

Community Partnership Program

A way to be involved

The Community Partnership Program (CPP) aims to improve relationships and communication with the diverse range of communities that receive services provided by Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA).

DASSA recognises the best way to improve the quality of our service is to have active partnerships, involve community members, and make sure community members are always the most important people in the room.

The benefits of being part of the Community Partnership Program include:

- > contributing to the development of higher quality services
- > create a healthy outlet to be heard and share community experiences
- > creating policies that are more reflective of community concerns
- > a greater ability to have concerns and complaints responded to or acted upon
- > greater empowerment
- > connection with others who have similar experiences
- > gaining new skills

Participants can choose their level of involvement:

- > Community Participation Register: join to receive monthly newsletters and the opportunity to respond to advertised participation opportunities
- > Community Participant: you might be contacted to give your views on certain issues, share your story, provide advice or you might be invited to attend a forum or workshop to review publications or information about the safety and quality of services
- > Community Representative: you could be involved in meetings and working groups, present your story at staff training, or apply to become a member of the Community Advisory Council who provide advice to, and make decisions alongside the DASSA Executive Group.

DASSA values the contributions of community members and offers reimbursement payments for time given, and out-of-pocket costs, as outlined in the SA Health Sitting Fee Policy.

For more information

Please contact the Community Partnership Program on 0466 480 811 or at dassacpp@health.sa.gov.au