



6th National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference

Glenelg, South Australia 23 – 26 March 2021

Pathways to Healing

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

The 6th National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference (NIDAC 2016) brought together over 200 delegates from around Australia.

At the conclusion of NIDAC20 delegates agreed that:

Trauma and healing

The extensive level of trauma experienced by Aboriginal people should be recognised and that healing not 'fixing' is paramount and should inform practice

Racism towards Aboriginal people is endemic in Australian culture, it is a major source of trauma and governments need to take a leadership role in addressing this.

Representation and self-determination

All governments and service providers should recognise the primacy of Indigenous knowledge, expertise and experience in addressing Indigenous AOD issues

Aboriginal Community Controlled Services should determine their own solutions to addressing harmful alcohol and drug use

Funding should be provided to establish and support an Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drugs Council to inform policy, funding, service and alcohol and other drugs priorities

Funding should be provided to establish a National Association to support the Aboriginal AOD workforce

Funding

Funding should be provided for services that address social determinants of poor health as well as alcohol and other drugs issues

Specific funding should be allocated to further build the capacity of Aboriginal workers in the AOD field

Specific funding for youth (12–18 years) programs such as youth residential rehabilitation should be made available

Funding to prioritise Aboriginal ways of working

Funding should be provided to support the development of a 'FASD Cultural Care Framework' for the whole community. It must be inclusive of men and boys that should be able to be adapted locally

Research

Support should be provided to enhance and analyse the important quality data collected by the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector

There is a need for more research around FASD with men and boys

- including understanding prevalence in prisons
- what supports and successes currently exist
- listening to men and young men's stories about FASD - dads, uncles and grandfathers

Please note:

The term Aboriginal refers specifically to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People