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## **The Global Gazette Disability 10 Year Anniversary Edition**

Yes we have been reliably publishing the Global Gazette every second month for ten years now.

It has grown to over 24,000 free subscribers, with it also being republished on a few intranets and listservs sharing information with people with disability and their families, disability support workers, specialist professionals, service team leaders, managers and CEOs, policy makers and funding agencies as well as health science students and academics, colleagues around the world in over 200 countries interested in what is happening in Australia. The largest group of subscribers are in NSW, our home base, then with colleagues around Australia and just key people in other countries. Every week, virtually daily, we receive requests for free subscriptions with many more at the conferences, expos and event we attend.

It simply started as an idea of our founding CEO Albert McDermott to help the staff of Global Disability & Health Care Services who work shift work to keep update with developments in the field. Our Manager of Education & Development, Ross M Fear, had previously been involved in both university lecturing and staff training in disabilities and had experience in e-publishing. The first edition was published in 2006. It was then offered to staff of customers and then soon after expanded to anyone in the field who was interested, to growing now to over 24,000 subscribers.

It aims to help people find valuable information published on other organisations web sites, so it features just a short introduction to the topic and if readers are interested in the topic then they have access to the web link for the full article or document on the sources web site.

Feel free to recommend the free subscription to friends and colleagues. A subscription form is attached for your convenience.

## **Disability News**

### **New hope for spinal cord injury recovery launches in Australia**

**Project Edge** will see a cutting edge neurostimulation research program established here in Australia. This will be the first clinical trial outside of the U.S. of ground-breaking research by Professor Reggie Edgerton and his colleagues at UCLA. In a world first, they have managed to re-awaken the spinal cord and successfully restore feeling and function to over 20 paralyzed people using neurostimulation.

[Watch the launch here](#), including a lecture by Prof Edgerton, Dr Vissel of UTS and a Q&A with them and Kerri-Anne Kennerley and SpinalCure CEO Duncan Wallace.

"This is a truly a monumental moment for people with SCI in Australia, and we are proud to be part of it." says Peter Perry, Chief Executive Officer, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia

Read more at <https://scia.org.au/news/947-leading-the-world-to-a-new-reality-for-spinal-cord-injury-recovery>

## Featured Conference

23 – 24 February 2017

### **National Disability Services NDS NSW 2017 Conference.**

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<https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-nsw-conference-2017>

## Disability News

### **NDIS MyPlace Portal Implementation Review**

On 1 July 2016, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) launched the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ICT system for transition to full scheme. The MyPlace Portal is part of the broader ICT and is designed as the main interface between participants and providers and the NDIA. Early implementation of the Portal encountered issues affecting the capacity for providers and self-managed participants to claim for payment. The report from PricewaterhouseCoopers reviews the implementation of the NDIS MyPlace Portal and provides recommendations to Government to address these issues.

[NDIS - MyPlace Portal Implementation Review - Final Report \[445.6 kB\]](#) PDF version

- [Listen to PDF](#)

[NDIS - MyPlace Portal Implementation Review - Final Report \[1.2 MB\]](#) Word version

## Disability News

### **Students with disability or special needs in New South Wales schools**

This inquiry was established on 24 August 2016 to inquire into and report on the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs in government and non-government schools in New South Wales. Please note that this inquiry cannot influence the outcome of any individual matter under investigation. Further information about Terms Of Reference, Timeline, Submissions, Hearings and Transcripts, Report, Government responses and other documents can be viewed at Parliament of NSW [web site](#)

## Disability Issues In The Media

### **The End of State Based NDIS Registration and Compliance**

Australia Federal and State governments made a huge decision about how the NDIS will work for providers. They decided that the Federal Government will take over registering providers and assessing their compliance with national quality standards.

And even more than that – a new national, independent complaints system will be introduced alongside an NDIS Code of Conduct to allow participants to resolve grievances.

Read the full article at <http://disabilityservicesconsulting.com.au/end-state-based-registration-compliance/>

### **[Raising awareness of incontinence among people with disability](#)**

The Continence Foundation of Australia has released new web resources and information on incontinence management for people with disability and low literacy.

