

Squalor and Hoarding



Overview

Randy Frost, a psychology professor at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., estimates that 2% to 3% of the population has OCD, and up to a third of those exhibit hoarding behavior (Cohen, 2004).

Here is a three part definition of clinical hoarding:

1. The acquisition of, and failure to discard, a large number of possessions that appear to be useless or of limited value (Frost and Gross, 1993).
2. Living spaces are cluttered enough that they can't be used for the activities for which they were designed (Frost and Hartl, 1996).
3. Significant distress or impairment in functioning caused by the hoarding.

Recognising and responding workshop

- ❖ Contributing factors – what causes squalor and hoarding
- ❖ Research
- ❖ Identifying flags the “telltale” signs
- ❖ Working towards solutions – what to consider when tackling the problem
- ❖ Framework for action-identifying risks and consequences, shared plans

Who can attend? Managers, workers/volunteers.	
Date: Wednesday 6 June 2012 Time: 9:30am – 3.30pm	Venue: Level 3 Bowen Library. 669 Anzac Pde, Maroubra Junction 2035
Cost: HACC staff/volunteers \$55 (prices include 10% GST) Non-HACC staff/volunteers \$110 (Please contact VAST for more information on Non-HACC bookings)	
<i>The total training fee will be charged if less than 14 days notice is given of a cancellation.</i>	
Facilitator: Susan Graham is a registered nurse with experience in community mental health and population health in remote, regional and inner city services. In recent years she has been at the forefront of developing guidelines, education and specific interventions for managing situations of squalor and hoarding across a range of government and non-government entities. As a result of her experience she has delivered numerous educational sessions on the topic of hoarding and squalor. Currently Susan is the principal consultant and educator for the Squalor and Hoarding Consultancy Group.	

Full payment is due at time of booking.

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