

ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Forum

April 2008

About the Forum

The ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Forum is for ACT AOD workers and is hosted by a different AOD service each month. The forum aims to:

- Provide an opportunity for ACT AOD Workers to network and share information such as referring clients, service vacancies and waiting lists, and the impact of changes to services;
- Learn about developments in, and relevant to, the Sector;
- Access professional development opportunities, information and resources;
- Support professional peer networks;
- Improve referrals, service knowledge and visit other AOD services, and;
- Provide information about, and give workers an opportunity to have input into the ACT AOD Sector Project.

Forum Details

- When:** Thursday 24 April 2008
Time: 9.15am: Arrival and coffee
9.30am – 11.30am: Forum
Host service: Youth Coalition of the ACT
Address: 46 Clianthus St, O'Connor
Food: Morning tea will be provided
Cost: Free
RSVP: By Tuesday 22 April. Contact Amanda on 6247 3540 or amanda@youthcoalition.net
Note: The forum will not be hosted by an AOD services this month.

The AOD Sector Forums are an initiative of the ACT AOD Sector Project, Youth Coalition of the ACT. For more information contact Amanda Bode on amanda@youthcoalition.net or 6247 3540 or visit www.aodsector.org.au.

Guest Speaker

Carrie Fowle, Deputy Director, Youth Coalition of the ACT (peak body for youth affairs)

Youth services in the ACT work with people aged 12 – 25 years and therefore work across both under 18 and adult services. “Youth” is a crucial age group for early intervention and prevention. Carrie will provide participants with an overview of youth services in the ACT, including providing participants with key resources to make effective referrals and linkages with youth services in the ACT. All participating

services will receive 1 copy one the Big Red Book, the first handbook and directory for people who work with young people in the ACT.

For more information visit: www.youthcoalition.net

Forum agenda

9.15	Arrival & tea and coffee
9:30	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Introductions
9:40	Update from the AOD Sector Project
9:50	Guest Speaker: Carrie Fowlie, Deputy Director, Youth Coalition of the ACT
10:35	Information sharing (what each service does, changes to service/programs, current issues)
11.05	Host service information / tour / networking

Tips on sharing information with the sector

When it is your turn to share information with the sector at the forum you might want to consider the following:

- You will have a limited time to share your information (approximately 4 minutes) so it is important that you are concise.
- You will need to fill out an information sharing form so that your information goes to the sector via the AOD Sector ebulletin.
- You can bring relevant pamphlets or promotional material to share with the sector.
- Don't forget to introduce yourself, your position and your organisation.

Some questions you may want to consider when sharing your information

- What new programs are you running?
- Have there been any changes to your existing programs?
- What is the major issue for your client group at the moment?
- How long is your waiting list?
- Have you had any significant staffing changes?