Psychiatric Disability Services
of Victoria (VICSERV)

VICSERV Training Calendar

October and November 2008

New VICSERV Trainers from left: Richard Price, Anthony Stratford, SallyRose Carbines.

'My working background has included many years with models of recovery within the Alcohol and Other Drugs sector, as well as facilitating team and individual challenges within the corporate arena, and now in recent years, the Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation Support (PDRS) sector. Strength-based approaches and collaboration are central to my working style of group facilitation and training.

I am looking forward to working with the VICSERV trainees in looking at a range of applications for the training packages that VICSERV has on offer, in order to achieve positive outcomes for their clients within PDRS services.'

Richard Price

October

Thursday 23rd October
Introduction to Screening and Assessment in Dual Diagnosis
This workshop assists participants to understand the role of screening and assessment in dual diagnosis and to become familiar with a range of relevant screening tools. This workshop will be presented by Greg Logan and the Dual Diagnosis Education and Training Unit (ETU).

Monday 13th, 20th and 27th October
Principles and Practice of Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support (PDRS)
Facilitated by Richard Price, this program is specifically designed to provide participants with a knowledge and value-base for the understanding of the many possibilities in the work of PDRS. It's also a great opportunity for participants to network with other newly-appointed workers, practitioners and specialists.

November

Tuesday 18th November
Challenging Behaviours: Strategies for De-escalating, Understanding and Recovery
Presented by Sheree McDonald, this program is suited to all workers in the PDRS sector, including managers, team leaders, counsellors and administration staff. This program provides participants with strategies to deal more effectively with aggression and intense emotional expressions, an increased understanding of typical factors contributing to hostility and explore appropriate interventions.

Monday 24th November
Graduate Seminar Series: Seminar 4 – 'What does evidence-based practice mean in the PDRS sector?'
VICSERV, in collaboration with The University of Melbourne – Mental Health Practice Research Unit, is pleased to present the final seminar of a professional development initiative for 2008. This is a free seminar for graduates in social work, mental health, psychology, community services, occupational therapy, social sciences or community development.

Wednesday 26th November
Borderline Personality Disorder
Participants of this workshop will be PDRS workers, mental health service clinicians and others interested in the course content. This workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to concepts and interventions relevant to treatment and support for individuals with a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder and is presented by Spectrum, the Personality Disorder Service for Victoria.

Thursday 27th November
Introduction to Dual Diagnosis
Facilitated by Andrea Herman and Bill Tune from the Dual Diagnosis Education and Training Unit (ETU), this workshop will provide participants with a broad overview of the interactions between substance use and mental illness.

To Book or Register

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