Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Pathway

Overview

The Juvenile Justice Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Treatment Pathway is comprised of 3 evidence based programs, all written in Australia and containing a full range of user friendly resources. Each program has been specifically designed to comply with best practice and evidence based principles with a view to addressing the needs of young clients whose pattern of alcohol and other drug use is related to their offending behaviour.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment Pathway
Alcohol and Other Drugs Flowchart

The treatment pathway is designed to address client's treatment needs at specific stages within the change cycle. Our programs firstly educate (harm minimisation education and skill building), then motivate (pre-contemplation to contemplation), and finally provide treatment (action and maintenance) for young offenders.

There are three stages to the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Pathway. Detailed descriptions of each stage can be access through the links below.

Stage 1: AOD Education & Harm Minimisation
Stage 2: Profile
Stage 3: X Roads

Dthina Yuwali (Aboriginal Alcohol & Other Drug Program)

Dthina Yuwali is a group work based program that focuses on the relationship between substance use and pathways to offending. Dthina Yuwali is a staged program, consisting of 14 sessions over 3 stages.

Further information on this program: Dthina Yuwali

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Alcohol and Other Drugs Program Counsellors Contact List
AOD FLOWCHART

INITIAL ASSESSMENT
- Ensure the YLS/CMI-AA* has been completed within the last 6 months

STAGE 1 – AOD EDUCATION
- All young people should receive the Stage 1 AOD Education Program irrespective of YLS/CMI-AA indications

DOES THE YOUNG PERSON FIT THE AOD CRITERIA?
- Has criminal conduct related to substance use
- Has a high score from AOD domain in YLS/CMI
- Administer the AOD brief screen* at this point (Screen should indicate significant AOD use)

REFER TO AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM/S
- Our Journey to Respect (OJ2R)
- Love Bites
- Dithina Yuwali
- Sex Offending Program (SOP)
- Violent Offending Program (VOP)
- Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
- Forensic & Mental Health Program
- Cognitive Self Change (CSC)
- CHART (Changing Habits & Reaching Targets)

IS THE YOUNG PERSON MOTIVATED TO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT?
- Administer the Motivation and Treatment Needs Form (MOTForm)*

STAGE 2 PROFILE
- The MOTForm that has just been administered becomes the pre program assessment measure
- Complete the program with young person
- Administer the MOTForm* post program

STAGE 3 X-ROADS
- Administer PICTS*
- Formulate the intervention plan
- Counselling or therapeutic work with family/careers if possible

IS THE YOUNG PERSON NOW MOTIVATED?
- The post PROFILE program MOTForm assessment will indicate the young person's treatment readiness.

EXIT FROM THE PROGRAM
- The optimal outcome for the client is to be linked into the community-based AOD service (eg SMART Recovery) prior to the conclusion of the order.

SEE LIST OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS LISTED ABOVE

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION
See the FAQ list or contact Program Manager (AOD)

* Enter into Client Information Management System (CIMS)
AOD TREATMENT PATHWAY

EDUCATION

AOD EDUCATION & HARM MINIMISATION
- Aim: Alcohol and Other Drugs Education
- Outcome: Awareness & skill building

DTHINA YUWALI
- STEP OUT FROM THE SHADOWS
  Core alcohol and other drugs concepts, offending-related issues and relapse prevention.

MOTIVATION TO CHANGE

DTHINA YUWALI
- WALKIN DIFFERENT TRACKS
  Focuses on risk factors and includes developing steps on making relevant changes and managing emotions related to change.
- TOMMORROW TODAY
  Relapse prevention and maintaining change.

PROFILE

SKILL BUILDING

X-ROADS
- Aim: Pro-social goal attainment
- Outcome: Performance, self management, accountability, support networks

Treatment Readiness
- Aim: Motivate pre-contemplative and treatment resistant clients in relation to substance misuse and criminal conduct.
- Outcome: Motivation to change

STAGE 1
All Clients (Compulsory)
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander AOD Clients

STAGE 2
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander AOD Clients
All AOD Clients

STAGE 3
All AOD Clients who are Treatment Ready

Phase 1: Treatment Readiness

Phase 2: Treatment

COMMUNITY LINKS WITH SERVICES FOR LONG-TERM SUPPORT AND WORKING WITH FAMILIES

Profile is available to all clients of Juvenile Justice. Dthina Yuwali, where available, provides an alternative to Profile for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. Dthina Yuwali should be provided to clients in the correct sequence, that is, Step Out of the Shadows → Walking Different Tracks → Tomorrow Today.