### **[The adequacy of the age pension in Australia: an assessment of pensioner living standards](#)**

This report examines the adequacy of the Age Pension both qualitatively, through focus groups and town meetings, and quantitatively, through analysis of social survey data. Methodology included quantitative analysis provided by the HILDA (Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia) survey which included 9,000 households and 25,000 individuals. This was complemented by qualitative research using focus groups in five cities across four states and several town hall meetings in regional centres. [Download Full Report](#)

### Aspect - Autism Spectrum Australia

<https://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/about-aspect>

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's leading service provider for autism and other disabilities. Our specialised, evidence informed [schools](#) program is the largest in the world, with additional services that include [information and advice](#), [diagnostic assessments](#), [behaviour support](#), [parent and family support](#), and [adult programs](#).

[Autism](#) is a lifelong disability that affects about one in 100 Australians, or 230,000 people. The word spectrum reflects the different challenges that people with autism face and the degree to which they may be affected.

[Our services](#) provide people with autism with the opportunity to realise their unique potential, as well as providing much needed support to their families, carers, friends and colleagues. Aspect's vision is to provide the best possible opportunities for people with autism and other disabilities.

Click on the links for more information about:

- [What's important to us](#)
- [Aspect Service Charter](#) - our commitment to you
- [Aspect Comprehensive Approach](#)
- [Meet the team](#)
- [Our patron](#)
- [Structure & Governance](#)
- [Vision, mission & values](#)
- [Become a member](#)
- [Reporting performance](#)
- [History](#)

Global Disability & Health Care Services supports [Autism Spectrum Charity Christmas Cards](#) and you can as well by ordering this year's family and organisation cards here

<http://www.charitygreetingcards.com.au/charity/autism-spectrum-australia-aspect.html>

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## Disability News

### New name for Australia's peak disability alliance

**The 'Australian Cross Disability Alliance' is now 'Disabled People's Organisations Australia'**

The 'Australian Cross Disability Alliance' has changed its name to 'Disabled People's Organisations Australia', or DPO Australia, to better reflect its membership of representative organisations of people with disability. "DPO Australia will continue to provide high level advice, to represent the views of people with disability, engage extensively with our members and stakeholders and undertake a range of activities to progress the rights of people with disability", said Suresh Rajan, NEDA President. "We look forward to continuing our productive working relationships with governments and the disability and human rights communities within Australia and internationally."

DPO Australia has appointed an interim Director, Therese Sands, who is a well-respected disability advocate, and who has been seconded to DPO Australia from her role as Co-Chief Executive Officer of PWDA.

### Regional Aged Care Profiles Tool

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/national-aged-care-data-clearinghouse/racp/>

The Regional Aged Care Profiles Tool is an interactive tool which presents graphical and tabular information on recipients of aged care services and operational government-funded aged care places for a selected aged care planning region (ACPR). ACPRs are used by the Australian Government in the planning and allocation process to determine the geographical distribution and types of aged care places to be made available across Australia. It draws data from the AIHW National Aged Care Data Clearinghouse, and users can select information for a particular ACPR on the number of places and recipients by year, provider type, programme type, age, sex, Indigenous status and country of birth. It includes rates of the number of places per 1,000 people, as well as state and territory and Australian comparisons.

#### [Regional Aged Care Profiles Tool dynamic data display](#)

Please note the Regional Aged Care Profiles tool is delivered through SAS Visual Analytics software. Data included in the Regional Aged Care Profiles are correct as at 30 June 2015 and are subject to revisions over time.

- Download Regional Aged Care Profiles source data in Excel format below.
- Number of recipients (2006–2015)
  - [NSW \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [Vic \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [Qld \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [WA \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [SA \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [Tas \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [ACT \(XLS zipped\)](#)
  - [NT \(XLS zipped\)](#)
- [Number of aged care places \(XLS zipped\)](#)

**Please note:** The dynamic data display requires [Adobe Flash Player 11.1](#) or later and has [minimum browser requirements](#).

## Access Technology News

### Beyond Words Story App for people with autism and disability

<http://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/#/story-app/>

The BW Story App is a fast and simple way to access pictures that will help enable the people you care about to explore and understand the world. It is a unique and easy to use mobile tool, which aids communication, decision making and self-exploration, to support people who find pictures easier to understand than words.

