

[1. Australian Indigenous Health Infonet](#)

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5 out of 5 stars

Australia, WA Creator: Australian Indigenous

Health Infonet Last reviewed: 31/08/2018

Review: Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet is a strong West Australian resource. The site provides a statewide network of services for Indigenous WA residents including prevention, treatment, professional development and training, and research activities. Some of the contracted services include counselling, public health education campaigns, local drug action groups, school drug education, support for professionals and volunteers involved in the AOD sector, delivering prevention and early intervention initiatives, developing government policies, and supporting research in the area. The site is regularly updated, has excellent search functionality, and is responsive on mobile devices.

Tags: [Drug education](#), [Early intervention](#), [Government](#), [Indigenous](#), [Policy](#), [Prevention](#), [Professionals](#), [Research](#), [Schools](#), [Volunteers](#)

[2. 24/7 anonymous crisis support - The Samaritans](#)

<http://www.thesamaritans.org.au> [Tweet](#)

5 out of 5 stars

Australia, WA Creator: The Samaritans Last reviewed: 16/05/2018

Review: A 24/7 telephone helpline counselling service for people who may be struggling with addiction or substance abuse, mental health issues, comorbidity, depression, personal problems, or who are suicidal. Options available for persons with a multicultural background or who are deaf or have other disabilities which make talking on a telephone difficult. The organisation also uses volunteers to conduct a respected outreach education program providing health promotion, harm reduction and awareness to reduce the risk of suicide. The latter program has options for schools and community groups.

Tags: [Comorbidity](#), [Counselling](#), [Depression](#), [Disabilities](#), [Education](#), [Helpline](#), [Mental health](#), [Multicultural](#), [Outreach](#), [Telephone](#), [Volunteers](#)

[3. Mothers Against Drunk Driving \[MADD\]](#)

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5 out of 5 stars

USA Creator: Mothers Against Drunk Driving
[MADD] Last reviewed: 30/04/2018

Review: Excellent example of a campaign and public awareness initiative using a peer support model developed by parents and families of young people who have been killed or injured in motor vehicle accidents involving drunk or drugged drivers. The organisation, originally initiated by volunteers, provides a variety of face-to-face and online support opportunities. There is a strong emphasis on harm reduction, law enforcement and increasing community awareness. The site also includes links to resources and social media to support grieving families.

Tags: [Advertising](#), [Alcohol](#), [Campaigns](#),
[Drivers](#), [Families](#), [Harm reduction](#), [Law](#),
[Parents](#), [Peer support](#), [Statistics](#), [Volunteers](#),
[Youth](#)

[4. ChaplainWatch](#)

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5 out of 5 stars

Australia, QLD Creator: ChaplainWatch Last reviewed: 29/04/2018

Review: Independent not-for-profit organisation with volunteers who donate their time to patrol the Brisbane CBD, Fortitude Valley and Caxton Street precincts, watching out for anyone in crisis, at risk or in need. Services include crisis intervention, conflict resolution, front-line first aid (including alcohol or drug overdose), public counselling and guidance, secondary victim support and welfare assistance. This rapid response service works in partnership with other official services - Police, Ambulance, City Council, venue management and security, and taxi operations. A practical outreach, prevention and harm reduction community service supporting people to party safely.

Tags: [Communities](#), [Counselling](#), [Harm reduction](#), [Outreach](#), [Overdose](#), [Prevention](#), [Safe partying](#), [Volunteers](#)

[5. Grow - mental wellness programs](#)

<http://www.grow.org.au/> [Tweet](#)

5 out of 5 stars

Australia Creator: Grow Last reviewed:
25/04/2018

Review: Peak body overseeing an internationally recognised peer support model and self-help strategies for people experiencing mental health issues. Compassionate trained volunteers, who have experienced mental health issues, lead regular community-based peer support. Self-referral is an option. The organisation provides advocacy for mental health wellness at national and state levels. Alternative residential treatments are offered in some states for persons experiencing comorbidity issues. While programs vary from state-to-state, there are examples of prisoner support, youth programs, carer resources, residential rehab and supported accommodation.

