

Ready 2 change - a new, brief, telephone delivered intervention



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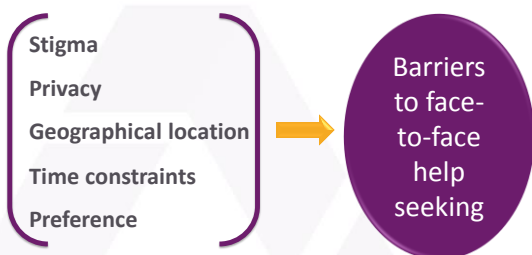
Help-seeking rates in Australia for AOD problems

Alcohol: Less than 1 in 5 who meet the lifetime criteria for alcohol misuse (Teeson et al., 2010)

Drugs: Only 1 in 4 who are affected by substance use (Reavley et al., 2010)

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Distance-based AOD interventions

- Inbound Telephone help-lines
- Online but not in 'real time'
- Online and now in 'real time' chat
- Text messages (SMS)
- Out-bound telephone services

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Telephone interventions: Do they work?

Yes, in a variety of contexts

- Smoking cessation (Zhu et al, 1996)
- Cannabis (Gates et al, 2012)
- Alcohol - evidence emerging (Heinemans et al, 2014)
- 61% of studies supported the efficacy of this approach for reducing substance use (Young, 2012)

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Aims of R2C

- Augments existing treatment options
- Reduces burden on face-to-face services
- Can be a step down treatment
- Targeting those where minimal intervention can produce results (Tiers 1-3)

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Client Workbooks

R2C-Ready 2 Change
Clinician Manual

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Ready 2 Change (R2C)

Outbound telephone-delivered intervention for clients concerned about their alcohol, amphetamine or cannabis use.



CBT, MI, DBT, ACT & MBRP principles; node-link mapping

8 Skills Training Modules

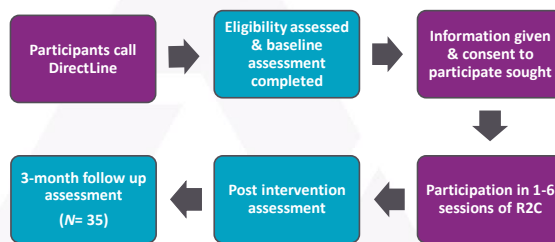
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1. Regulating Emotion
2. Managing Anger
3. Controlling Impulses
4. Sleep strategies
5. Living Mindfully
6. Cultivating Fulfilling Relationships
7. Managing Anxiety
8. Enhancing mood

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Pilot evaluation- method



Results: Number of sessions

Average: 5.28 sessions

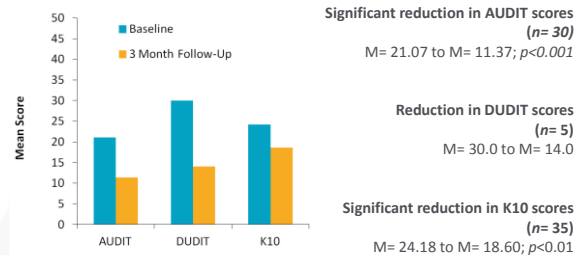
- 4 sessions
- 5 sessions
- 6 sessions
- 7 sessions
- Unknown

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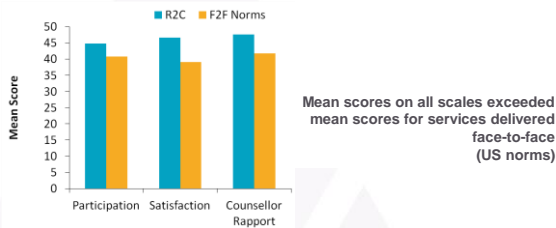
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AOD use & psychological distress



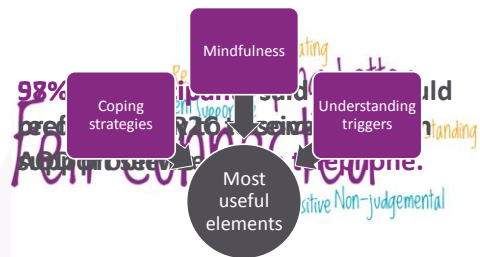
Participation, satisfaction & rapport



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Qualitative feedback



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Distance-based AOD interventions are:

- effective at **reducing alcohol and substance use**
- effective at **reducing levels of psychological distress**
- **equitable** to face-to-face services for **participation, satisfaction and counsellor rapport**

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Where to from here?

- Pilot evaluation of R2C continues
- More widespread rollout
- Research to determine who benefits the most
- Further evaluation of the program:
 - Longer-term follow-up
 - Larger RCT
 - Effectiveness of R2C for other applications

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