

## ▶ ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG ASSOCIATION ACT (ATODA)

### Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)

Peak body representing the non-government and government ATOD sector in the ACT, works collaboratively to provide expertise and leadership in the areas of social policy, sector and workforce development, research, coordination, partnerships, communication, information and resources.

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#### ACCESS CRITERIA

**Target Group:** ACT ATOD sector and allied stakeholders.

**Area serviced:** ACT.

#### HOW TO ACCESS / REFERRALS:

**Contact:** By phone or email, 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday.

#### PROGRAM/S

Provides activities that facilitate opportunities for the continual improvement of the ATOD workforce, and that build the capacity of the ACT ATOD service system including:

**ATOD Workers Group:**

A group comprised of one nominated representative from each ATOD treatment service in the ACT. The group meets monthly and participates in the development, implementation and evaluation of key sector support activities.

**ATOD Sector Website ([www.atoda.org.au](http://www.atoda.org.au)):**

Provides information about, and is a central contact point for, the ACT ATOD sector. The website is regularly updated and includes information on the ACT ATOD sector and ATODA activities.

**ATOD Services Directory (this document):**

Provides profiles of ATOD services in the ACT. The Directory aims to support workers to make referrals to ACT ATOD services, increase cross and intra-sectoral knowledge and foster collaborations. It also aims to better communicate the diverse range of services and programs in the ACT ATOD sector. The Directory is produced every 6 months and is available electronically at [www.atoda.org.au](http://www.atoda.org.au).

**ATOD Sector eBulletin:**

Provides a concise summary of information, important developments, publications, events, and other information relevant to ATOD in the ACT. Services and individuals can subscribe to the eBulletin by visiting [www.atoda.org.au](http://www.atoda.org.au).

## **PROGRAM/S (Continued)**

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### **ATOD Sector Forums:**

A forum that provides an opportunity for workers to network, share information, learn about developments in, and relevant to, the sector and access professional development opportunities.

### **Training and Professional Development Calendar:**

Compiles training and professional development opportunities available to workers from the ATOD and allied sectors. The calendar is produced in partnership with the Youth Coalition of the ACT and the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT.

### **ACT Drug Action Week Planning Group:**

Brings together key stakeholders to plan coordinated activities and develop a calendar of events for Drug Action Week in the ACT.

### **ATOD Sector Conference:**

Aims to facilitate access to the latest evidence relating to best practice and seeks to strengthen the capacity, skills and knowledge base of participants.

### **ATOD Awards:**

An annual event that aims to recognise, promote and reward outstanding practice in the ATOD field in the ACT.

### **Training and Professional Development:**

Provides occasional specific training and professional development opportunities for ATOD workers.

### **Comorbidity Bus Tour:**

A professional development opportunity that seeks to increase the capacity of frontline workers to support people experiencing co-occurring ATOD and mental health issues. The tours are run in partnership with the Youth Coalition of the ACT and the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT.

### **ACT ATOD Minimum Qualification Strategy Project:**

Leads the implementation of the ACT ATOD Minimum Qualification Strategy and manages a pool of funding to support ATOD workers to access training to ensure the maintenance of a competent and professional ATOD workforce in the ACT.

### **Dr Peter Sharp Trust:**

Administers a charitable trust in the name of Dr Peter Sharp AM. Funding from the Trust is directed towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living and working in the ACT region as well as those working in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

### **Social Policy:**

ATODA engages with a range of social policy activities on behalf of the ACT ATOD sector.

## **COMORBIDITY**

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Provides the Comorbidity Project, funded under the Australian Government Improved Services for People with Drug and Alcohol Problems and Mental Illness Initiative (the Improved Services Initiative). The Comorbidity Project aims to assist and support non-government ACT ATOD services to undertake service improvement processes to better identify and manage clients experiencing comorbidity. The project supports the ACT Comorbidity Strategy Working Group, the General Practice Engagement Working Group and the Grant Recipients Network and associated activities.

**TOBACCO MANAGEMENT**

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ATODA is the lead organisation of the Workplace Tobacco Management Project which aims to increase awareness, and support the implementation, of Workplace Tobacco Management Policies. The Project provides support to participating workplaces and staff to develop and implement workplace tobacco management work plans and policies. This includes the provision of smoking cessation support to participating staff. The research component of the Project aims to contribute to the evidence base and has received ethics approval from the Health Directorate Human Research Ethics Committee.

**COST**

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Some activities may incur a small cost.

**STAFF**

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Four full-time staff and research and evaluation consultancy support.

**OTHER**

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Needs-based workforce development activities and projects are provided.