Tags: [Advocacy](#), [Carers](#), [Comorbidity](#), [Mental health](#), [Peer support](#), [Prisoners](#), [Residential treatment](#), [Volunteers](#), [Youth](#)

[6. Mental Health Association QLD \(MHAQ\)](#)

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.au/> [Tweet](#)

5 out of 5 stars

Australia, QLD Creator: Mental Health Association QLD (MHAQ) Last reviewed: 18/01/2018

Review: Peak mental health body promoting programs, interventions, training and development for people recovering from mental illness, their carers, professionals and educators. Face-to-face peer support and counselling available in Queensland. Support and resources available for families. Opportunities for volunteers.

Tags: [Counselling](#), [Email](#), [Events](#), [Information](#), [Mental health](#), [Peak bodies](#), [Peer support](#), [Professional development](#), [Self-help](#), [Training](#), [Volunteers](#)

[7. Youth Off the Streets](#)

<https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/> [Tweet](#)

5 out of 5 stars

Australia, NSW Creator: Youth Off The Streets Last reviewed: 31/05/2017

Review: A non-denominational community organisation working for disadvantaged young people who may be homeless, alcohol or drug dependent, or recovering from abuse or experiencing mental health issues or surviving with the trauma of multiple risk factors. The organisation provides prevention, intervention and outreach programs addressing lifestyle and risk factors for young people. Volunteers are encouraged to support the organisation's various programs. The organisation is recognised nationally for its advocacy to promote more equal opportunities for at-risk youth.

Tags: [Advocacy](#), [Families](#), [Homeless](#), [Mental health](#), [Outreach](#), [Volunteers](#), [Youth](#)

[8. Baptist Care SA](#)

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4 out of 5 stars

Australia, SA Creator: Baptist Care Last reviewed: 20/09/2018

Review: Early intervention, prevention and mental health services and resources for individuals, youth, families and those who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless. Specific services also available for people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Overseen by the social services component of the SA Baptist community. Training and events are offered for professionals and volunteers working in related fields. Opportunities for volunteers to provide support in the various services.

Tags: [Early intervention](#), [Homeless](#), [Indigenous](#), [Mental health](#), [Prevention](#), [Training](#), [Volunteers](#)

[9. Blue Light](#)

<http://www.bluelight.org.au/> [Tweet](#)

4 out of 5 stars

Australia, VIC Creator: Blue Light Victoria

Last reviewed: 28/02/2018

Review: A series of community initiatives developed, promoted and conducted by local police and volunteers providing young people with entertainment, mentoring and activities in environments that are free from alcohol, drugs, smoking and violence. Blue Light initiatives encourage prevention and harm reduction lifestyle choices for youth. The website includes news, options for supporting activities, details about events and an invitation to volunteer in the various activities. A particular target group for the program is young people experiencing significant risk factors. Blue Light Victoria, in partnership with Victoria Police, has 42 branches across Victoria. Every year over 30,000 young people will attend a Blue Light event in metropolitan or rural Victoria.

Tags: [Communities](#), [Education](#), [Events](#),
[Mentoring](#), [News](#), [Police](#), [Prevention](#),
[Prohibition](#), [Volunteers](#), [Youth](#)

10. Australia21

http://australia21.org.au/young21-archive/projects/2016-projects/#.WP_4idKGOU
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3 out of 5 stars

Australia Creator: Australia21 Last reviewed: 19/10/2018

Review: An independent, not-for-profit think tank conducting and reviewing research into complex social issues confronting Australia. Of particular interest is the report on Australian Drug Law Reform released in March 2017 and a resource encouraging discussion in classrooms and community groups - "Smarter About Drugs". The organisation encourages the involvement of volunteers who are interested in policy reform and positive social health outcomes. Sponsored by various groups.

Tags: [Law](#), [Policy](#), [Research](#), [Volunteers](#)

