

Drugs, Alcohol and Family Breakdown



Who should attend?

Those dealing directly with individuals or families experiencing or at risk of drugs, alcohol and family breakdown, including:

- Lawyers
- Mediators
- Child contact centres
- Counsellors
- Psychologists
- Child protection practitioners
- Domestic violence workers
- Drug and alcohol support workers
- Mental health workers
- Family GPs

or anyone who supports people experiencing drug or alcohol issues and family breakdown.

What you will learn

- Hear from experienced professionals about working with people impacted by drugs and alcohol, from a legal and community services perspective.
- Connect with like-minded practitioners across a wide range of interconnected disciplines.
- Learn about the how's and why's of urine drug testing and hair follicle testing, and gain tips for Court Orders.

Date:	11th May
Venue:	The Capital 50 View Street, Bendigo
Cost:	\$100 (early bird rate: \$85 before 14th April)
Register at:	www.trybooking.com/266291
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The Shepparton Bendigo Family Law Pathways Network aims to bring together practitioners who work with family breakdown to learn about our various contributions to families in the Bendigo and Shepparton areas. We also aim to further develop understanding of various issues that impact on families who are going through family separation.

This is an opportunity to connect with many other agencies and professionals, and to build networks that will ultimately support the families we assist.

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Program details

9.00	Registration opens	12.45	Lunch
9.30	Introduction and Welcome to Country	1.30	Robyn Hamilton
10.00	Dr Michael Robertson	2.00	Kayla Morris
11.00	Morning tea	2.45	Afternoon tea
11.30	Icebreaker activity	3.15	Panel discussion
11.45	Drug Task Force, Victoria Police	4.15	Close

Dr Michael Robertson	Dr Michael Robertson is the Senior Consultant at Independent Forensic Consulting (IFC), a consulting firm that provides the legal community with alcohol and drug-related advice. Dr Robertson provides expertise in all drug and alcohol related medico-legal matters including criminal, civil and family law. Dr Robertson routinely provides written expert opinions and has testified in all States and Territories of Australia.
Victoria Police Drug Task Force	A member of the Victoria Police Drug Task Force will be discussing, among other things, their work with members of the community affected and/or impacted by drugs and alcohol and the legalities of such.
Robyn Hamilton	Robyn Hamilton is Senior Advocate for children and family law in VLA Chambers, undertaking court advocacy in trials, appeals and other court events in child protection and family law. Robyn has worked at Victoria Legal Aid for around 15 years, principally in children's law, and has been an in-house counsel for VLA for the past five years. Robyn also provides professional legal education and mentoring of VLA's in-house practice.
Kayla Morris	Kayla Morris is an Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Outreach Team Leader. Kayla will talk about her role overseeing AOD service delivery across the Loddon Mallee and parts of the Goulburn Valley Lower Hume, and is very much in touch with current trends, themes and issues in the AOD space.
Panel	<p>Guest speakers will discuss a hypothetical case, using their breadth of experience to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the issues at play, • what their response as a practitioner would be, and • how various jurisdictions and aspects of the system would likely respond to the case scenario. <p>The panel will also answer questions from the floor.</p>

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