

HIV/AIDS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PROGRAMMES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

CALENDAR

AIDS BUREAU: DISEASE CONTROL BRANCH HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

JANUARY-JUNE 1993

THE AIDS BUREAU

The AIDS Bureau coordinates Health Department activities on HIV/AIDS education and prevention in Western Australia. It liaises closely with other Western Australian government and non-government organisations involved in the management of the AIDS epidemic. The Bureau's primary goals are to minimise the spread of HIV infection in WA and to minimise any adverse personal, social and economic impact on those infected or affected by HIV. A major function of the AIDS Bureau is to coordinate and implement HIV/AIDS professional education programmes. These programmes are designed to help meet the continuing needs of professionals and other service providers whose work demands they be up-to-date and culturally sensitive about AIDS, HIV infection and its effects on those they work with.

JANUARY

SEMINAR

NEEDLE EXCHANGE: THE POINT IS SAVING LIVES!

Seminar Description

The seminar will present a rationale for the establishment of needle exchanges in the context of HIV/AIDS prevention with injecting drug users. It will explore the concept of designing and operating client oriented services while minimising possible negative impact in the community. The seminar is designed primarily for health care workers and will examine the potential for the involvement of health care settings in HIV/AIDS Harm Reduction Programmes.

Date and Venue: Can be specially organised and negotiated.

Note: If requested, seminars can be held in both country and metro health regions.

Contact: Anwen France, AIDS Bureau 227 3777

FEBRUARY

SEMINAR

HEPATITIS C UPDATE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS (A Curtin University Programme)

Seminar Description

A one-day seminar on the epidemiology, treatment and prevention of Hepatitis C jointly organised by the Research Centre for Applied Psychology, and the National Centre for Research into the Prevention of Drug Abuse, Curtin University and supported by the WA Public Health Association.

Date and Venue: Wednesday, 17 February 1993
9am to 5pm
Hayden Williams Lecture (405.201) Theatre, Curtin University.

Contact: The Secretary; Addiction Studies Unit, 351 2219

SEMINAR

PERSPECTIVES ON RECENT HIV/AIDS CONFERENCES.

Seminar Description

In the last third of 1992 more than 3 National and international conferences on HIV/AIDS were held in Australia and South East Asia. This one-day seminar will enable those who did not attend the conferences to hear brief presentations from a selection of health workers who did. The presenters will have established expertise in the areas they will speak about.

The Conferences to be reviewed are: 1. HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (India, October 1992). 2. The National Conference: Living with HIV/AIDS: The Next Decade (Sydney, November 1992). 3. The Positive Living Conference (Sydney, November 1992). 4. Australian Society for HIV Medicine Conference (Sydney, November 1992)

Date and Venue: Friday, 26 February 9am - 5pm
Grace Vaughan House, 227 Stubbs terrace, Shenton Park

Cost: Nil

Contact: Maryrose Baker, AIDS Bureau 227 3777

MARCH

WORKSHOP

BEING AN ASKABLE PARENT COURSE: TRAINING IN GROUP FACILITATION.

Workshop Description

Two 2-day train the trainer workshops for professionals including school/community nurses, teachers, youth workers and social workers, who work with parent/adult groups. Participants need to be interested in learning about and developing skills in conducting sexuality education for adult groups with specific reference to the programme (Being an Askable Parent: Communicating with Young People about HIV/AIDS and Sexuality). Some background and experience in sexuality education is necessary. Those attending will be expected to present "Being an Askable Parent" programmes in the future.

Date and Venue: Workshop 1: 4-5 March
Workshop 2: 1-2 April
Seminar Rooms, Health Department of WA, 189 Royal Street, East Perth

Note: The "Being an Askable Parent" Programme was developed by the Health Department of WA. It is a 6 module course for parents and adults examining AIDS, sexuality and sexual development, physiology and communication.

Cost: To be advised.

Contact: Sheena Carter or Sue Laing, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777 by 15th February. Places will be limited to 15 participants per workshop.

COURSE

TRAINING PROGRAMME IN HIV/AIDS COUNSELLING: CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY AIDS EDUCATION, COURSE IV.

Course Description

Presented by Curtin University and the Health Department of WA. A 12-week course providing skills based counselling training for people involved in counselling related work in the HIV/AIDS field who have had no previous counselling training. Tutors for the course are Clinical Psychologists Helen Costello and Dr Allen Shafer.

