Current research into cannabis: processes, activities and outcomes

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- Intervention development and research
  - Process of project
  - Activities
  - Outcomes
  - Impact
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- Project background and rationale
  - National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) funded
  - 2008 NATSISS: 17% had used in previous 12 months

- To develop practical treatment responses for cannabis use in Indigenous primary health care
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- Project process
  - Consultation
  - Development workshop
  - Pilot
  - Evaluation workshop
  - Ongoing piloting and the future
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Project outcomes

- Consultation
  - Recognition of harm, concern about harm
  - Workplace barriers

- Development workshop
  - Group decision: what can we target
  - Screening and brief intervention
  - Implementation

- Revised Aims
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  - Raise awareness of cannabis related harms
  - To get cannabis use on the health agenda in a safe and secure manner
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- Pilot
  - Resource development
  - Implementation framework
  - Screening and brief intervention

- Evaluation workshop
  - Resources
  - Implementation
  - Screening and brief intervention
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- Next steps
  - Improving outcomes
  - National roll-out
  - Sustainability

- Impacts
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- Lessons from process
  - Genuine collaboration and recognition
  - Flexibility to develop methodology
  - The need for implementation

- Lessons from outcomes
  - Drug and alcohol support in primary health care
  - Complex health needs – the drivers for use and not use
  - ‘No’ messages
  - Research needs: binge consumption, mental health
No money?

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Buying gunja can mean not enough $$$ for food, bills and good things for the whole family.

Needing money for gunja leads some people to do things they regret, like standing over people for money or breaking the law.

Being stoned causes trouble getting work, going to work and doing well at work.

Talk to your GP or health worker about the effect gunja might have on you or your family’s health and wellbeing.