



## Workshop 18 Youth transitions and risk behaviours: what do we need to do?

Monday 2 April Dockside @ Cockle Bay

### Introduction to the workshop

This workshop will be a forum to explore current policy, research and practice relating to youth development, and prevention and early intervention in the areas of risky sexual behaviour, drug use and crime.

### Aims of the workshop

This workshop will:

- ▶ give an overview of services for youth provided by community and government agencies
- ▶ provide an opportunity for people from various agencies to network and share information about innovative programs for youth
- ▶ contribute to the development of a research agenda in the area of youth at risk
- ▶ increase the capacity of health and other sectors to work together by sharing knowledge and fostering contact between the sectors to encourage future collaboration.

### Delegate profile: who should attend

The workshop has been designed for delegates with an active interest in social research in youth development and transitions in the areas of risky sexual behaviour and drug use. Employees of youth agencies, government and non-government organisations in health, education, juvenile justice and community services, and employees of research centres and universities, should apply.

### Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at [www.wdp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wdp.nsw.gov.au)

### Registration

To register, please email Ann Whitelaw at [a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au](mailto:a.whitelaw@unsw.edu.au) Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile). Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

**Registrations are now open and close on  
23 March 2007.**

### Guest speakers

Confirmed speakers are:

**Vanessa D'Souza** Vanessa D'Souza is the Executive Officer at the NSW Association for Adolescent Health, the peak body committed to working with and advocating for the youth health sector in NSW to promote the health and well-being of young people aged 12 to 25 years. Vanessa has worked in local and state-wide community, health and research settings, focusing on youth health, mental health, cultural diversity, health promotion and policy development.

**John Harvey and Jen Johnson** John Harvey is General Manager of the Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative, which toured Australia in 2006 with its production *Chopped Liver* about hepatitis C and the Indigenous community. Jen Johnson works for the Hepatitis C Council of Victoria in Community Development and Education, Rural.

**Dr John Howard** John Howard is Director, Clinical Services, Training and Research, with the Ted Noffs Foundation. He is also Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Adolescent Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, and an Honorary Visiting Fellow at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales. He was formerly Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Director of the Social Health Programs at Macquarie University, Sydney. His major clinical, teaching and research areas are adolescent substance use and 'street youth' (in both developed and developing countries), comorbidity/dual diagnoses, depression and suicide in young people, working with marginalised youth, adolescent psychotherapy, same-sex attracted youth, HIV infection in adolescents, and resilience.

**Dr Catherine Spooner** Catherine Spooner is Senior Research Fellow at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. For over two decades she has researched the causes of drug abuse, and interventions to prevent it. In recent years she has held positions as Senior Lecturer at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (UNSW) and director of a private research company. She has also been a researcher with the Ted Noffs Foundation and NSW Health. Her particular interest is in the social determinants of drug use with a developmental perspective.

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**Dr Julia Tresidder** Julia Tresidder is a Senior Research Fellow based in Melbourne. Her position is funded through a partnership between the Youth Substance Abuse Service and Communities that Care Ltd. Julia completed her PhD at the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney on the alcohol and other-drug use and associated risk factors and behaviours of out-of-school, unemployed 16-year-olds in New South Wales. For the past 20 years she has conducted research in the fields of youth, health and crime-related social policy and communications.

**Dr Don Weatherburn** Don Weatherburn has been Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in Sydney since 1988 and is an Adjunct Professor with the School of Social Science and Policy at the University of New South Wales. He is probably best known among criminologists for his work on sentencing, drug law enforcement markets and the influence of economic factors on crime. He has published on a wide range of topics including drug law enforcement policy, liquor-licensing enforcement, the economic and social correlates of crime, criminal justice administration, juvenile recidivism and crime prevention.

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