For over 25 years Beyond Words have been creating books with and for people with learning disabilities, as well as young people and adults with autism and SEMH (social, emotion and mental health needs). For the first time, the new BW Story App now gives you access 1800+ pictures and 400 scenarios (short stories) at your fingertips. For a supporter, having the best tools on hand 24/7 to aid communication and comfort the person you are supporting is invaluable.

The app is available for use on your desktop too. [Click here](#) to try the free version.

#### **The BW Story App contains some sensitive material.**

We recommend that children and vulnerable adults should always be supported when accessing this version of the BW Story App. Parents, carers and supporters should look through the BW Story App before using it.

All material has been created with the advice of professionals and tested with people with intellectual/learning disabilities. Many of the more challenging and adult themes can be important for younger people but must always be approached sensitively, and with appropriate support, especially when covering subjects such as medical procedures, violence and abuse, sexuality and death and dying.

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## Disability News

### Residential aged care and Home Care 2014-15

- The Residential aged care and Home Care 2014-15 web report is the fourth annual release of online data on residential aged care and Home Care services in Australia.
- The web report and accompanying supplementary data tables provide information on these aged care programs, as well as the people who received care through them.
- The web report covers the following key topics: aged care places and services, the characteristics and care needs of people in care at 30 June 2015, as well as activity measures over the financial year (admissions and separations).

View web page: [Residential aged care and Home Care 2014-15](#)

## Books & Publications

### Choice and Risk in the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will reorient the funding and provision of disability support, so that participants exercise choice and control in the pursuit of their goals and in the planning and delivery of their supports. NDS endorses this policy direction. [Download PDF \[4MB\]](#)

### Finding A Way - Graeme Innes autobiography

In *Finding a Way*, Graeme Innes, former Disability Human Rights Commissioner, shares memories of love and support, of challenges and failures, and of overcoming the discrimination so many people with disabilities face. This fascinating and moving book offers a new perspective on supporting diversity in our community, and a way forward for Australia. <https://graemeinnes.com/finding-a-way-order-now/>

### Your consumer rights: a guide for consumers with disability

When you buy goods and services including disability-related purchases, you have rights under law. This guide explains your consumer rights, how to be a smart shopper, what to look out for when signing a contract/service agreement and the steps you can take to resolve problems. It includes a complaint letter template and a services cancellation notice template. This publication was developed by the state and territory consumer protection agencies and the ACCC. [Download from here](#)

### Sugar and health: evidence update

This summary of the current evidence sets out to remove some of the confusion around sugars in food, sugar intake, how sugars are processed in the body, and health effects from sugar consumption. There is strong evidence linking sugar consumption with increased body weight as well as tooth decay. Many studies also show an association between a high intake of added sugars and obesity, type-2 diabetes, heart disease and gout – however research to date has not yet fully established the exact mechanisms behind these relationships. No study has shown any negative effects from reducing sugar intake in the diet. The current discussion on negative health effects from sugar is mainly concerned with sugars, such as sucrose, that have been added by food manufacturers. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a maximum intake of sugars of less than 10% of total energy intake for adults and children, and less than 5% for better health, excluding sugars found in whole fruits, milk and vegetables. [Download Report](#)

## Australia's Health (2016)

*Australia's Health* (2016), profiles current health issues in a collection of feature articles and statistical snapshots that cover a range of areas, including:

- The health status of Australians
- Health expenditure
- The major causes of ill health
- Determinants of health
- Health through the life course
- Health of Indigenous Australians
- Preventing and treating ill health
- Health system performance

The main publication is accompanied by a summary report, *Australia's health 2016-in brief*

Media release: [85 out of 100 Australians say they're healthy-but are we really?](#)

Report: [Australia's health 2016](#)

Summary report: [Australia's health 2016-in brief](#)

## Policies & Guidelines

### Review of the NSW Guardianship Act 1987: Preconditions for alternative decision-making arrangements

The Attorney General has asked the NSW Law Reform Commission to review and report on the desirability of making changes to the Guardianship Act 1987 (NSW). As currently drafted, the Act allows a formal decision-maker to be appointed to make personal, financial and medical decisions for someone who is incapable of making those decisions because of a disability. They released their first Question Paper on preconditions for alternative decision-making arrangements. Web page

[http://www.lawreform.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/lrc/lrc\\_current\\_projects/Guardianship/Guardianship.aspx](http://www.lawreform.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/lrc/lrc_current_projects/Guardianship/Guardianship.aspx) **Paper Question Paper 1: Preconditions for alternative decision-making arrangements [PDF, 577KB]**

### [New recommendations to guide aged care on appropriate medicines use](#)

Doctors groups are calling on aged care and health professionals to adopt new recommendations aimed at reducing the amount of unnecessary drugs and treatments given to older Australians.