Red Arrows indicate Pre- and Post-Program Assessment points

Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs, Programs Branch
Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Pathway Stage 1: AOD Education & Harm Minimisation

Overview

This stage aims to bring about an awareness of substances and consequences related to their misuse. The program also introduces the concepts, principles and skills relating to harm minimisation. The content within Stage 1 is duty of care information for young people who are exposed to substance misuse and criminal conduct.

The intended outcome is to inform, educate, and provide skill building opportunities to young people in harm minimisation, the nature of alcohol and other drugs substances and their potential negative effects on young people.

Target Group

All clients of Juvenile Justice.

Resources

The AOD Education & Harm Minimisation Skills Booklet has been divided into sections to enable it to be placed on the intranet. For a printed version of the whole booklet please contact the Program Manager (Alcohol and Other Drugs).

- The Journey from Uptake to Dependence (Cover – pg25)
- Effects of Alcohol and Other Drugs (pg 26 – 35)
- Harm Minimisation and Drug Withdrawal (pg 36 – 47)
- Where to Get Help (pg 48 – 49)
- Additional Resources (pg 50 – Back Cover)

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Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Pathway
Stage 2: Profile

Overview

Profile stands for Personal Review of Offences File. This program is motivationally designed to promote problem recognition and treatment readiness in participants. In relation to problem recognition: the program aims to personalise these consequences to each participant, with a view to them being given the opportunity to address their thought patterns, attitudes, and behaviour. The Profile program therefore aims to promote reasoning towards making informed and constructive decisions in relation to personal change in thinking patterns, including those related to criminal behaviour, lifestyle choices and substance use. Reading and writing skills are not required therefore this program is accessible for young people with low literacy skills.

The intended outcome is to motivate resistant pre contemplative offenders to a frame of mind where they may contemplate change. Participants completing Profile should gain an enhanced and demonstrable understanding of the causing and surrounding factors influencing their offending behaviour. Motivation to change could be shown by a participant’s decision to progress into Stage 3 of the AOD Treatment Pathway.

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Alcohol and Other Drugs Flowchart

Target Group

The stage is for resistant clients (pre contemplators). Those clients who are mandated to participate in the AOD Program and/or whose pattern of alcohol and other drug use is related to their offending behaviour, but who also have no intention of addressing these issues.

Resources

The resources for the Profile program are too large to download from the intranet and are available from Programs Branch and at training events.

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Stage 3: X Roads

Overview

X-Roads (Cross Roads) is a high intensity treatment program for participants who have been assessed as being ‘treatment ready’, or willing to give change a chance. This program is the first of its kind in the world. It has been developed in a joint effort between NDARC (National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre) and Juvenile Justice NSW. The program focuses on addressing identified treatment needs such as criminal thinking patterns, substance misuse, and anger management. This program has also been designed for clients with lower literacy ability. This treatment regime is multi modal in its approach and contains a manual to help engage and work with the client’s family or carers whilst their child is engaged in treatment.

The intended outcome for X Roads is to provide treatment to contemplative clients who are willing to start taking action by setting goals for change. Outcomes are focussed on clients working towards pro social goal attainment, skill building for coping with urges and cravings, anger and emotional management, and self challenging of criminal thinking patterns.

Target Group

X Roads is for treatment ready clients (contemplators ready for action). Those clients who are mandated to participate in the AOD Program and/or whose pattern of alcohol and other drug use is related to their offending behaviour, and who are willing to give treatment a chance.

Resources

X-Roads comes complete with comprehensive facilitator’s guides and an extensive kit full of resources such as posters, cards, and board games.

The resources for the X-Roads program are too large to download from the intranet and are available from Programs Branch and at training events.

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