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New National Standards for Disability Services

At the December 2013 meeting of the Standing Council on Disability Reform ministers from all jurisdictions endorsed the revised National Standards for Disability Services.

These new standards are seen as a transitional reform enabling nationally consistent quality standards to apply for the disability services sector. They have a greater focus on person centred approaches and promote choice and control by people with disability. These are considered critical under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The Australian Government will adopt the new standards for its employment services for people with disability. The Department of Social Services is allowing for a 12-month transition period from 1 January 2014. During this period service provider organisations will be able to choose between the old or the new standards for their audits.

We encourage organisations to adopt the new standards as soon as possible. At a minimum, providers must show during the transition period that they are planning for the new standards and discussing those plans with their certifying bodies. Planning and progress against those plans must be documented in the audit reports. It is important to note that the intent of the standards in promoting quality services remains the same. If your organisation meets the old standards then you should have few issues transitioning to the new standards.

The new standards have been through exhaustive stages of consultation, validation and user testing, culminating in a set of six standards that are able to be applied across a broad range of circumstances.

They are:

- Rights
- Participation and Inclusion
- Individual Outcomes
- Feedback and Complaints
- Service Access
- Service Management.

<http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/standards-and-quality-assurance/new-national-standards-for-disability-services>

Download Documents

- [New National Standards for Disability Services - pdf \[638kB\]](#)
 - [Listen to PDF](#)
- [New National Standards for Disability Services - docx \[57kB\]](#)
- [New National Standards for Disability Services Print Version - pdf \[588kB\]](#)
 - [Listen to PDF](#)
- [New National Standards for Disability Services Print Version - doc \[788kB\]](#)

National Standards for Disability Services – Easy English version

An Easy English workbook, designed for workers to use with people who have difficulty reading and understanding written information

National Standards for Disability Services – Stories

Short examples of what each National Standard could look like in practice

National Standards for Disability Services - Conversation Tool

A short guide for workers and teams with direct client contact to consider how best to promote the National Standards and engage people in conversations about the standards.

National Standards for Disability Services - Evidence Guide

A guide to support staff and service providers understand and apply the National Standards to their work and services

National Standards for Disability Services - Mapping and Compatibility Table.

This document will assist service providers and certifying bodies align the old standards (including the Key Performance indicators) to the new standards (including the indicators of practice).

Disability News

Equal before the law: Towards disability justice strategies

The Australian Human Rights Commission report, *Equal before the law: Towards disability justice strategies*.
<http://www.humanrights.gov.au/publications/equal-law>

The Report focuses on people with disabilities who need communication supports or who have complex and multiple support needs and who have come in contact with the criminal justice system. Negative assumptions and attitudes, coupled with a lack of support services and minimal provision of adjustments, often means that people with disabilities are viewed as not credible, not capable of giving evidence or unable to participate in legal proceedings. As a result many are left without effective access to justice. The Report proposes that in light of the substantial challenges that exist, each jurisdiction in Australia should develop an holistic, over-arching response to these issues through a Disability Justice Strategy. The Disability Justice Strategy should address a core set of principles and include fundamental actions that are concerned with appropriate communications, early intervention and diversion, increased service capacity, effective training, enhanced accountability and monitoring, and better policies and frameworks. The Report is the culmination of Australia-wide consultations, which included public meetings held in every state and territory and over 100 individual meetings with members of the police, state and territory Attorneys-General, corrective services, the judiciary, people with disability, community groups and academics. In addition the Australian Human Rights Commission received approximately 90 submissions from interested parties noting the barriers and gaps in access to justice in the criminal justice system.

[Employment Survey 2014](#)

The purpose of this survey is to understand how individuals and their families make decisions about employment and employment services.

The survey collects information anonymously. You are, however, invited to include an email address in the survey if you wish to receive information on the overall results of the survey. Questions are directed at an individual. If a family member is completing the form, "you" means the member of your family with intellectual disability.

The results from the survey will be used to prepare a public report on what information and support is important to people with intellectual disability and their families when looking to find a job. This survey has been prepared and distributed by the National Council on Intellectual Disability (NCID). NCID is the national peak body representing people with intellectual disability and their families.

