

BECOMING GENDER RESPONSIVE: A WORKSHOP ON ENGAGING WOMEN ACCESSING AOD SERVICES

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Introduction and Aims: Gender responsive practice in the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector aims to understand substance use-related issues as shaped by gender roles. Creating a treatment environment that reflects and responds to the significance of gender through its approach has benefits for those accessing and being retained in treatment.

Approach: This practical workshop will enhance your skills for engaging with women accessing Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) treatment. It will explore how experiences of AOD use and access and engagement of support is shaped by gender roles and it will promote best practice approaches when working with women that can be applied in your work.

Results: The workshop will bring to life the NADA Practice Guide: Working with Women Engaged in Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment by exploring a range of themes including:

- Women's experiences of alcohol and drug use, and accessing treatment
- Unpacking the issues and identifying the needs of women in AOD treatment
- Creating a gender-responsive organisation

Conclusions: Whether in a specialist women's service or a mixed-gender service this training will provide approaches, ideas and strategies on how you can improve you and your organisation's practice to better support women.

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