### Charging fees for additional care and services in residential aged care, including 'capital refurbishment' type fees

The Australian Department of Health is aware that an increasing number of providers have been charging, or are proposing to charge additional services fees, including 'capital refurbishment fees', 'asset replacement contributions' and similar other fees. The purpose of the below information is to provide information about your responsibilities to residents and prospective residents when charging fees for additional care and services.

<https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs/residential-care/charging-fees-for-additional-care-and-services-in-residential-aged-care-including-capital-refurbishment-type-fees>. This information complements the '[Care and services in aged care homes: Information for approved providers](#)'.

### A guide to competition and consumer law: for businesses selling to and supplying consumers with disability

This guide is for businesses, including Not-For-Profit organisations, that supply goods or services to consumers with disability or to participants in the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It aims to help these businesses understand their obligations under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (CCA) and the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). This publication was developed by the state/territory consumer protection agencies and the ACCC. This guide is not legal advice or a definitive list of situations where the CCA and ACL applies. [PDF Copy](#) and [Listen to PDF](#)

### [Cognitive disability digital accessibility guide: a practical resource for organisational support](#)

Media Access Australia. The Cognitive Disability Digital Accessibility Guide was created by Media Access Australia to provide guidance on how best to address accessibility-related issues for people with cognitive disability in a digital media context. [Read in browser »](#)

## [Transcript of: the cognitive guide – breaking barriers for better communication](#)

Media Access Australia Making web and digital communication accessible to people with disability comes down to simple English, along with the need to define abbreviations and acronyms, says the Director of Digital Accessibility for Media Access Australia, Dr Scott Hollier. [Read in browser »](#)

### Directories Online

## City of Sydney Accessibility Map (beta testing)

<http://maps.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/accessibility-map/>

Understanding where potential barriers such as stairs or steep hills are, or access features such as the nearest accessible toilet or taxi rank is, provides people with disability greater confidence to visit the city.

More importantly, it lets people with disability participate in numerous activities with more independence and dignity.

Our [online accessibility map](#), presently in beta, provides information about key access features such as mobility parking spaces and accessible public toilets, potential barriers such as stairs and steep and moderate inclines.

### How to provide feedback

**This map is in beta.** We will continue to improve and develop the accessibility map, based on your feedback, and as new data becomes available. To provide feedback about the map, its usability, or any information contained within it, please contact: **Anna Rigg** 02 9265 9333 [arigg@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:arigg@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment you can contact us through the [National Relay Service](#).

### Sydney For All

Access maps for other areas including The Rocks, Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Gardens and Darling Harbour are available on the [Sydney For All website](#).

### Accessible Sydney app

The [Accessible Sydney iPhone app](#) lists accessible restaurants, accommodation, arts and cultural venues, tourist attractions, banking, toilets and parking. The app was developed with funding provided by the City. It is now managed by NetSavvy.

### **Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show with Ross M Fear** (Your Editor of the Global Gazette)

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**Tuesday night 9 to 12 pm** for all Australian blues, roots, jazz, folk and contemporary music. Weekly studio guests. Blues, Folk and Jazz Gig Guide and music.

**Internet Radio Streaming worldwide online at [www.alive905.com.au](http://www.alive905.com.au)** [follow the Listen Live links]

Over 150 Australian artistes have been featured studio guests on the Alive 90.5 fm Australian Spectrum Show.

