

# ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Monthly Forum

Join us for the first ACT AOD Sector Monthly Forum!

The forum is for ACT AOD Workers and will be hosted by a different AOD service each month. The forum aim 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.

The agenda for the forums generally are:

8.45	Arrival & tea and coffee
9:00	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome and Introductions
9:10	Update from the AOD Sector Project
9:20	Guest Speaker
9:50	Information sharing (what each service does, changes to service/programs, current issues)
10:30	Host service information / tour / networking

**In place of a guest speaker for October, Carrie Fowlie and Amanda Bode, Youth Coalition of the ACT, will provide an update on the ACT AOD Sector Project.**

**When:** Thursday 25 October, 2007

**Time:** 8:45am arrival and coffee  
9am – 11am Forum

**Where:** Ted Noffs Foundation ACT  
350 Antill Street  
Watson

**Food:** Morning tea will be provided

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** By Tuesday 23 October. Contact Amanda on 6247 3540 or [amanda@youthcoalition.net](mailto:amanda@youthcoalition.net)

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](mailto:amanda@youthcoalition.net) or 6247 3540.

**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 the organizations you're from.

**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?