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WANADA

**The independent voice for the
WA alcohol & other drug sector.**

Why WANADA?

The Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) believes alcohol and other drugs (AOD) are a health and social issue that impacts the whole community. The AOD sector in WA provides highly skilled services to meet the diverse needs of people in our community. WANADA is committed to supporting services to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol and other drugs. WANADA is driven by the passion and hard work of our member agencies, which include community drug services, therapeutic communities and residential rehabilitation centres, sobering-up shelters and counselling services.

WANADA is the independent voice on alcohol and other drug sector issues throughout WA.

The role of WANADA

WANADA is the peak body for the AOD education, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support sector in WA. We are an independent, membership-driven not-for-profit association.

The work of WANADA includes; workforce planning, Aboriginal networking, consultation, lobbying, sector planning, representation and service enhancement on behalf of members and the sector.

Objectives

WANADA:

- Informs policy and planning.
- Promotes shared values and principles.
- Promotes the specialist nature of the sector.
- Supports across-sector partnerships.
- Supports evaluation of sector services.
- Creates a strong network and sector collaboration.
- Supports continuous quality improvement.
- Works towards Quality Accreditation.
- Maintains sector capacity building initiatives.
- Supports application of evidence based practice.
- Identifies key issues impacting the sector and community.
- Maximises participation and involvement.
- Advocates effectively.

Benefits of being a member

- Networking and information sharing events.
- Representation and advocacy on behalf of members.
- Improved health and wellbeing for member employees (Employee Assistance Program).
- Free access to occasional childcare for members' clients' (Childcare Access Project).
- Free access to interpreters for members (Interpreter Access Project).
- An e-newsletter that provides current news and information for and about the sector.
- WANADA AOD Knowledgebase and access to the Drug & Alcohol Office library.
- Access to bursaries for awards, training and conferences.
- Reduced insurance premium costs through collective insurance.

Who can be a part of WANADA?

Membership is available to individuals and non-government and government agencies working within the AOD sector. Individuals or relevant organisations impacted by AOD issues and interested in working with the AOD sector (i.e. mental health services, police, social workers, corrective services) are also welcome to become members.