NCID invites people with intellectual disability or their family members to complete this survey. This will take 10 to 15 minutes of your time. If you have any questions or comments about the conduct of the survey please contact Mark Pattison, Executive Director, National Council on Intellectual Disability at mark.pattison@ncid.org.au

[Survey Form](#)

Featured Conference

17 – 18 March 2014

5th Annual National Disability Summit 2014. Rydges, Melbourne.

<http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/national-disability-summit>

31 March – 3 April 2014

International Conference on Low Vision. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

<http://vision2014.org/>

5 April 2014

SCIA Independence Expo. Australian Technology Park, Sydney. 10am - 5pm. Spinal Cord Injury Association.

www.scia.org.au/expo

9 – 10 April 2014

ASID New Zealand Conference. Novotel Tainui Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, New Zealand.

<http://www.asid.asn.au/Regions/NewZealand.aspx>

19 – 20 May 2014

30th Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity. Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. www.pacrim.hawaii.edu

29 – 30 May 2014

LASA NSW-ACT State Congress. The Westin Sydney, Martin Place, Sydney.

<http://www.nswact.lasa.asn.au/events/upcoming-events/955-lasa-nsw-act-congress-2014>

4 – 6 June 2014

9th National Deafblind Conference. Sydney. <http://www.aomevents.com/deafblind2014>

Disability News

New videos explaining eligibility requirements for Disability Support Pension

Are you considering applying for the Disability Support Pension (DSP) and wanting to know more information? Check out our new suite of videos that can help you better understand how you can make a DSP claim. Between 50 to 60% of claims received for DSP do not meet the eligibility criteria to receive the payment. If you are thinking of applying for DSP, it is important you understand the eligibility requirements and the claim process before you apply—you have to meet certain criteria and have one or more permanent medical conditions.

If you are a doctor or work for a disability organisation, you may also find the videos helpful.

The videos provide key information about the claim process, medical evidence requirements, the Job Capacity Assessment, and advice on what other employment options and payments might be available.

For more information on DSP or to watch the videos anytime visit humanservices.gov.au/disability and click on the disability video icon at the top of the page.

Disability News

Business Services Wage Assessment Tool or the recent Federal Court judgment.

Information line for people with disability, parents and carers: An independent information line has been established for people with disability, their parents and carers, who may have questions about the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool or the recent Federal Court judgment. The information line will answer questions and refer people with disability to advocacy support where needed plus other supports and information. The telephone number for the **information line is 1800 880 052**

Disability Issues In The Media

Review of Disability Support Pensions

The Social Services Minister, Kevin Andrews, says a new report by his department shows one in five Australians received some form of income support in 2012, at a cost of over \$70 billion to the Government. Mr Andrews has already ordered a review into the broader welfare system, and flagged changes to one of the biggest payment areas, the Disability Support Pension (DSP).

ABC News Radio 21 January 2014 Transcript <http://kevinandrews.dss.gov.au/transcripts/43>

774 ABC Melbourne 21 January Transcript <http://kevinandrews.dss.gov.au/transcripts/44>

Sky News 21 January Transcript <http://kevinandrews.dss.gov.au/transcripts/42>

ABC AM 21 January Transcript <http://kevinandrews.dss.gov.au/transcripts/41>

Disability News

PANDDA foundation member Bob Weaver acknowledged with an OAM

On Australia Day, **Bob Weaver was awarded an OAM** for his consistent work within the community over many years. Bob Weaver is a member of Global Disability & Health Care Services team and foundation member of the PANDDA (The Professional Association for Nurses in Developmental Disabilities Australia). Bob Weaver has been involved in disability staff and nurse education, promoting professional development and research, providing clinical leadership and managing community services for people with an intellectual disability for many years and is very passionate about his work. [Read more about Mr Weaver's career](#). Congratulations to Bob.

Bob Weaver, over the past 25 years, has been the Coordinator of the Annual PANDDA National Conference for nurses in the disability sector.

15 - 16 October 2014

25th PANDDA 2014 Conference,

Novotel Hotel, Parramatta.

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas.

www.pandda.net

Featured Organisation

Advokit – Disability Advocacy Network Australia

<http://www.advokit.org.au/>

The website has been developed by Disability Advocacy Network Australia Limited (DANA) to support advocacy for people with disabilities in connection with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). DANA is committed to the vision of an Australia that includes and values people with disabilities and respects human rights for all. Thoughtful use of NDIS funded services and supports can make a strong contribution to achieving this vision.

