

Y.O.D.A

Youth Outreach Drug & Alcohol Team

YODA provides flexible alcohol and drug outreach services in partnership with local youth agencies and programs. These services include 6 to 8 individual counseling sessions and educational early intervention programs.

Who?

Generally clients are young people aged 12 to 25 years in the Beenleigh to Coolangatta area who are experiencing alcohol or drug related problems. Clients may be referred via a number of mental health and community services including Headspace, Gold Coast Youth Service, Youth Justice, Beenleigh Adult and Youth Service, ATODS and other services. Clients should contact one of these agencies to arrange a referral to our service or may contact GCDC on 5535 4302 or toll free 1300 55 0016.

How?

This service offers 6 to 8 individual sessions focusing on education and counselling around drug and alcohol related issues. Additionally, YODA will provide educational programs. The aim of our service is to empower young people to move forward with hope and an increased awareness into the maladaptive patterns that have a negative impact on their life, assisting the young person to reach their full potential.

Where?

YODA will provide a mobile service at a number of different youth oriented agencies from Beenleigh to Coolangatta.

YODA Objectives

Engage and build constructive working relationships with young people utilising a relevant and youth friendly approach.

Assist young people to explore strategies for harm and risk minimisation .

Empower young people to have self determination.

Provide an accessible and inclusive service, working collaboratively with young people and relevant agencies

Support young people and provide a safe environment for young people to grow.

Cost?

The YODA program is free of charge. The YODA program is funded by Queensland Health.

