



The Mental Health Commission's Workforce Development team is pleased to release the AODtraining@MHC Semester 2 2025 calendar. This AODtraining@MHC calendar provides a range of knowledge and skills-based events on alcohol and other drug (AOD)-related issues delivered by experienced professionals. AODtraining@MHC events are provided to not-for-profit and government organisations free-of-charge. Places are limited. Please view the Mental Health Commission website at www.mhc.wa.gov.au/aodtraining/ for detailed event information and registration.



Strong Spirit Strong Mind Training Programs

KA/ST027

Ways of Working with Aboriginal People - Part 1

Presented by: Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Programs, Mental Health Commission

Event 1: Date: Tuesday, 12 August 2025 • 9:00am – 4:30pm

Event 2: Date: Wednesday, 15 October 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Community and broader human service workers who work with Aboriginal clients, individuals, and families.

This training explores the impact that history has had on AOD use in the Aboriginal community and provides broad intervention frameworks based on empowerment principles.

Expression of interest deadline: Event 1: Tuesday, 22 July 2025
Event 2: Wednesday, 24 September 2025

KA/ST027

Ways of Working with Aboriginal People - Part 2

Presented by: Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Programs, Mental Health Commission

Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Community and broader human service workers who work with Aboriginal clients, individuals and families.

Prerequisite: Completion of KA/ST027 Ways of working with Aboriginal people - Part 1 within the last two years.

This session builds on culturally secure concepts and models and introduces methods and resources to respond to Aboriginal AOD use.

Expression of interest deadline: Tuesday, 14 October 2025

KA055

Coercive Control

Presented by: Women's Health Strategy and Programs, Women and Newborn Health Service

Date: Wednesday, 13 August 2025 • 9.00am – 1:00pm

Target audience: Clinical and support workers in the AOD and mental health (MH) specialist sectors.

This half-day training aims to increase the confidence and competence of workers in the alcohol and other drug (AOD) and mental health (MH) specialist sectors to appropriately respond to disclosures of family and domestic violence within a framework of trauma-informed care and practice.

Expression of interest deadline: Wednesday, 23 July 2025

ST338

Working with People with Co-occurring AOD and Mental Health Issues

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Clinical and support workers in the AOD specialist sector who have limited experience working with people with co-occurring alcohol and other drug (AOD) and mental health (MH) issues.

This one-day workshop offers knowledge and skills to support AOD treatment service workers to more accurately identify, and where appropriate, address the needs of people presenting with co-occurring AOD and MH issues.

Expression of interest deadline: Thursday, 7 August 2025

ST324

Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention

Presented by: Prevention Services, Mental Health Commission

Date: Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 October 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Clinicians and support workers in the specialist alcohol and other drug (AOD) and mental health (MH) sectors.

Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention training is a two-day workshop designed for professionals and paraprofessionals in the human services whose roles bring them into regular contact with people at risk of suicide.

Expression of interest deadline: Monday, 22 September 2025

ST326

Trauma Informed Care and Practice

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Thursday, 16 October 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Human service workers with clients who experience alcohol and other drug (AOD) and/or mental health (MH) issues.

Please note: This workshop is best suited for workers who have not previously undertaken training in this area. It does not provide information about how to undertake trauma counselling.

This workshop provides an overview of trauma, describes the principles of trauma informed care and practice, and offers participants the opportunity to consider how trauma informed care and practice could be incorporated into their work.

Expression of interest deadline: Thursday, 25 September 2025

ST275

An Introduction to Population-Based Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention

Presented by: Community Support and Development Programs, Mental Health Commission

Date: Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 October 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Prevention, Health Promotion, Community Development Officers, Youth/ Community Engagement Officers and those who have a role or interest in AOD prevention at a community or population-based level.

This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the principles and models for AOD prevention theory, strategies and resources to support the implementation of AOD prevention strategies.

Expression of interest deadline: Tuesday, 30 September 2025

KA036

Sniffing, Huffing, and Chroming: Responding to Volatile Substance Use (VSU)

Presented by: Community Support and Development Programs, Mental Health Commission

Date: Friday, 24 October 2025 • 10.00am – 4.00pm

Target audience: Human service workers and frontline workers responding to VSU issues.

VSU is a complex issue which can have significant impacts.

The workshop will provide a comprehensive overview of VSU effects, harms and best practice strategies for responding.

Expression of interest deadline: Friday, 3 October 2025



KA058

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Prevention with Communities Workshop

Presented by: Community Support and Development Programs, Mental Health Commission

Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 • 9:00am – 4:30pm

Target audience: Service providers and stakeholders interested in reducing alcohol-related harm in their community.

This one-day event is designed to support the planning and delivery of localised FASD prevention activities.

Expression of interest deadline: Tuesday, 7 October 2025

ST317

Motivational Interviewing – Part 2

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Thursday 30 and Friday 31 October 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Clinicians working with people who use alcohol and other drugs (AOD).

Prerequisite: Completion of ST284 MI Part 1 (or equivalent) within the last 3 years.

This two-day advanced motivational interviewing (MI) workshop will review the theoretical framework of MI and also explore core skills and intervention strategies in-depth.

Expression of interest deadline: Thursday, 9 October 2025

KA057

Working with Perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence

Presented by: Women's Health Strategy and Programs, Women and Newborn Health Service

Date: Tuesday, 11 November 2025 • 9.00am – 12.30pm

Target audience: Clinical and support workers in the AOD and mental health (MH) specialist sectors.

This 3.5-hour intensive training session will explore male perpetrator psychopathology and typology, current masculinities in Australia along with practical applications of non-collusive practice. Case noting and documenting are indicated as a primary way to make perpetrator behaviour and the impact on victim/survivors visible.

Please note: It is preferable to have already completed KA055 Coercive Control

Expression of interest deadline: Tuesday, 21 October 2025



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Online Learning

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<https://aodelearning.mhc.wa.gov.au/>

AOD Foundation Events

ST334

AOD Skills Foundation

Blended learning – eLearning prerequisite

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Thursday, 7 August 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Human service providers whose role supports brief alcohol and other drug (AOD) interventions.

Learn how to maximise the impact of your interventions when you only have a limited period of time with clients who may be using alcohol and other drugs (AOD). This one-day introductory course will best suit clinicians/workers whose primary role does not include more counselling-oriented AOD-related therapeutic interventions (e.g. nurses, support workers, case managers).

Expression of interest deadline: Thursday, 17 July 2025

ST284

Motivational Interviewing – Part 1

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Wednesday, 20 August 2025 • 9:00am – 4:30pm

Target audience: Human service workers working with people who use AOD.

Motivational interviewing (MI) is an established person-centred, evidence-based practice for AOD treatment. Participants will be introduced to the theoretical framework of MI and will learn skills aimed at developing a collaborative 'change conversation' that will help people identify and examine their ambivalence around AOD use.

Expression of interest deadline: Wednesday, 30 July 2025

Events for Mental Health Workers

NGOMH

Working with Alcohol and Other Drugs Using Clients; Skills Training for Mental Health Workers from Non-Government Organisations

Presented by: Workforce Development, Mental Health Commission

Date: Monday, 17 September 2025 • 9.00am – 4.30pm

Target audience: Workers in the not-for-profit, non-government mental health (MH) sector and supported mental health accommodation environments.

This one-day course, aimed specifically at mental health (MH) workers in not-for-profit or non-government services and workers in Licensed Psychiatric Hostels, is designed to build on existing skills and develop new practices for working with people with alcohol and other drug issues combined with MH issues.

Expression of interest deadline: Thursday, 27 August 2025

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