



Western Australian Network of
Alcohol & other Drug Agencies

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WA Communities Benefit from Alcohol and other Drug Service Standards

The Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) says not-for-profit alcohol and other drug services in Western Australia, including residential rehabilitation services, are certified against accredited standards.

The ABC's recent Four Corners report "Rehab Inc." investigated how increased demand for service in Victoria is leading people to private rehabilitation services, some of which do not meet current standards of care.

"Individuals and families seeking support and information can be confident that treatment practices at government-funded not-for-profits are supported by a substantial evidence base and continuous quality improvement," says WANADA CEO Jill Rundle.

The Australian Government and the WA State Government funded WANADA to develop the Standard on Culturally Secure Practice (Alcohol and Other Drug Sector), against which many not-for-profit alcohol and other drug services are now certified.

"WA has a diverse range of professional specialist alcohol and other drug services, including education, prevention, harm reduction, counselling, withdrawal and rehabilitation services," says Ms Rundle.

"We understand that people are seeking urgent help. With community and government support, existing, accredited services will be better able to meet increasing demand."

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WANADA is the peak body for the alcohol and other drug sector in Western Australia, representing over 70 alcohol and other drug services.

WANADA encourages people wanting support or information about alcohol and other drug-related problems to contact the Alcohol and Drug Support Line on 9442 5000 (1800 198 024) for free, confidential counselling 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or to visit the Green Book Directory of Alcohol and other Drug and Mental Health Services in WA at www.greenbook.org.au