**The studio guests coming up include:** = Stormcellar, Lazy Eye (SA), Chris O, BUG Uke, Mark & The Blues, Joel Leffler, Martin Cilia, The Atlantics/Mental As Anything, Dan Granero, Cyril B Bunter Band, Every Women's Festival, Lachy Doley, Anne Palumbo, The Urban Excentrics, and many more in 2016-17. **Join our 9,200+ Facebook Likes** or follow our studio guest announcements at <https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Spectrum.Show.Alive90.5fm>

### Disability News

## Centre for Applied Disability Research Clearing House

The National Disability Services' Centre for Applied Disability Research (CADR) has launched a new *Disability Knowledge Clearing House*. The website includes repository of links to a wide range of disability research, evaluation and other resources to support evidence-based practice across a range of topic areas. The Clearing House is available at <http://www.cadr.org.au/>

## Featured Course

### University of Sydney Postgraduate Program in Developmental Disability

[Graduate Certificate](#)

[Masters](#)

**Applications close on 31 January 2017** each year for both domestic and international students. Visit <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/programs/postgrad-developmental-disability> for specific admission requirements.

The Developmental Disability program is designed to provide the opportunity for practitioners from diverse backgrounds (including, allied health therapies, social work, behavioural science, education, disability, nursing, medical, and dental professions) to develop specialist skills in the field of developmental disabilities.

Flexible online distance education learning allows you to learn from home, where ever that may be.

The program is comprised of a Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability) and a Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability). Both courses are designed to expand awareness, knowledge and understanding of the issues faced by people with developmental disabilities. The program aims to enhance the skills of relevant professionals, to enable effective response to the challenges faced by the sector.

Hear Professor Roger Stancliffe talk about the Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) course on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8T0U\\_uJC-8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8T0U_uJC-8&feature=youtu.be)

## Research Survey

### Survey on access to Mental health Services for people who have an Intellectual Disability

The Graduate School of Health at University of Technology Sydney is inviting parents whose children have an intellectual disability to participate in a brief survey to see whether or not parents have experienced any barriers to accessing mental health services. Survey responses are anonymous, and participants can enter a draw for a \$50 Coles Myer voucher. [https://utshealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_em9PDZkP68ajFjL](https://utshealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_em9PDZkP68ajFjL)

## Research & Demographic Reports

### Unmet Need for Formal Assistance

Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) 2012. The SDAC is designed to measure the prevalence of disability in Australia, as well as inform around the socio-economic characteristics and the need for support by people with disability.

In 2012 there were an estimated 1.5 million people with disability who needed formal assistance from an organised service provider for at least one activity of everyday living. Around half (50.7% or 774,000 people) had an unmet need for formal assistance.

- Around two-thirds of young males aged 0-14 years (63.6%) and 15-24 years (66.7%) who required formal assistance had an unmet need for formal assistance.
- Boys aged 0-14 years made up 19.5% of all males with an unmet need for formal assistance. In contrast, girls aged 0-14 years made up just 6.4% of all females with an unmet need for formal assistance.
- Around two-thirds of people who needed formal assistance who had Autism and related disorders (66.7%), Attention deficit disorder/hyperactivity (62.2%) or other developmental disorders (69.4%) had an unmet need for formal assistance.
- Higher rates of unmet need were found amongst those with intellectual (61.4%) and psychological (59.4%) disabilities, than those with physical (51.1%) and sensory and speech (50.2%) disabilities.
- People with an unmet need for formal assistance were less likely to be participating in the labour force (35.8%) compared with those whose needs were met (42.0%), and more likely to be living in low income households (53.5% compared with 48.3%, respectively).

Read the full report at

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats%5Cabs@.nsf/0/1FE57ED300CC4F76CA257EC00012BB44?Opendocument>

## A snapshot of blindness and low vision services in Australia

Vision 2020 Australia, National Disability Services (NDS) and the Australian Blindness Forum (ABF) undertook an online survey of their collective members (service providers, consumer groups and research bodies), in order to obtain a national perspective on the blindness, low vision and rehabilitation sector. This report highlights issues relating to current capacity in anticipation of rising demand for blindness, low vision and rehabilitation services. [[PDF 385KB](#), [DOC 215KB](#)],[[Summary PDF 385KB](#), [Accessible DOC 215KB](#)]