Dates and Venue: To be advised.
Seminar Rooms, Health Department of WA, 189 Royal Street, East Perth

Cost: \$175 (scholarships available)

Contact: Erica Harvey, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

WORKSHOP

HIV/AIDS UPDATE FOR RURAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Workshop Description

West Link Video Conference facilities will be used by medical specialists from Perth to beam an interactive programme to all country network areas. Interaction with health care workers will be possible through voice from the country areas to the panel on video in Perth. The Workshop will cover updates on HIV/AIDS epidemiology, testing, counselling, clinical diagnosis and management. It is anticipated that the Video Link Workshop will be of approximately two hours duration. This medium will be evaluated with a follow-up questionnaire to participants.

Dates and Venue: To be advised. All video line facilities in country WA.

Cost: Nil

Contact: Marc Hamilton, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

APRIL

COURSE

TRAINING TEACHERS TO TRAIN IN HIV/AIDS & STDs

Course Description

A 3-day residential course designed to decentralise AIDS education expertise by training teachers to educate their peers. At the conclusion of the course, participants will be identified as the local AIDS trainer, able to conduct instructional programmes for colleagues at school, district and regional level.

Dates and Venue: To be advised

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Maryrose Baker, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

WORKSHOP

CERTIFICATE IN PRE & POST TEST HIV COUNSELLING (A WA Alcohol and Drug Authority Programme).

Workshop Description

This 2-day workshop is specifically designed to focus on injecting drug use in relationship to the physical, emotional and psychological aspects of HIV/AIDS.

Participants are required to have pre-existing training and knowledge of counselling.

Dates and Venue: 28 and 29 April, 8.30am - 5pm Carrellis Centre, Field Street, Mt Lawley.

Note: Registration by 5 March. Limited places available

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Orla McGlinchey, WA ADA, 370 0333

MAY

COURSE

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY AIDS EDUCATION: INTRODUCTION TO HIV/AIDS COURSE 1, CURTIN UNIVERSITY/AIDS BUREAU

Course Description

A continuing education course offered through Curtin University Department of Health Promotion in conjunction with the AIDS Bureau, Health Department of WA. The course runs for 8 weeks and provides training for professionals and volunteers. The course content includes knowledge about transmission, epidemiology and psychosocial aspects of the disease. Attitudes and prevention education strategies will also be addressed.

Dates and Venue: To be advised.
Seminar Rooms Health Department of WA, 189 Royal Street, East Perth.

Note: This course is a foundation and pre-requisite to the other specialised HIV/AIDS courses including those in Counselling and Training & Education.

Cost: \$120 (scholarships available)

Contact: Erica Harvey, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

JUNE

COURSE

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING IN HIV DISEASE AND AIDS: CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY AIDS EDUCATION COURSE III

Course Description

A continuing Education Course offered by Curtin University and the Health Department of WA. The course runs for 10 weeks and provides specialised training for professionals currently or about to be involved in counselling related work in the HIV/AIDS field; who have appropriate training and or experience in counselling and who may have completed previous courses for the certificate in Community AIDS education.

Dates and Venue: To be advised.
Seminar Rooms, Health Department of WA, 189 Royal Street, East Perth

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Erica Harvey, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

WORKSHOP

HIV/AIDS & STDs AND THE NURSING CURRICULUM: A WORKSHOP FOR NURSE EDUCATORS

Workshop Description

A one-day workshop for nurse educators and lecturers at schools of nursing in academic institutions. The aim of the workshop is to provide participants with an information update and an exploration of the psychosocial issues relating to HIV and STDs with a view to incorporating the material into the nursing curriculum.

Date and Venue: To be advised

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Maryrose Baker, AIDS Bureau, 227 3777

WORKSHOP

STDs AND HIV/AIDS: AN UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY NURSES). (A combined Murray St Clinic, AIDS Bureau Programme).

Workshop Description

This one-day workshop is designed especially for community nurses and offers updates in both information and nursing management. It will include such areas as taking an adequate sexual health history, specimen collection and transportation to the laboratory, contact tracing and safer sex issues. Psycho-social aspects of HIV/AIDS will also be covered.

Date and Venue: To be advised.

Cost: To be advised.

Contact: Helan Cowin, Joyce Keith, Murray St. Clinic, 220 1122

WORKSHOP

HIV/AIDS AND HEPATITIS AND INJECTING DRUG USE. (W.A Alcohol & Drug Authority Programme).

Workshop Description

A one-day workshop presented by the WA. ADA designed for health and welfare workers to increase participants' understanding of injecting drug use behaviour and to provide information and skills development about strategies for harm reduction.

Date and Venue: Thursday, 15 July 1993

Carrellis Centre, Field Street, Mt Lawley

Registration by 30 June. Limited places available.

Note: To be advised

Cost: To be advised

Contact: Orla McGlinchey, WA ADA, 370 0333