Whether you are a person with a disability, a family member or an independent disability advocacy agency, they aim to inform you about the rights and entitlements of people with disabilities under the NDIS and about how to engage with DisabilityCare Australia to achieve supports that suit the wishes and circumstances of a person with disability.

You can browse the site for general information or use the main navigation menu and search function to find information about specific issues. There are also options below to ask a question, provide feedback or submit a case study for inclusion on this site. Free subscription to their newsletter – register online.

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Potential Impact of *DSM-5* Criteria on Autism Spectrum Disorder Prevalence Estimates

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[doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2013.3893](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2013.3893).

The *DSM-5* contains revised diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) from the *DSM-IV-TR*. Potential impacts of the new criteria on ASD prevalence are unclear.

To assess potential effects of the *DSM-5* ASD criteria on ASD prevalence estimation by retrospectively applying the new criteria to population-based surveillance data collected for previous ASD prevalence estimation. Among the 6577 children classified by the ADDM Network as having ASD based on the *DSM-IV-TR*, 5339 (81.2%) met *DSM-5* ASD criteria. This percentage was similar for boys and girls but higher for those with than without intellectual disability (86.6% and 72.5%, respectively; $P < .001$). A total of 304 children met *DSM-5* ASD criteria but not current ADDM Network ASD case status. Based on these findings, ASD prevalence per 1000 for 2008 would have been 10.0 (95% CI, 9.6-10.3) using *DSM-5* criteria compared with the reported prevalence based on *DSM-IV-TR* criteria of 11.3 (95% CI, 11.0-11.7). Autism spectrum disorder prevalence estimates will likely be lower under *DSM-5* than under *DSM-IV-TR* diagnostic criteria, although this effect could be tempered by future adaptation of diagnostic practices and documentation of behaviors to fit the new criteria.

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Disability Ideas Informing Practice

<http://www.diip.com.au/>

Disability Ideas Informing Practice. This website has been set up as an online space for Australian Disability Enterprises to discuss, share and learn about disability employment. Sections on Staff and Workforce, Service Delivery, Governance, Practice Initiatives, Ageing, Community & Culture, Social Inclusion, Training, Wages, Tools for Delivery, Facts and Policy and NDIS.

Scholarships & Fellowships News

Global Scholarships & Grants Guide Online.

A good place to start to look for scholarships and fellowships for further study and research.

http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/scholarship_guide.html

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National Disability Insurance Agency Quarterly Reports

Each quarter the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) prepares a report on its operations for the [Council of Australian Governments \(COAG\) Disability Reform Council](#) in accordance with section 174 of the [National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013](#). These reports are known as quarterly reports.

The quarterly reports provide the COAG Disability Reform Council with information (including statistics) about participants in each jurisdiction and the funding or provision of supports by the NDIA in each jurisdiction. Following consideration by the COAG Disability Reform Council, the quarterly reports are made available on their web site. Note: there have been some minor amendments to the versions of these reports provided to the COAG Disability reform Council to de-identify personal data within small population figures.

See the latest Quarter 2: Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2013 at

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/754>

Disability News

Payment scheme for workers assessed under the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool

The Australian Government will establish a payment scheme for supported employees with intellectual disability in Australian Disability Enterprises who previously had their wages assessed under the Business Service Wage Assessment Tool (BSWAT).

The scheme will deliver certainty for these employees, their families and carers, as well as their employers, while the implications of the BSWAT court decisions are worked through. The establishment of the scheme follows the outcome of the recent Federal Court case brought by Mr Nojin and Mr Prior.

Longer term, the Australian Government will develop a new wage assessment process. The Australian Government's priority is to ensure minimal disruption to the employment of these supported employees. We want to assure people with disability, their families and carers that the Australian Government remains committed to ensuring supported employees have certainty about their future employment within Australian Disability Enterprises.

Employees with intellectual disability, who have worked in an Australian Disability Enterprise at the Grade 1 or 2 Level, have been paid a pro-rata wage assessed using the BSWAT and have experienced economic loss, will be eligible to register for the scheme from 1 July 2014.

The Australian Government will provide more information about eligibility and other details as the scheme is developed. Further information on the scheme is available by calling 1800 880 052 or by visiting www.dss.gov.au/bswat/PaymentScheme.

Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Social Services. Ministerial Media Release 15 January 2014

Books & Publications

Anglicare Report on Caring for a Child with an Intellectual Disability and Challenging Behaviours.

Have children with complex disabilities been left in the too hard basket? The report highlights the strain on families caring for such children. Among the report's recommendations is that, in providing support packages for people with an intellectual disability, the Federal Government through the NDIS should take into account the needs of parent carers and siblings and to undertake a separate assessment of these needs. [Read full report.](#)

[The Handbook of High-Risk Challenging Behaviors in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

By [James K. Luiselli](#), [Peter Sturmey](#), [Craig Kennedy](#) Paperback (USA), December 2011. "There is no better source for understanding the nature, assessment, and treatment of high risk behavior."--Jeff Sigafos, Ph.D."Professor, School of Educational Psychology, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand"

[Adults With Down Syndrome](#)

Adults With Down Syndrome A comprehensive reader-friendly book on the social, clinical, legal and personal issues faced by adults with Down syndrome In this book, contributions from respected experts and essays by adults with Down syndrome. FPANSW Bookshop ~~\$50.00~~ \$40.00

[Aspergers Syndrome and Sexuality](#)

Asperger's Syndrome and Sexuality Sex, sexuality and teenagers Asperger's Syndrome and Sexuality is a unique guide to negotiating sexual and relationship issues for people with Asperger's Syndrome. FPANSW Bookshop. \$29.95

Policies & Guidelines

NDIS Legislation

- [National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013](#)

NDIS Rules

- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Becoming a Participant\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Children\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Facilitating the Preparation of Participants' Plans—New South Wales\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Facilitating the Preparation of Participants' Plans—South Australia\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Facilitating the Preparation of Participants' Plans—Tasmania\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Facilitating the Preparation of Participants' Plans—Victoria\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Host Jurisdiction\) Specification 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Nominees\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Plan Management\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Protection and Disclosure of Information\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Registered Providers of Supports\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Supports for Participants\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Timeframes for Decision Making\) Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme—Risk Management Rules 2013](#)
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme—Rules for the Scheme Actuary 2013](#)

Unified English Braille Free guidelines

Recently updated Round Table [Guidelines](#) on alternative format standards can now be downloaded free of charge.

This year has seen the release of two major publications to assist teachers, parents and transcribers in learning and understanding Unified English Braille, the braille code used in Australia:

- [The Rules of Unified English Braille – second edition \(2013\)](#)
- [Unified English Braille Australian Training Manual \(2013\)](#)

Directories Online

Australian Disability Enterprises

<http://www.australiandisabilityenterprises.com.au/>

Looking to outsource a service or purchase a product for your government department, business or home? Then look no further!

Australian Disability Enterprises are commercial businesses that provide real work opportunities for more than 20,000 people with disability across Australia. Purchasing from an Australian Disability Enterprise is more than just good business.

Australian Disability Enterprises operate across a wide range of industries covering everything from graphic design, printing, and metal fabrication through to packaging, recycling and landscaping.

Australian Disability Enterprises offer quality products and services at competitive prices, and with over 300 outlets Australia wide you are sure to find one to suit your needs!

Australian Disability Enterprises receive funding and support from the [Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs](#) to recognise their additional operating costs such as employing staff to support their employees with disability.

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Grant News

Grants & Assistance Finder

The Australian government's Grants & Assistance Finder helps you locate the grants and assistance programs most relevant to your business for free. Grants and other funding programs are available from the Australian, state and territory governments, and in some cases from local councils. You can search for grants in many categories, including innovation, employment and environment. Visit our [Grants and assistance](#) topic for more information on finding grants and funding for your business.

