

NT Mental Health Coalition eBulletin - featuring Latest news from the Coalition, CMHA news, NDIS News, General News, Events Conferences and Training, Employment

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NT Mental Health Coalition's (the Coalition) e-bulletin has updates, news and information related to the Mental Health and the Community Managed Mental Health sector.

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Feedback encouraged

This monthly e-bulletin is for your information, so we welcome your feedback and comments. Please [email](#) us with your feedback and comments.

Welcome to our latest e-bulletin subscribers:

Department of Social Services - Disability and Carers

Through the provision of targeted supports and services for people with [disability](#) and [carers](#), the Department of Social Services (DSS) works to improve their independence and participation in community and

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economic life.

[Royal Flying Doctor Service](#) - using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, the Royal Flying Doctor Service works to provide emergency medical and primary health care services to anyone who lives, works or travels in rural and remote Australia.

Latest news from the Coalition

[The Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Service review 2017](#)

The Coalition was commissioned by the Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NTPHN) to undertake the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Service Review, 2017. The review's final report highlights opportunities and recommendations for the improvement of the NT's mental health care system. A dissemination forum for all interested stakeholders was held on 22nd January in Darwin, this was an opportunity to discuss the findings and recommendations of the review. A further forum will be held in Alice Springs on 15 March. To view the report click [here](#)

The service review's Final Report was featured in an article in Croakey (independent, in-depth social journalism for health) on the 19 January 2018. To view the article click [here](#)

[TeamHEALTH is awarded the 2017 Learn Award for Outstanding NDIS Learning](#)



The Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition congratulates TeamHEALTH who, at the end of 2017, was awarded the 2017 Learn Award for Outstanding NDIS Learning awarded by Disability Services Consulting, for their NDIS CREW training. NDIS CREW training is a model that TeamHEALTH has created and defines the different levels of training and NDIS competency needed for particular staff in the organisation. Disability Services Consulting recently wrote an article around TeamHEALTH and the CREW Training. Click [here](#) to view the article.

Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA)



Community Mental Health Australia, promoting the importance and benefits of community mental health and recovery services across Australia. Visit the website [here](#)

Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA) is a coalition of eight state and territory peak community mental health organisations. CMHA, through its state and territory bodies, has direct link and contact to community mental health organisations delivering services to the community. The NT Mental Health Coalition is a founding member of the CMHA. CMHA continues to lobby and advocate on behalf of the community mental health sector.

Community Mental Health Australia Position Statement - CMHA has released a position statement on workforce and the community managed mental health sector. The position statement highlights the mental health sector's importance. Click [here](#) to view the position statement.

The 'Mind the Gap' report, released 30 January was a collaboration between the University of Sydney and Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA). The report highlights issues in the NDIS for people who are living with a psychosocial disability, and proposes solutions to these issues. Both CMHA and the Coalition have the report on their websites. To view the final report click [here](#). To view media release click [here](#).

People in PhaMs not accessing NDIS, says the Guardian

This article features statistics from the Department of Social Services (DSS), revealing that, of the first group of Personal Helpers and Mentors (PhaMs) participants being transitioned into the NDIS, approximately 75% of people are either being found ineligible, not submitting access requests, withdrawing access requests or not testing eligibility. Click [here](#) to view the article.

Patient safety and quality improvement in primary care

A submission to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care consultation paper on a national approach to support improvements in patient safety and quality in primary care was developed on behalf of CMHA members. The submission can be found on the CMHA website by clicking [here](#)

NDIS News



National Disability Insurance Scheme Provider Expo - Katherine 24 April.

Northern Territory PHN (NT PHN) Partners in Recovery invites you to participate in an expo of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Providers services in the Katherine region. The expo will be open for all NDIS consumers and carers located within the Katherine region and will provide an opportunity to better understand the service options available. NT PHN is now seeking registrations from any NDIS provider who currently services (or plans to service) the Katherine region. Tuesday, 24 April, 10am - 3pm, Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Cultural Centre Lot 3238 Stuart Hwy, Katherine East. To register click [here](#)

