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ACOSS Budget analysis 2015-16

Jacqueline Phillips, Tessa Boyd-Caine, Ro Evans, Peter Davidson, Ellen Livesey, Penny Dorsch | Australian Council of Social Service. While the 2015-16 Budget delivered welcome new investment in early childhood education and care and charted a fairer path on pension reform, the combined effect of the two budgets is to leave people on low incomes to once again bear the burden of Budget restraint.

ACOSS estimates that, combined, the two budgets strip approximately \$15 billion over four years from basic services and supports affecting low and middle income households, with total projected cuts of \$80 billion from health and schools funding to the states over the next decade. Disappointingly, the 2015-16 Budget retains severe cuts to payments and programs from the 2014-15 Budget, in some cases linking savings measures from 2014-15 to new spending measures, and delivers new cuts to child dental and community health programs.

Australian Policy Online news item – [read full summary here.](#)

Disability News

NSW CID Position Statement - NDIS Quality & Safeguarding Framework

This position is based on:

- the experience of people with intellectual disability and their families,
- NSWCID's long experience in systemic advocacy, and
- discussion at our National Roundtable on Quality and Safeguarding and People with Intellectual Disability, held in March 2015.

SW CID calls for a very rigorous frame work as:

- People with intellectual disability are over 60% of NDIS participants and are very vulnerable to abuse and neglect
- Capacity for choice and control will not just happen for people with intellectual disability. It should gradually grow over time
- The implementation of the NDIS is an enormous undertaking.

These factors point to the need for a very rigorous quality and safeguards framework in the early years of the NDIS. The spending on a rigorous framework would be an investment that would yield considerable budgetary savings over time.

[Click here to view the full Position Statement.](#)

<http://nswcid.blogspot.com.au/2015/05/nsw-cid-position-statement-ndis-quality.html>

Featured Conferences

30 June 2015

End Of Life and People with Intellectual Disability Seminar. University of Sydney, Eastern Ave Lecture Theatre. 1-5pm 12.30 Registration. <https://events.sydney.edu.au/office2/getdemo.ei?id=20535&s=4300YO72P>

16 – 17 July 2015

NSW Council For Intellectual Disability Annual Conference.

We are worth the investment: People with Intellectual Disability & the NDIS.

Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney.

<http://nswcid.blogspot.com.au/2015/03/we-are-worth-investment-cid-conference.html>

9 - 11 September 2015

Asia Pacific Autism Conference (APAC15). Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Queensland.

www.apac15.org.au

CALL FOR PAPERS – PANDDA 2015 Conference

15 - 16 September 2015

26th PANDDA 2015 Conference,

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia.

Novotel Hotel, Parramatta, NSW.

www.pandda.net

Disability News

Optimising self-directed funding for the long-term disabled: briefing document

There are limited studies of the feasibility and impact of self-directed funding for people in the compensable sector with catastrophic injuries. Qualitative studies using interviews or questionnaires reveal that, generally, people with long-term disabilities recognise that self-directed funding should be one option among the range of options for receiving necessary support services; however, there is variability in the stated willingness to take on self-directed funding themselves. A lack of awareness of what is involved in self-directed funding and how it can be managed has been reported. In addition, it has been suggested that not all people have the skills, education or experience to manage self-directed funding, hence training and information sessions that are understandable and comprehensive are likely to be necessary in order to encourage uptake. This NTRI Forum aims to consider the factors which influence the uptake of self-directed funding by the long-term disabled.

[Australian Policy Online article](#)

[National Trauma Research Institute Report](#)

Disability Research News

Myth Dispelled - Measles mumps rebecca (MMR) vaccine NOT associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder - Large sample size study

Autism Occurrence by MMR Vaccine Status Among US Children With Older Siblings With and Without Autism

Anjali Jain, MD¹; Jaclyn Marshall, MS¹; Ami Buikema, MPH²; Tim Bancroft, PhD²; Jonathan P. Kelly, MPP¹; Craig J. Newschaffer, PhD³.