<http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx>

Depression in residential aged care 2008-2012

Entry into residential aged care can be a challenging experience and the presence of depression can add to this challenge. This report provides the first in-depth review of available administrative data to explore the prevalence and characteristics of people with symptoms of depression in residential aged care. In 2012, over half (52%) of all permanent residential aged care residents had symptoms of depression. Between 2008 and 2012, residents admitted to care for the first time who had symptoms of depression were more likely to have high care needs, and were more likely to have behaviours which impacted on care needs. AIHW catalogue number (AGE 73). View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Self directed disability support (SDDS): building community capacity through action research

Disability support has historically been organised and financially managed through government and service provider agencies (agency funding). Increasingly it is offered through individualised, person - centred packages of support (individual or self directed funding), which allow people to manage how their own funds are spent. Opportunities for self directed disability support (SDDS) – in both agency and individual funding approaches – are expanding across Australian states and territories, in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) reforms. This project explores how people with disability manage the transition towards self directed disability support. Australian evidence on this critical topic is thin. We know little about the impact of self directed options on people requiring support, informal carers and support providers (Prideaux et al 2009). Likewise, there is little systematic information about the effectiveness of existing disability support systems (Baxter et al 2010). Such information is gathered in this project, and it is important for assessing the impact of new approaches on equity of access, quality and availability of support, and community outcomes (Ungerson & Yeandle 2007). The Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC), University of New South Wales (UNSW), in collaboration with People With Disability Australia (PWDA) and the Centre for Children and Young People (CCYP), Southern Cross University (SCU), is conducting the project. This plan explains the project methodology and management. [Self directed disability support \(SDDS\): building community capacity through action research](#)

Housing assistance in Australia 2013

This report looks at trends in housing and housing assistance provided by governments in Australia in terms of social housing and financial assistance in 2012-13. The report explores the various types of housing assistance provided to low-income households and special needs groups including first home buyers, Indigenous Australians, young and older Australians, people with disability, and those who are homeless. A high proportion of low income households spend more than 30% of their income on rent (42%). This creates a large demand for financial assistance (1.2 million receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance) and social housing dwellings (over 200,000 on waiting lists). AIHW catalogue number (HOU 271). View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Specialist homelessness services 2012-13

In 2012-13 specialist homelessness services assisted over 244,000 clients. Of these clients, 54% were at risk of homelessness, and 46% were already homeless when they first began receiving support (22% of those who were homeless had no shelter or were living in an improvised dwelling). This report presents the findings of the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection for 2012-13, and describes the clients who received specialist homelessness support, the assistance they sought and were provided, and the outcomes achieved for those clients. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 273) View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Featured Course

Flinders University free online mental health course: *Mental wealth: know it and grow it.* This self-directed, open course aims to build awareness and understanding about mental health issues both locally and globally. The course seeks to bring a wide range of people together from across the globe in a shared conversation about building mental wealth. Mental wealth is about building positive wellbeing in individuals and communities and raising awareness of issues surrounding mental health. [Direct link](#) or [email](#) Eimear Muir-Cochrane at Flinders University. **Contact them direct about 2014 dates.**

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.globalcaresstaff.com/page/online_education.html

Adopting a human rights-based approach - advice for boards of disability service providers

Boards have a critical role to play in creating a human rights culture in their organisations. This [15-minute video](#) explores the what, why and how of adopting human rights-based approaches. It includes interviews with people with disability, CEOs and board members. It is designed to start a conversation on human rights, challenging boards to ask:

- What more can my organisation do?
- What more can my board do?
- What more can I do?

The video is available online through the [PCAP webpage](#). DVDs are available on request. Please email katherine.orr@nds.org.au to secure your copy.

Seating & Positioning Short Instruction Videos at Seating Dynamics

Check out Seating Dynamics short instructional-demonstration video collection & links at [Seating Dynamics Videos](#)

beyondblue's accredited training resources for aged care courses

beyondblue has developed the free training materials to assist eligible RTOs in delivering content on depression and anxiety as part of Certificate III and Certificate IV aged care courses. Research from the National Ageing Research Institute shows almost 35 per cent of older people in residential care will experience depression, while around 30 per cent of frail older people who are still living at home (but require significant in-home care), will also experience the condition. These rates are at least double that of the general population. The rate of anxiety in these groups is believed to be much higher than the community average of 26 per cent, but this has not been confirmed. It is vital that aged care staff are taught how to recognise depression and anxiety in older people, as these conditions can greatly impact an older person's quality of life. More information. [here](#).