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) are running a National Provider Forum in Darwin on 2 March 2018. The Forum will deliver information and insights into the role of Providers in the growing NDIS market. Provider Forum attendees will hear receive information on the Participant and Provider Pathway Review; the implementation of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission; and the Independent Pricing Review. For more information on the Forum click [here](#). To register to attend click [here](#)

NDIS INNOVATION GRANT- ROUND ONE - The Office of Disability recently called for Expressions of Interest applications through the NDIS Innovation Grant Project. The Office is pleased to announce that it received an overwhelming number of applications from across the Northern Territory (NT). Fourteen organisations were successful and close to \$1 million will be provided across these organisations to support the delivery of new innovative solutions. Click [here](#) for more information

NDIS INNOVATION GRANT – ROUND TWO - NOW OPEN

The application process closes on Wednesday, 7 March 2018. The application form and Grant Guidelines can also be found [here](#). If you have trouble downloading the guidelines and application form, please call Senior Project Officer, Karen Giele on 8999 2567. Please submit your completed application form via [email](#)

Resources, tools and products for the disability sector

NDS has negotiated a number of agreements with key businesses aimed at helping organisations improve efficiency and lower costs. From specialist insurance advice to free electricity and gas bill audits, find out more about these exclusive member benefits by clicking on the links below.

[Insurance and Risk Management](#)

[Workforce Compliance Platform](#)

[Free audits of electricity and gas bills](#)

Other

ShelterMe: A directory of services for homeless Territorians, and those at risk of homelessness.

The new look, mobile friendly ShelterMe website is now live. To view [click here](#)

Community Benefit Funds

Northern Territory-based organisations can apply for funds under the Community Benefit Fund's (CBF) Small and Major community grant programs. These programs support community development and improvement initiatives. Closing date for grant applications is 16 March 2018. Click [here](#) for more information

INPUT SOUGHT: Close the Gap Refresh

It's been ten years since Closing the Gap began. The Federal Government wants your views on the future of Closing the Gap. What is important, what has worked and how can we do better? "We have to be there to be part of the conversation, so let's get with it." - Chris Sarra, Co-Chair Indigenous Advisory Council, and Founder and Chair, Stronger, Smarter Institute.

[Click here](#) for more info.

***newparadigm* Summer 2018**

A series of articles on current and recent developments in mental health research and practice. The Summer edition of *newparadigm* presents a diversity of research ranging from consumer perspectives and active consumer participation in research, to capacity building initiatives and other innovative models of service delivery. To view the Summer Edition click [here](#)

The Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) has developed two easy-to-use resources to support mental health and human services ensure that any event or activity that they facilitate, such as a conference, workshop, seminar, consultation, training or meetings, follow trauma-informed principles. These [resources](#) aim to promote a supportive culture that encourages collaboration and trust between the host organisation, presenters and attendees.

Events, Conferences & Training

TeamHEALTH Day2Day Living Calendar for March 2018.

Follow the [link](#) for more information.

Darwin Mental Health Network Meeting - 12 March at Carers NT

The Darwin Mental Health Network is an information sharing and networking opportunity for workers in the Mental Health Sector. The next meeting on the 12 March, guest presenters include the Centrelink

Outreach Service and the NDIS as it relates to Mental Health/Psychosocial participants. For more details click [here](#)

Blue Knot Foundation - Educational Workshop for Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma and Abuse - 17 March Travelodge Resort, Darwin, 10am to 4:00pm (Registration from 9:45am)

This full-day educational workshop provides a safe space for people, who have experienced abuse or trauma in childhood, to learn more about what these experiences mean and how it affects then and now. The workshop will raise awareness about survivors' strengths and resilience, the role of coping strategies, how the brain responds to stress, and most importantly research which shows that recovery is possible. Participants will gain information to help build on strengths, understand reactions and ways of coping and to identify strategies for positive change. For more information click [here](#)

Menzies AIMhi Stay Strong Digital Mental Health Training

e-Mental Health training will continue in 2017-2019. An extension of the funding from the Australia Government has allowed the continuation of training to service providers working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients in the use of Digital Mental Health approaches such as the Stay Strong App. **Training and Train the Trainer Program** - continued training is being offered and includes post-training follow up support. For more information click [here](#)

Black Rainbow - Indigenous LGBTQI Inclusive Practices in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - 1 Day Workshop 22 March 2018.

