

POLICIES

POLICIES for Treatment of Mental Disorders

[6] Standard Treatment

- a) Outpatient psychotherapies, medication and procedures
- b) Inpatient psychotherapies, medication and procedures
- c) Ancillary support services

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Ancillary Support Services is an umbrella term used in the mental health field which covers health, welfare and education programs which support the work of designated mental health services. They are programs in the community that may address the promotion of mental wellbeing and the prevention of the development of mental health problems, or may offer treatment/counselling regarding quite specific challenges experienced by some individuals and families, challenges known to lead on to mental health problems. While some ancillary support services are provided within the mental health system itself, they are largely provided by organisations outside the public and private mental health systems.

MHYFVic advocates for ongoing provision of Ancillary support services across the whole range of needs, within universal, indicated and targeted programs.

MHYFVic advocates for a continuing emphasis on knowledge of social science research underpinning the specialist training of mental health professionals.

MHYFVic advocates for training of mental health professionals in consultancy to agencies providing ancillary support services. (See PE9b)

MHYFVic advocates for all community mental health services to be adequately funded and trained to provide mental health consultancy service. (See PE7b)

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