








Program Summary

Responsive Assessment Planning Intervention and Diversion Service (RAPIDS)



ACSO Division	As shown below, ACSO has four program divisions to support the differing needs of our clients and participants. The division our Responsive Assessment Planning Intervention and Diversion Service program falls under is shown below in green.		
Court Support Programs	Forensic Residential Services	Forensic Casework Services	Forensic Assessment and Coordination
Funding Body	Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria		
Program Background	Commencing service delivery in 2012, in RAPIDS, we conduct forensic alcohol and other drug (AOD) assessments and bridging support.		
Clients			
 Eligibility	We work with people referred by Corrections Victoria, through community corrections or magistrates’ courts, who are experiencing significant drug and alcohol use along with other complexities including mental health, violence, homelessness and offending.		
 Risk level	Moderate – high		
Program Summary			
 Purpose	In RAPIDS we work with people who have drug and alcohol dependencies and who are in contact with the justice system. We have a unique, one-off opportunity to build rapport within an assessment interaction with people who may be ready for change. We work with people to begin this journey of change.		
 Focus	People are assessed within two days of their referral being received and receive bridging support to maintain engagement and motivation until they begin treatment.		
 Assessment Tools	We use a comprehensive assessment tool that captures the person’s substance use and risk of reoffending. It also covers mental and physical health, psychosocial needs, legal history, a risk to self, suicide ideation and previous AOD use and treatment.		
 Length	Assessments usually take 1-1.5 hours, and people receive bridging support until they commence treatment on an as-needs basis.		
 Locations	We provide a state-wide service. Assessments in metropolitan Melbourne are conducted face-to-face, whereas assessments in regional Victoria are generally conducted via video-link. Where work travel is required, our people have access to a pool of ACSO fleet vehicles.		

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