

Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis & Related Diseases

Strategic Plan 2008-2011

OUR VISION

A society that respects and embraces diversity and supports TasCAHRD's client and consumer groups to achieve quality of life and to reach their full potential..

OUR MISSION

To work in partnership with affected communities and the broader community to promote the health and well-being of people living with, affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Reduce the incidence of HIV and hepatitis C in Tasmania;
2. Promote public awareness of the issues affecting people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C in Tasmania;
3. Increase access to support and treatment options that meet the needs of people living with, affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C; and
4. Govern and manage systems effectively; maximising quality, efficiency, effectiveness and capacity in order to achieve our mission.

OUR PRIMARY CLIENT & CONSUMER GROUPS INCLUDE:

- People living with or affected by HIV/AIDS;
- People living with or affected by hepatitis C; and
- People at risk of HIV or hepatitis C infection (particularly gay men, other men who have sex with men and people who inject drugs).

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE:

- Understanding the health and well being of individuals includes their physical, mental and social health needs;
- Promoting an environment that is inclusive and in which people can reach their full potential;
- Utilising a health promotion framework and harm reduction approach; and
- An ongoing commitment to quality improvement

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Achieving our Objectives

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Reduce the incidence of HIV and hepatitis C in Tasmania

To achieve this we aim to:

- a. Identify and work with communities (geographical and population based) where the transmission of HIV or hepatitis C is of increased risk;
- b. Implement health promotion initiatives that promote safe behaviours;
- c. Promote and provide ready access to information and resources that enable the community to prevent or minimise the risk of transmitting blood borne viruses and sexually transmitted infections.

Increase access to support and treatment options that meet the needs of people living with, affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C.

To achieve this we aim to:

- a. Identify and endeavour to reduce barriers to support and treatment options.
- b. Develop stronger partnerships with relevant services and organisations, both government and non-government.
- c. Advocate at a systems and individual level on behalf of or in partnership with our clients & consumers to improve services.
- d. Provide targeted education and development opportunities to enhance the capacity of services to respond appropriately to the needs of our clients & consumers

Promote public awareness of the issues affecting people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C in Tasmania.

To achieve this we aim to:

- a. Discourage and challenge discrimination through public and targeted media and participate in or inform policy development;
- a. Encourage and support the participation of clients and consumers in education, policy development and research activities;
- b. Support, participate in and implement relevant public awareness campaigns.

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To achieve this we aim to:

- a. Increase the use of 'on-line' media to increase access to regional and remote communities.
- b. Explore and engage in opportunities to increase the resource base of the organisation.
- c. Attract and retain an appropriately skilled workforce, paid and unpaid.
- d. Maintain quality systems for information management, data collection and accountability.
- e. Monitor our practice and structure to support an appropriate community based response.