By attending the Indigenous LGBTQI Inclusive Practices in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Workshop participants will increase their knowledge of the heightened suicide risk for Indigenous LGBTQI people and are assisted in identifying the inherent health risks at the intersection of the dual experiences of being both Indigenous and LGBTQI identifying. For more information click [here](#)

2018 NT Alcohol and Other Drug Conference

Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT (AADANT) will be holding their Alcohol and Other Drug Conference on 12-13 April in Darwin. AADANT has chosen the theme *Working With Complex Clients* in response to needs highlighted by the sector through a recent survey. The focus will be on working with youth, research into Indigenous AOD use, and co-morbidity in adults and youth just to name a few. For more information click [here](#)

Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia NT wish to advise of two important upcoming events:-

Schizophrenia Awareness Week; 20 - 27 May (coincides every year with World Schizophrenia Awareness Day on 24 May) For more information click [here](#) and **Australian Psychosis Conference** – 14-16 September in Sydney, for more information click [here](#)

The Office of Disability is excited to announce a range of sector development workshops this year.

The sector development workshops aims to support organisations to deliver services that are flexible and tailored to individual strengths and needs. The workshops are scheduled for 19 - 21 March 2018 in Darwin, 22 - 23 March in Katherine and 1 - 2 May in Alice Springs. Webinars are also available for those who cannot attend the workshops. For more information and to register your attendance click [here](#)

Support Coordination Workshops: an essential National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded support that assists participants in implementing their plans and achieving their goals. The NT Office of Disability has engaged Disability Services Consulting to deliver two workshops. The workshops will explore the different levels of Support Coordination, market data, understanding and mitigating business risks and housing with support coordination. Workshop in Alice Springs 14 March and Darwin 15 March. To register your attendance click [here](#)

Palmerston NT Youth Week

For those planning and interested in running and supporting NT Youth Week activities in Palmerston this year, there will be a Palmerston NT Youth Week planning/coordination meeting on Friday 2 March. For more information on events being organised for Youth Week contact Sean Newcombe, Community Development Officer – Youth, Sport and Recreation City of Palmerston on 8935 9927 or via email sean.newcombe@palmerston.nt.gov.au

Leadership Outlook Series: Creating a Mentally Healthy Workplace – Darwin 28 March

The Institute of Managers and Leaders is excited to present the 2018 Leadership Outlook series on the topic of creating a mentally healthy workplace, in conjunction with [beyondblue](#). The Institute will partner with beyondblue's workplace engagement team to present a practical and thought-provoking workshop, followed by a panel discussion of local managers and leaders who will share their experiences. For more information click [here](#)

National Disability Conference Initiative 2018-19

The Australian Government is inviting applications through an open process to apply for the Disability, Mental Health and Carers Program – Disability and Carer Support - National Disability Conference Initiative. The initiative provides funding of up to \$10,000 for disability-related conferences with a national focus planned for the 2018-19 year. For more info: Click [here](#)

Employment

Mental Health Association of Central Australia (MHACA) is a community based, not-for-profit mental health organisation based in Alice Springs. MHACA offers several support services and educational programs aimed at enhancing the mental health and well being of people living with mental illness. An exciting opportunity is available for a Corporate Services Manager, for more information click [here](#)

Anglicare NT offers a range of career opportunities in the community and social services sector in a diverse range of fields such as children and youth, family relationships and counselling, out of home care, refugee and migrant, corporate services, financial counselling, mental health, disability and home care, social enterprises and specialist homelessness services. There are several positions available, [click here](#) for more information.

Catholic Care NT provides unique career and personal opportunities that include travel and the experience of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in both local and remote community settings. For information on vacant positions [click here](#)

beyonblue is seeking to recruit a Project Manager for The Way Back Support program based in Darwin. To view the job description and position description. [click here](#)

Integrated disAbility Action (IdA) is the peak consumer organisation for Territorians with a disability. Our Mission is to empower people with disability, to improve the quality of their own lives. A position currently exists for a part time project officer. Click [here](#) for more information.

EASA provides a full range of psychological and organisational development services to organisations and consumers across the Northern Territory. For information on job vacancies click [here](#)

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