## Expenditure on mental health services

- Over \$8 billion, or \$344 per person, was estimated to be spent on mental health-related services in Australia during 2013–14, an increase from \$321 per person (adjusted for inflation) in 2009–10.
- \$4.9 billion was spent on state and territory specialised mental health services, an average annual increase of 5.8% between 2009–10 and 2013–14. Of this, most was spent on public hospital services for admitted patients (\$2.1 billion), followed by community mental health care services (\$1.9 billion).
- Expenditure on specialised mental health services in private hospitals was \$335 million during 2013–14.
- The Australian Government paid about \$971 million in benefits for Medicare-subsidised mental health related services in 2013–14, equating to 5.0% of all Medicare subsidies. Expenditure on psychologist services (clinical and other) (\$412 million) made up the largest component of mental health related Medicare subsidies in 2013–14.
- The Australian Government spent \$753 million, or \$32 per person, on subsidised prescriptions under the PBS/RPBS during 2013–14, equating to 8.1% of all PBS/RPBS subsidies. Prescription for antipsychotics (57%) and antidepressants (36%) accounted for the majority of mental health-related PBS and RPBS expenditure during this time period.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report <http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au/resources/expenditure/>

## National Aged Care Places Stocktake Reporting Tool (webpage and SASVA dynamic data display release)

The National Aged Care Places Stocktake Reporting Tool provides a quick, user-driven view of the number of operational aged care places in Australia at 30 June from 2006-2015. The Stocktake Reporting Tool summarises the number of aged care services and places into interactive graphical representations that enable the user to obtain an overview or to specify the year, aged care planning region, care type, and provider type. AIHW catalogue number WEB 126.

**View web page:** <http://www.aihw.gov.au/national-aged-care-data-clearinghouse/>

**View SAS VA:** <http://www.aihw.gov.au/national-aged-care-data-clearinghouse/nacp/>

## Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2013-14

This report presents local-level information on population rates of hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2013-14. This information is summarised in profiles for each of Australia's 31 Primary Health Network areas at the end of the report.

**Media release:** [Australians living in regional areas more likely to be hospitalised for a mental health condition](#)

**Download report:** [Healthy Communities: Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2013-14](#)

## Featured Online Course

### Intellectual Disability Healthcare Online courses

University of Queensland

<https://www.edx.org/xseries/intellectual-disability-healthcare>

This XSeries Program has been designed to influence, empower and educate a wider population to improve the health and healthcare of people with intellectual disability.

Worldwide, 60+ million people with intellectual disability experience poor health, die prematurely and receive inadequate healthcare. You will gain an understanding of the barriers and enablers for people with intellectual disability, their families, and their healthcare providers.

In our courses, you will learn about best practice in the field of intellectual disability healthcare and gain knowledge to improve health outcomes for this disadvantaged group.

An XSeries is a group of courses that add up to a rich understanding of an area of study. Once you pass the entire series, receive a personalized XSeries Certificate that shows you put in the work, understand the material, and you have a shareable certificate to prove it!

Courses include

Able-Minded - Mental Health and People with Intellectual Disability

Through my Eyes - Intellectual Disability Healthcare around the world

Well and Able - Improving the Physical Health of People with Intellectual Disability

### **ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY**

*Online professional development is an easy way to access further education – especially valuable for shift workers – so we have researched some options and put them on our web site at*

[http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online\\_education.html](http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online_education.html)

## Education Resources

### Health Facts Sheets for Families, Advocates, Disability Workers and others

Published by **NSW Council for Intellectual Disability** at <http://www.nswcid.org.au/health-fact-sheets.html>

The fact sheets were researched and written by Jenny Galea, Helena O'Connell, Edwina Pickering and Jim Simpson. The NSW Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing Disability and Home Care, funded the project. If you have information to assist with keeping the fact sheets up-to-date please email [info@nswcid.org.au](mailto:info@nswcid.org.au).

- [Introduction - Healthier Lives](#)
- [Part 1 - Diagnosis and Assessment of a Disability](#)
- [Part 2 - Children – Signs of Illness](#)
- [Part 3 - Children – What Kinds of Health Services are There?](#)
- [Part 4 - Adults – Signs of Illness](#)
- [Part 5 - Adults – What Kinds of Health Services are There?](#)
- [Part 6 - Ageing and Health](#)
- [Part 7 - End of Life Care](#)
- [Part 8 - Healthy Lifestyles](#)
- [Part 9 - Annual Health Assessments](#)
- [Part 10 - Preventive Health](#)
- [Part 11 - Dental Care](#)
- [Part 12 - Challenging Behaviour and Health](#)
- [Part 13 - Mental Health](#)

