

Working Together with Alcohol and Drug Issues in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

Project Overview

The importance of the linkages between the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) sector and the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community has previously been identified as being extremely important. Turning Point has been contracted by Drugs Policy and Services Branch, Department of Health to undertake a training project aimed at increasing the knowledge and skills within both groups to increase their capacity to work together and respond to the AOD needs of those from a CALD background.

Project Aims

This project has the following aims:

- To increase the AOD knowledge and skills of key members within CALD communities to better equip them to deal with the AOD issues within their community.
- To increase the understanding of AOD workers and agencies in relation to improving access to members of the CALD communities.

Project Approach

The approach taken will involve representatives from both groups being trained in a shared environment to facilitate the development of stronger networks and a better understanding of the complexities involved. A series of two-day courses will be developed and offered in appropriate locations. The course will be Co facilitated by experienced staff from Turning Point and Multicultural Centre for Women's Health. Partnering/mentoring opportunities will be sought where CALD workers can maintain networks and support contacts within local AOD agencies beyond the duration of the course. Recruitment of participants will focus on AOD workers with special interest in this area and with CALD workers and community members who are well placed within their community to disseminate AOD content and improve linkages.

Training Content

| Day One | Day Two |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overview of drug use in Australia ■ Cultural context of drug use ■ Drug effects ■ Stages of change ■ Harm minimisation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Referral and the AOD service system ■ Working with interpreters ■ A CALD audit for AOD services ■ Barriers to accessing AOD services ■ Improving policies and practices |

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Two Day Training 2010

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| Dates | Location |
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| 24 th and 31 st March 2010 9.30 – 4.30 | Dandenong Comfort Inn, 124 Princes Hwy, Dandenong. Tel: 9706 8611 |

Your place on the training will be confirmed as soon as possible. Please fill in all the details below for each applicant.

Please print clearly

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| Name | |
| Postal Address | |
| Suburb | Postcode |
| Organisation | |
| Program | |
| Position | |
| How long have you worked in the AOD/CALD sector? | |
| Telephone | Mobile |
| Fax | Email |

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