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What works in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention?

Professor Pat Dudgeon

Who should attend

Interested stakeholders and community members

Seminar outline

Suicide is the fifth leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples, compared to the 14th among non-Indigenous people. Therefore suicide is known to be one of the most common causes of death among ATSI peoples.

The ATSI Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) funded by the Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet took place over two years.

During that time ATSISPEP undertook:

- An evaluation of ATSI suicide prevention services and programs
- A comprehensive review (of both literature and data) and statistical analysis of ATSI suicide prevention services and programs around Australia
- Mapping the location of these programs and services and the incidence of suicide.
- Developed a culturally appropriate suicide prevention service and program evaluation framework.
- Identified ATSI community suicide prevention needs; Identified system-level change for ATSI suicide prevention
- Hosted a national suicide prevention conference.

ATSISPEP was set up to identify success factors in ATSI (hereon Indigenous) suicide prevention. These were published in the November 2016 *Solutions That Work: What the Evidence and What Our People Tell Us Report*.

Professor Dudgeon will present about the ATSI Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project (ATSISPEP) currently being undertaken and the outcomes of this important work.

Seminar

Thu 4 May 2017
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centre for Remote Health
Cnr Simpson & Skinner Streets
Alice Springs Northern Territory
Lecture Room 1 & 2

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BIOGRAPHY



Professor Pat Dudgeon

Professor Pat Dudgeon is from the Bardi people of the Kimberley area in Western Australia. She is a psychologist and Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society. She is a researcher at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Western Australia. Her area of research includes Indigenous social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention. Amongst her many commitments, she is a Commissioner of the Australian National Mental Health Commission, deputy chair of the Australian Indigenous Psychologist's Association, chair of the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Leaders Mental Health and co-chair of the ministerial Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Advisory Group. She is currently the director of the National Empowerment Project: an Indigenous suicide prevention project working with eleven sites in Aboriginal communities across the country and the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project*. She has many publications in Indigenous mental health in particular, the *Working Together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Wellbeing Principals and Practice 2014*. She is actively involved with the Aboriginal community and has a commitment to social justice for Indigenous people.

Please note there is no charge for this seminar but places are limited. RSVP is necessary
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