- [Part 14 - Alcohol and Other Drugs](#)
- [Part 15 - Causes of Intellectual Disability and Health Care](#)
- [Part 16 - Sexuality](#)
- [Part 17 - Contraception](#)
- [Part 18 - Managing Menstruation](#)
- [Part 19 - Finding the Right Doctor](#)
- [Part 20 - Going to the Dentist](#)
- [Part 21 - Specialised Intellectual Disability Health Services](#)
- [Part 22 - Getting the Most out of Medicare](#)
- [Part 23 - Going to the Doctor - Tips and Tricks](#)
- [Part 24 - Helping the Doctor Understand the Person](#)
- [Part 25 - Personal Health Records](#)
- [Part 26 - Going to Hospital](#)
- [Part 27 - Health Issues for Families and Support Workers](#)
- [Part 28 - Consent to Medical Treatment](#)
- [Part 29 - Rights and Complaints](#)
- [Part 30 - More Information](#)

## **[Developing skills of aged care staff to respond to challenging behaviours](#)**

TAFE NSW is offering a free dementia support course for frontline staff working in residential and community aged care covering the latest in dementia care and responding to challenging behaviours.

## **Positions Vacant**

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**3 November 2016**

**Disability Justice Trauma Informed Practice.** Gosford, NSW. [Registration.](#)

**3 – 4 November 2016**

**OOHC - Legal Issues for NGO Providers.** Ballina, NSW. ACWA/CCWT. [Register](#)

**3 – 4 November 2016**

**OOHC - Working with Young People in Residential Care, Foster Care.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA/CCWT. [Register](#)

**4 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Chatswood, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**7 November 2016**

**Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System.** Gosford, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

**7 – 8 November 2016**

**OOHC - Beyond Developmental Trauma for Children & Young Adults.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA/CCWT. [Register](#)

**7 – 13 November 2016**

**Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week**

**8 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**8 – 9 November 2016**

**Annual National Acquired Brain Injury Conference.** Royal Rehab, Ryde, Australia. [web site](#)

**9 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Nowra, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**9 November 2016**

**NDIS Coordinators of Support Statewide Peer Mentoring Teleconference Session.** Hobart Tas. [More info](#)

**9 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Parramatta, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**9 - 10 November 2016**

**NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers.** Lismore, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

**10 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Penrith, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**10 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Campbelltown, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**10 – 11 November 2016**

**Better Practice in Aged Care Conference for Providers.** Brisbane. Aged Care Quality Agency.  
<http://www.aacqa.gov.au/for-providers/education/better-practice-conferences/better-practice-2016>

**10 – 11 November 2016**

**Mental Health: Schizophrenia.** Lakes Resort Hotel Adelaide. AusMed. <https://www.ausmed.com.au/course/mental-health-schizophrenia-a-serious-mental-illness>

**11 November 2016**

**Disability Justice Trauma Informed Practice.** Port Macquarie, NSW. [Registration.](#)

**14 November 2016**

**Managing Challenging Behaviour.** Campbelltown, NSW, ACWA.  
[http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course\\_Details11.php?recid=8445](http://www.acwa.asn.au/Course_Details11.php?recid=8445)

**14 November 2016**

**Person Centredness in Employment Settings.** MFB Auditorium, Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies.  
<http://cds.org.au/event/person-centredness-in-employment-settings/>

**14 – 15 November 2016**

**Motivational Interviewing for Mental Health Workers.** MHCC, Sydney. <http://www.mhcc.org.au/learning-and-development/professional-development-2-day-workshops/motivational-interviewing.aspx>

**14 – 15 November 2016**

**Combined Vision & Hearing Impairment in Older Australians.** Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, WA.  
[http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/event/combined-vision-hearing-impairment-older-australian-population/?instance\\_id=1894](http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/event/combined-vision-hearing-impairment-older-australian-population/?instance_id=1894)

**15 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Taree, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**16 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Gosford, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**17 November 2016**

**10th National Deafblind Conference.** Fremantle, WA. <http://www.deafblind2016.com.au/>

**17 – 18 November 2016**

**Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) Conference.** Sydney. <http://acossevents.org.au/>

**18 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Bankstown, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**18 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Kempsey, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**21 – 25 November 2016**

