ARC Grant

Noffs in partnership with UNSW received a 3 year ARC grant.

“Positive life pathways for vulnerable adolescents: The role of a life management program approach “
Profile Of Admissions

- Initial Phone Screen: 2956
- Assessments: 2129
- Admissions: 1430

Referred by:
- JJ/YJ: 35%
- Self: 22%
- Counselor/caseworker: 21%
- Family: 11%
Demographics of Admissions

- Born In Australia: 94%
- English as preferred language: 71%
- Average age: 16.6
Socio Economic Factors

Highest level of education completed or currently completing

- Primary school: 24.4%
- High school before Year 10: 2.7%
- High school up to Year 10: 69.3%
- Higher School Cert (Year 12): 2.7%
- Other (TAFE, apprenticeship): 1.0%

Engagement in employment and education

- Studying: 3.1%
- Employed: 36.0%
- Unemployed: 9.7%
- Other: 51.2%
Socio Economic Factors

- **Ever been suspended or expelled from school**
  - Yes: 20.5%
  - No: 79.5%

- **Ever been in a special class at school**
  - Yes: 39.4%
  - No: 60.6%

- **Ever been a 'Under the care of the state'**
  - Yes: 23.1%
  - No: 76.9%

- **Places lived in last 6 months (n=1255)**
  - One: 28.0%
  - Two: 16.7%
  - Three: 13.5%
  - Four - six: 7.1%
  - Seven or more: 34.8%
Drug Use

Percent

Admission year

Cannabis
Alcohol
Meth/amphetamine
Other

2009 (n=111) 2010 (n=199) 2011 (n=156) 2012 (n=130) 2013 (n=141) 2014 (n=128)
Drug Use

Lived with some who uses drugs in last 3 months

- Do not live with a drug user
- Some of the time
- A lot of the time
- 27.6%
- 14.1%
- 16.1%
- 42.2%

Usual route of administration

- Smoke
- Inject
- Sniff (powder)
- Inhale (vapour)
- Other
- 6.1%
- 16.4%
- 8.9%
- 1.7%
- 66.9%

Tried to cut down prior to seeking treatment

- Yes
- No
- 30.3%
- 69.7%

Reason for seeking treatment

- Health
- Family relationships
- Employment
- Financial
- Legal
- Emotional well-being
- Other
- 36.7%
- 26.5%
- 12.9%
- 2.9%
- 2.3%
- 10.1%
Health And Psychological Functioning

- Ever self-harmed (n=1276)
  - Yes: 40%
  - No: 60%

- Self-harmed in the last 3 months (n=537)
  - Yes: 34%
  - No: 66%
Crime

**Arrests in last 3 months**
- None: 30.0%
- 1: 29.0%
- 2: 17.4%
- 3 or more: 23.5%

**Crime related to drugs and alcohol use in any way (n=1245)**
- Yes: 21.0%
- No: 14.5%
- No crime in last 3 months: 64.5%
Some Trends

• Major reasons that led clients to treatment in PALM
• Trends route of administration ATS at last use, 2009 – 2014
• Proportion of clients who had suicidal ideation
• Proportion of participants arrested once or more
Outcomes

Overall looking at Pre-Treatment vs 3 month Post treatment

• Severity Of Dependence Scale
Drug Use

Number of Drugs Used

Methamphetamine

Alcohol

Cannabis
Mental health

Suicidal Thoughts

Pre 100.00%
Post 20.00%

Attempted to end life in the last 3 months

- 77.2%
- 17.2%
- 4.1%

Self harmed in the last 3 months (n=268)

- 58.2%
- 34.7%
- 1.5%
- 5.6%

Change-Self harmed to did not self harm
No change-Self harmed
No change-Did not self harm
Change-Did not self harm to self harmed
Crime

Number of Arrests

Pre: 1.5
Post: 0.6

Number of arrests in the last 3 months

- Positive change-One or more arrests to no arrests: 44.8%
- No change-No arrests: 33.2%
- No change-One or more arrests: 16.8%
- Negative change-No arrests to one or more arrests: 5.2%