Training Packages news

Next review wave coming soon. Industry consultation on the Draft 2 components of the next wave of Training Packages under review will begin by March 2014. The next wave of sectors to be included in the review of the **CHC08 Community Services** and **HLT07 Health Training Packages** will be: Aged Care, Disability, Home and Community Support, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Allied Health Assistance, selected Technicians & Health Support, Oral and Dental Health, Complementary and Alternative Health, selected Community Sector Development, Community Sector Coordination, general Community Services and selected cross sector units. Consultation will run for eight weeks. Stay tuned for more details reported via our website and in the February issue of *cs&h matters*. [More](#)

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Conference Calendar

See a more comprehensive listing of conferences at our web site
http://www.globalcaresstaff.com/page/conference_calendar.html

1 March 2014

International Wheelchair Day. <http://internationalwheelchairclub.com/international-wheelchair-day/>

1 March 2014

Neuroscience Conference. Wollongong. Joanne.mcloughlin@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

4 – 7 March 2014

30th International Seating Symposium. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
<http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/ISS2014/default.asp>

6 - 8 -March 2014

International Conference on Developmental Disability. Kolkata, India. <http://www.icdd2014.in/>

11 March 2014

Intellectual Disability and Dementia Workshop. Dareton, NSW. <http://www.fightdementia.org.au/new-south-wales/education--training-in-nsw.aspx>

17 – 18 March 2014

5th Annual National Disability Summit 2014. Rydges, Melbourne.
<http://www.healthcareconferences.com.au/healthcare-conferences/healthcare/national-disability-summit>

17 – 22 March 2014

29th Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference. San Diego, California, USA.
http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2014/sessions/index.php/public/website_pages/view/1

18 – 21 March 2014

16th Annual Conference of the International Society of Bipolar Disorders. Seoul. <http://www.kenes.com/isbd>

20 – 21 March 2014

South West Victoria Disability Network Conference. Novotel Creswick Forest Resort, Victoria.
<http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/index.php?q=conference>

21 March 2014

World Down Syndrome Day <http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org>

21 – 22 March 2014

Primary Mental Health Care Conference. Rex Hotel, Canberra, Australian Capitol Territory.
<http://www.acmhn.org/news-events/conference-news/pmhc-conf-2014>

25 – 26 March 2014

Implementing Consumer Directed Care. The Menzies, Sydney. <http://cdcs Summit.com/overview/>

26 March 2014

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness. Epilepsy Australia.
http://www.epilepsyaustralia.net/purple_day/purple_day.aspx

31 March – 3 April 2014

International Conference on Low Vision. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. <http://vision2014.org/>

2 April 2014

World Autism Awareness Day <http://www.un.org/en/events/autismday/>

3 - 5 April 2014

3rd International Congress on Epilepsy, Brain and Mind. Brno, Czech Republic. www.epilepsy-brain-mind2014.eu

4 – 5 April 2014

3rd Annual UAE Epilepsy Congress. Dubai, UAE. <http://congress2014.elae.ae/index.html>

5 April 2014

SCIA Independence Expo. Australian Technology Park, Sydney. 10am - 5pm. Spinal Cord Injury Association.
www.scia.org.au/expo

9 – 10 April 2014

ASID New Zealand Conference. Novotel Tainui Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, New Zealand.
<http://www.asid.asn.au/Regions/NewZealand.aspx>

11 April 2014

World Parkinson's Day www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au/parkinsonaus

25 - 27 April 2014

4th International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges. Berkeley USA.
<http://interprofessional.ubc.ca/MentalHealth2014/default.asp>

28 April 2014

International Conference on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. New York, USA.
<http://www.yai.org/resources/conferences/yai-conference/>

28 April 2014

International Guide Dog Day

29 - 30 April 2014

The Elephant in the Room Aged Care Conference. Crowne Plaza, Terrigal, NSW. [Info & Registration](#)

1 - 2 May 2014

Person-Centred Facilitation Workshop. University of Sydney. <http://www.cds.med.usyd.edu.au/introduction-to-person-centred-facilitation-workshop-sydney>

2 May 2014

Mental Health & Wellbeing of Young People. Melbourne. <http://www.healthed.com.au/>

4 - 10 May 2014

National Motor Neurone Disease Week. MND Australia. <http://www.mndaust.asn.au/>

6 - 8 May 2014

1st Global Conference: Sexuality and Disability. Lisbon, Portugal. <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/gender-and-sexuality/sexuality-and-disability/call-for-presentations/>

6 - 8 May 2014

Canadian Conference on Developmental Disabilities and Autism. Winnipeg, MB, Canada. <http://www.cdda.ca/>

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