



Day to Day Living (D2DL) Capacity Building Project

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Community Mental Health Australia (CMHA) has initiated a national project funded by DoHA that will facilitate the identification and dissemination of good practice among D2DL Program providers concluding September 2012.

CMHA is the national body formed by the state community mental health peak bodies across Australia. Governance for the project rests with the CMHA board and CMHA National Working Party. Queensland Alliance for Mental Health is the CMHA coalition member to lead the operational delivery of the D2DL Capacity Building Project.

The first round of forums was held in Brisbane in February and in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne in March with registrations from 63 of the 64 D2DL sites. The forums were in many cases the first opportunity for D2DL service providers to meet others delivering the same funded program.

The relevant state community mental health peak bodies made a valuable strategic contribution to the relevant forums attended by their members. The Director or Assistant Director of DoHA Program Development Section responsible for D2DL attended all forums. Service providers said they appreciated the opportunity to openly discuss issues including funding, service agreements and program guidelines and showcase positive outcomes with relevant senior public servants from the funding body.

Feedback from the forums was very positive. 86% of participants agreed or strongly agreed they made valuable new connections. 82% agreed or strongly agreed that they gained new information and ideas to take back to their programs. 95% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the forums were well organised and 93% agreed or strongly agreed they look forward to the next forums.

A web based platform <https://d2dl.groupsie.com> has been set up to allow D2DL service providers to continue to communicate, share and network. The groupsite has capacity for members to file and share documents, photos, videos and links, use the group calendar, discussion forums and blogs. The D2DL groupsite currently has 66 members.

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