

ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Sector Monthly Forum

April 2010

About the Forum:

The ACT Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) 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 ACT AOD 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.

Injecting drug use and discrimination

with guest speaker

Nicole Wiggins

Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA)

Nicole will present on a recent project that the Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA) and the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users' League (AIVL) have undertaken with a market research company looking at attitudes towards injecting drug users. The presentation will outline the findings of a report that will be released from the project on discrimination.

Forum Details:

When:	Thursday 22 April 2010
Time:	9:30am – 11:30 am (9:15 am - Arrival and Coffee)
Host service:	Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy (CAHMA)
Address:	Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor Griffin Centre 20 Genge Street, Canberra ACT
Food:	Morning tea will be provided
Cost:	Free
RSVP:	Contact Ben Frommel on 6247 3540 or info@aodsector.org.au .

The forums are an initiative of the ACT AOD Sector Project, Youth Coalition of the ACT. For more information contact Ben Frommel on info@aodsector.org.au or 6247 3540 or visit www.aodsector.org.au.

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?

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