

## Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies

The Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NADA) is the peak organisation for non-government alcohol and other drugs services in NSW. We represent approximately 80 organisational members that provide services in over 100 locations across NSW. They provide a broad range of alcohol and other drugs services, including health promotion and harm reduction, early intervention, treatment and continuing care programs. Together, we improve the health and well-being of people with living and lived experience of alcohol or other drug use across the NSW community. To learn more, visit [www.nada.org.au](http://www.nada.org.au)

## What we do

We lead, strengthen and advocate for the sector. NADA's decisions and actions are informed by our [members' priorities](#). We provide a range of programs and services that focus on sector and workforce development, data management, governance and management support, research and evaluation, sector representation and advocacy, and actively contribute to public health policy.

## Policy and advocacy

We lead strong and impactful advocacy for members, focused on addressing critical AOD sector funding and contracting, workforce, service access, and reducing drug stigma.

- Policy submissions, briefs, and position statements
- Engagement with funders, politicians, and a wide range of stakeholders
- Representing NGO services at sector wide meetings
- Media commentary

## Organisational and workforce development

We deliver tools, resources and support to build member organisational capacity; deliver workforce and professional development opportunities; and influence and partner on initiatives to support and attract and workers to the sector.

### Member support

- Strategic initiatives including worker wellbeing, developing managers and leaders, and improving research capacity
- Advocate eMagazine, Frontline, and Member eUpdate emails
- Service tune-ups: consumer engagement, Aboriginal cultural audit, multicultural audit
- Assisting with implementation of NSW Health practice guidelines, policies, programs and activities; including the Clinical Care Standards and Continuing Coordinated Care
- Grant administration, including training grants, and travel subsidies

## Resources

- Resources on worker wellbeing, working with priority populations, clinical practice areas, consumer engagement, service governance and enhancement, NADAbase data tools, and research
- Helpful tools, including the Policy Toolkit and the AOD Resource Finder

## Training and events

- A range of professional development workshops such as Aboriginal cultural awareness training, trauma informed care, working with people with co-occurring needs and a range of different treatment modalities such as ACT, DBT and motivational interviewing.
- Provision of accredited training, including the Diploma of Leadership and Management and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Skill Set, available through an expression of interest process
- Facilitation of the NADA Conference to inform with new ideas, engage with the evidence, and provide networking opportunities
- Remote and flexible learning via eLearning (e.g., NADA Learning Portal), online webinars, and webcasting events

## Member networks

- Networks: NADA Consumer Advisory Group, NADA Data and Research Advisory Group, NADA First Nations Research and Data Reference Group, DCJ Roundtable, NADA Practice Leadership Group, Women's Clinical Care Network, Youth AOD Services Network, Gender and Sexuality Diverse AOD Network, and Nurse's Network
- Communities of practice: Continuing Coordinated Care Program, Peer Worker Community of Practice, and Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Research Network
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

## Promote the impact of members and the AOD sector

We highlight the strengths of members and the AOD sector, showcasing effective evidence-based practice. We share stories of impact through client experiences, case studies, awards, and data and research.

## Research and data management

- NADA research: Performance measurement specifications, CALD project, Mental Health Capacity Building initiative (USYD), and NGO Research Capacity Building initiative
- Partner projects: Groups for Belonging (UoW), CRE on Meaningful Outcomes in Substance Use Treatment (UoW/UQ), The M3THOD (Sexualised Drug Use) Study (UNSW)
- NADAbase: an online client repository system that collects and reports on Minimum Dataset (MDS) for NGO AOD sector. NADAbase data is used to inform care, organisation planning and sectorwide research.

## Cross-sector collaboration and networking

- Forums in collaboration with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, rural and regional communities, housing, and the mental health sector

Visit the NADA website [www.nada.org.au](http://www.nada.org.au)