxiety and Stress
- WHOQOLBREF: Measures psychological, physical health and quality of life
- > ATOP: Australian Treatment Outcome Profile
- These psychometrics collected:
- Pre-RaSP
- Post-RaSP
- At follow up at 1, 3, 6 & 12 months.

Online Program during COVID-19

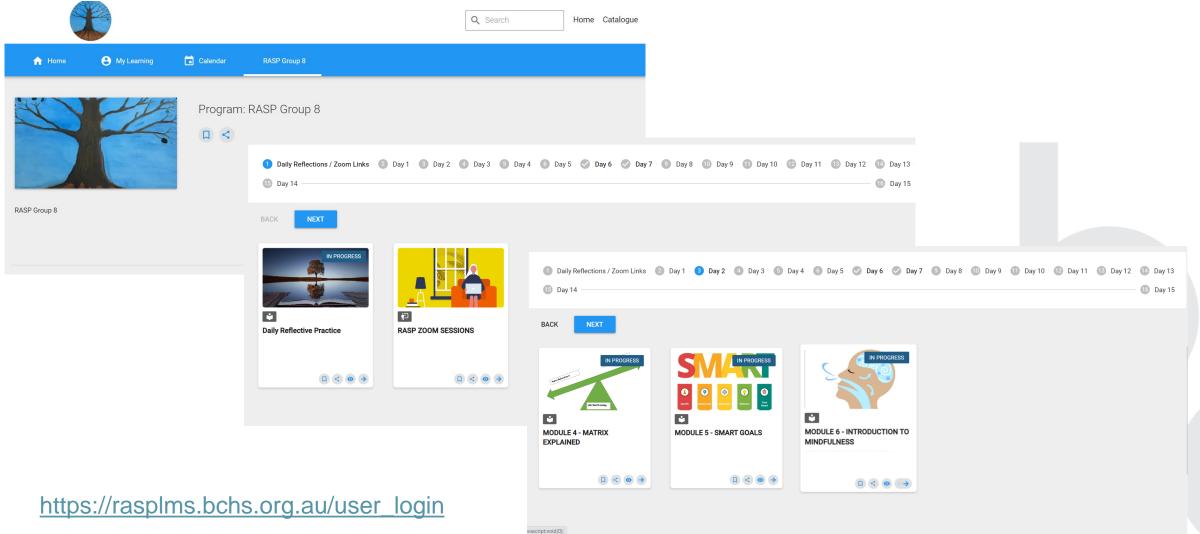


- Trialled with previous clients
- What were key concepts? What could be self-learnt?
- Developed and utilised LMS
- Consumer-led feedback from first few groups

- Admission requirements and contracting
- ↑ Presentations of those from rural areas, poor mobility, severe anxiety
- Break out rooms, reflection space, videos and other online materials for further learning
- Physical materials provided workbook, tools for mindfulness activities

Learning Management System





Limitations to Online

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> Tech Issues

- BCHS provided participants with laptops (on as needs basis)
- Developed online program induction
- -WiFi and phone data

Privacy

- headphones and private area

Commitment and Engagement

- setting challenges (limited options while in lockdown)
- follow up has been more difficult
- \downarrow engagement and commitment in last few online groups

Shifting Landscapes

- **Continuation of online program**
 - consumer-led
 - accessibility
 - eligibility criteria screening
 - low threshold for these participants
- Flexibility
 - individual sessions can be online or F2F
 - follow up
 - assessments







Thank you!

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