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Dual Diagnosis services aim to improve treatment outcomes for individuals who have co-existing mental health and substance use issues.

Services include:

- education and training for mental health, drug and alcohol and MHCSS staff,
- support to organisations to develop dual diagnosis capabilities, and
- clinical consultations in collaboration with primary case managers.

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6.5 The Victorian dual diagnosis initiative

There is a range of State and Commonwealth funding allocated to enhance the capacity of AOD treatment services and mental health services to respond to clients with concurrent mental health and drug issues. As dual diagnosis is prevalent, staff should be trained in dual diagnosis and provided with appropriate education and learning opportunities.

The Victorian dual diagnosis initiative's (VDDI) structure includes four metropolitan agencies with links to workers embedded in each rural region. AOD treatment services are supported by the VDDI which provides training and consultation services and has some direct service provision responsibilities to clients.

For more information on dual diagnosis and responding to client needs, please see the department's website, [dual diagnosis](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/practice-and-service-quality/specialist-responses/dual-diagnosis). <www2.health.vic.gov.au/mental-health/practice-and-service-quality/specialist-responses/dual-diagnosis>.

6.5.1 Purpose

The VDDI supports the development of better treatment practices and collaborative relationships between AOD treatment and mental health services. The key activities of the VDDI are:

- the development of local networks
- [training](#), consultation and modelling of good practice through direct clinical intervention and shared care arrangements.

6.5.2 Target group

Mental health and AOD treatment workers who require support to respond to clients with concurrent AOD and mental health issues, and people who are experiencing issues related to concurrent AOD and mental health issues.

6.5.3 Key service requirements

The initiative includes the following functions.

- Develop co-operative working relationships between mental health and AOD treatment services within the relevant area service catchment. This should particularly address areas of access, assessment and the development of effective treatment planning.
- Provide training and consultation to all community mental health and AOD treatment services within the catchment with a strong focus on building capacity within the services to respond more effectively to people with a dual diagnosis.
- Provide direct service to clients with a serious mental illness and substance use problems with a focus on developing and modelling good practice. This may be by providing a limited direct service and intensive support/consultation to case managers on specific cases.



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