**P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer Course (Predict, Assess & Respond To Threat of Aggression/Assault Training).** Melbourne, Vic. MTU Training Concepts. Info & Registration Forms Ph: 02 974 32392 Email [info@mtu.net.au](mailto:info@mtu.net.au) web <http://www.mtu.net.au/>

**22 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Parramatta, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**22 November 2016**

**OOHC - Step by Step 2016 Briefing.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA/CCWT. [Register](#)

**22 November 2016**

**Identifying and Managing Stress and Anxiety for and with People with Disability.** MFB Auditorium, Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies. <http://cds.org.au/event/identifying-and-managing-stress-and-anxiety-for-and-with-people-with-disability/>

**22 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Batemans Bay, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**22 November 2016**

**College of Mental Health Nurses Greater Western Sydney Branch Education Forum.** Cumberland Hospital Campus, Education Centre.

**23 – 24 November 2016**

**Regional Support Worker Conference “At the NDIS Frontline”.** Central Coast/Hunter, NSW.  
<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1450658867>

**23 - 24 November 2016**

**NDIS Ready for Individuals & Carers.** Broken Hill, NSW. Physical Disability Council of NSW. [Registration](#)

**24 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Chatswood, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**24 November 2016**

**Positive Behaviour Support & Communication.** Cambelltown, NSW. [Nomination Form](#)

**24 November 2016**

**Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.** Sydney, NSW. Ombudsman, NSW. [Registration](#)

**24 - 25 November 2016**

**Social Workers in Disability Conference.** Western Sydney University Bankstown Campus, NSW.  
<http://www.cadr.org.au/lines-of-inquiry/social-workers-in-disability-conference>

**25 November 2016**

**Child Safe Workshop.** Corrimal, NSW. Office of the Children's Guardian. [Registration.](#)

**28 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Newcastle, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**28 November - 2 December 2016**

**P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer Course (Predict, Assess & Respond To Threat of Aggression/Assault Training).** Sydney, NSW. MTU Training Concepts. Info & Registration Forms Ph: 02 974 32392 Email [info@mtu.net.au](mailto:info@mtu.net.au) web <http://www.mtu.net.au/>

**29 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - Understanding the Impact of Cofactors.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA. [Info](#) & [Registration](#)

**29 November 2016**

**Disability Justice - a Person Centred Approach.** Gosford, NSW. ACWA. [Registration](#)

**29 November 2016**

**OOHC - Step by Step 2016 Familiarisation.** Sydney, NSW. ACWA/CCWT. [Register](#)

**30 November 2016**

**Child Safe Workshop.** Belmore, NSW. Office of the Children's Guardian. [Registration.](#)

**1 December 2016**

**Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System.** Wagga Wagga, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

**2 – 6 December 2016**

**Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society.** George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX.  
[https://www.aesnet.org/meetings\\_events/future\\_AES\\_meetings](https://www.aesnet.org/meetings_events/future_AES_meetings)

**3 December 2016**

**International Day of People with Disability** <http://www.idpwd.com.au/>

**5 December 2016**

**Supporting People with Complex Needs in The Criminal Justice System.** Parramatta, NSW. Disability Justice Project. [Info & Registration](#)

**5 – 6 December 2016**

**NDS CEOs Meeting.** Melbourne Convention Center. <https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-ceo-meeting-2016>

**5 – 7 December 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders.** Phoenix, USA.  
<http://parkinsons.conferenceseries.com/abstract-submission.php>

**7 December 2016**

**Identifying and Managing Depression among People with Intellectual Disability.** MFB Auditorium, Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies. <http://cgs.org.au/event/identifying-and-managing-depression-among-people-with-an-intellectual-disability/>

**7 December 2016**

**NDIS Coordinators of Support Statewide Peer Mentoring Teleconference Session.** Hobart Tas. [More info](#)

**7 – 10 December 2016**

**International Congress of Behavioural Medicine.** Melbourne, Victoria. <http://www.icbm2016.com/>

**8 December 2016**

**Mental Health & Intellectual Disability.** Hurstville, NSW. [Nomination Form](#)

10 December 2016

Human Rights Day. <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

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