

The Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force is currently in the process of developing a Drug & alcohol Family Support Strategy for the region. The strategy will set out the direction of all drug & alcohol family support carried out by the WRDTF and related projects.

Strategic Aims:

1. **Awareness:** To create a greater awareness of the needs of families affected by substance use, to increase visibility and accessibility of supports available (recognition of families as service users), encouraging families to seek support
2. **Materials and Recourses:** To make information readily available and easily accessible for the public, families and appropriate services
3. **Training:** To enhance the existing skill set of professionals and practitioners working with families
4. **Courses, Programmes and Supports for Families:** To provide appropriate courses, programmes and supports for families, especially family members experiencing substance misuse
5. **Networking and Engagement:** To improve and increase accessibility for service provision to families and promote greater interagency co-operation
6. **Target/At Risk Groups:** To ensure the needs of specific target/at risk groups are highlighted and responded to appropriately
7. **Research:** To carry out relevant research on Drug/Alcohol Family Support
8. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** To ensure the strategy is monitored and evaluated on a yearly basis with appropriate updates/actions as required

The WRDATF now invite services, groups, organisations and interested parties to make submissions to this strategy by completing the attached form and returning to the WRDATF. Submission forms are also available on the www.wrdatf.ie/familysupport

If you have any queries regarding this please contact Debbie McDonagh, Family Support Training & Development Worker debbie.mcdonagh@wrdatf.ie

Submission to the WRDATF Regional Drug & Alcohol Family Support Strategy (2016-2019)

Details of Individual/Organisation/Services making submission	
Name of person completing	
Organisation	
Location/Region	

Details of Submission

Please complete the sections as relevant to you. Not all sections must be filled in.

Section 1: Awareness and Information (including materials and resources)

Submission Suggestion Please give details	Resources	Lead Organisation	Projected Outcomes

Section 2: Capacity Building (training, Course, programmes for families, supports for families)

Submission Suggestion Please give details	Resources	Lead Organisation	Projected Outcomes

Section 3: Service Provision & Interagency Working, (Newtorking, Engagement, Target/at risk groups)

Submission Suggestion Please give details	Resources	Lead Organisation	Projected Outcomes

Section 4: Research & Evaluation

Submission Suggestion Please give details	Resources	Lead Organisation	Projected Outcomes

Any other suggestions

Any other comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this submission form
Completed submissions should be sent to debbie.mcdonagh@wrdf.ie

Closing date for submission is 1st February, 2016.