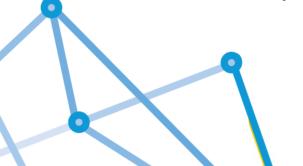
# Alliance Against Depression

An integrated, community-based approach to tackling depression





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### **Our Vision**

Equitable health outcomes for all Western Australians.

## **Our Mission**

To lead an effective and responsive patient centred primary healthcare system.

# **Our Purpose**

To be a leader in the system that delivers equitable health outcomes for Western Australians.



#### Early 2017: Initial relationship

- Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Mental Health program and Youth Specific engagement
- Community consultation

#### Mid 2017: National Suicide Prevention Trial Sites (SPTS) announced

- Perth South announced as SPTS which includes Mandurah, Rockingham, Kwinana, Pinjarra and Waroona.
- Specifically focusing on young people.
- To find the most effective approaches to suicide prevention for at-risk populations.

#### 2018: SPTS implementation activities begin

- Informed by the European Alliance Against Depression four pillar Framework
- Guided by the Peel and Rockingham Kwinana Community Response Steering Group (PaRK CRSG)





Integration is key.

#### **Shire of Murray – Completing the Circle**

- Public Health 2019 Local Government Awards (winner)
- 2019 WAAMH Award Innovation for Change (finalist)
- 2019 WAMH Award Diversity (finalist)



Mooditj Wirrin Back to Country Camp



Amazing Race Pinjarra



Community Hub



Drug and alcohol video



Bindjareb Boodja Massacre Commemoration

#### Shire of Waroona - Baldja Program

- Cultural Camps
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Clontarf Workshops and Mentorships
- Monthly Engagement Activities





World Suicide Prevention Day



Waroona Youth Leadership Development



zero2hero Sports Camp



Waroona AAD Community Meeting



Camp Hero

#### 2019: AAD as a sustainable solution

- Ongoing commitment to community around mental health, community wellbeing and healing.
- AAD is not about bringing in new but a structed way of organising and improving what you are already doing
- LGA's are the connectors





#### **Community Readiness**

Globally, over 100 regional network partners are using the **European Alliance Against Depression** 

Before you get started here are 4 things to think consider:

- 1. Work out who your community is or where your place is.
- 2. Think about the mental health concerns your community or place is facing.
- Think about what is already happening to keep your community or place mentally healthy.
- 4. Take the time to talk to your friends, family or colleagues about all of this.



#### Stakeholder Mapping

General Practitioners
Psychiatrists
Psychologists
Mental Health Nurses
Aboriginal Health Workers
Occupational Therapists

Person/s with lived experience of self-harm or suicide
Peer-support/ self-help groups
Community members who have lost a loved one, friend or colleague to suicide
Crisis intervention centres



Media representatives
Community journalists
Volunteer groups
Community Organisations e.g. Rotary
and Lions Club, Men's Sheds, CWA
LGBTI community representatives
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
(CALD) community members
Business leaders
Military personnel
Charities

Faith based organisations

Medical and Mental Health Assoc.

Pharmacists
Police, DFES, St John WA, RFDS
Teachers
Hospitals
Religious leaders
Sports Coaches
Community Development staff
Social Workers and carers
Local mental health support agencies
Community leaders
Traditional healers or community elders

#### AAD branded resources - part of a global network

Local resources Community Postvention Response template AAD Handbook and Toolkit





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#### We are here to help!

- Access to an evidence based model
- Materials and resources
- Networking
- Coordination support