Despite research showing no link between the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism spectrum disorders (ASD), beliefs that the vaccine causes autism persist, leading to lower vaccination levels. Parents who already have a child with ASD may be especially wary of vaccinations. The objective of the study was to report ASD occurrence by MMR vaccine status in a large sample of US children who have older siblings with and without ASD. **(Sample size 95,727 children) Conclusions:** In this large sample of privately insured children with older siblings, **receipt of the MMR vaccine was not associated with increased risk of ASD**, regardless of whether older siblings had ASD. These findings indicate no harmful association between MMR vaccine receipt and ASD even among children already at higher risk for ASD. *JAMA.* 2015;313(15):1534 doi:10.1001/jama.2015.3077.

Equipping Australia's mental health system for the next generation

Over the next 20 years, the global economic impact of mental illness will exceed the impact of cancer, diabetes and respiratory disease combined.

That's the stark forecast of the World Economic Forum.

In Australia, we face both rising costs in treating mental illness, and forgone economic activity from leaving mental illness untreated.

Today, Ernest and Young and the online youth mental health service ReachOut have released a new report - 'A way forward: Equipping Australia's Mental Health System for the Next Generation'.

ABC RN Breakfast broadcast <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/new-report-equipping-australias-mental-health/6450974>

Featured Organisation

NSW Council for Intellectual Disability

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

The NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSW CID) is a peak body representing the rights and interests of people with intellectual disability in NSW. The Council takes on such activities as providing policy advice, systemic advocacy, community education, and information provision and dissemination.

NSW CID has an information service and resource centre providing information to people with intellectual disability, their families, carers, advocates and service providers.

NSW CID is committed to the principles of inclusion and participation and we aim to ensure people with intellectual disability are included in every aspect of the work we undertake.

Membership is open to all organisations and individuals who desire to assist in attaining the principles and objectives of the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (NSW CID). All applications for membership must be in writing on the form provided by NSW CID and an agreement signed which signifies a willingness to comply with NSW CID's Constitution. All members will receive regular packages of information including CID News, the quarterly newsletter from the National Council on Intellectual Disability, Interaction, and other relevant information.

Membership web page <http://www.nswcid.org.au/standard-english/se-pages/membership.html>

[Individual Membership Form](#)

[Organisational Membership Form](#)

[Individual Membership Form - Intellectual Disability](#)

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NDIS Scorecard Alert - Citizens' Jury Scorecard

People With Disability Australia news item.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Citizens' Jury Scorecard was handed over to representatives at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) head office in Geelong.

The Agency's initial response to the scorecard's findings and recommendations has been positive because they have committed to establishing a tracking system to make sure the recommendations arising from the citizens' jury are responded to and reported back on in a regular way.

The second progress report on the NDIS is also expected to feature information on the citizens' jury, how it has helped the NDIA and what responses have been undertaken.

Furthermore, the Agency has committed to undertaking more citizens' juries because they see significant value in this methodology and its ability to interrogate specific areas of the NDIS and contribute to improving the scheme.

Read the Scorecard

To make sure the scorecard findings and recommendations are understood by the people responsible for the NDIS, we will be sending a copy of the scorecard to every member of parliament across Australia.

- You can [download a PDF version of the Scorecard by clicking this link](#).
- You can [view a word version of the Scorecard by clicking this link](#).

Home Care News

[Budget 2015: ACAR to end in move to market system in home care](#)

Community Care Review News item by Linda Belardi

(read full CCR article for what major changes are proposed for Aged Care In-Home Care in Australia)

The ACAR for home care packages will be abolished with funding to be allocated directly to consumers rather than providers from February 2017, the government announced in Tuesday's Budget, paving the way for a significant shake-up of the home care sector. The budget measure, costing \$73.7 million over four years, advances the government's plans for a more market-based, consumer-driven aged care system, first flagged in Assistant Minister for Social Services' [landmark CEDA speech](#) in November last year.

The government also confirmed it will work to consolidate the Home Care Packages program and the Commonwealth Home Support Program into a single home care system from July 2018. While consumers will have greater choice and flexibility to direct their package to their preferred approved provider, planning ratios will continue, capping the overall supply of packages available.

<http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2015/05/13/budget-2015-acar-to-end-in-move-to-market-system-in-home-care/>

[Governments must realise value of care sector to economy, says UK expert](#)

The debate on rising aged care costs ignores the home care sector's enormous contribution to the sustainability of the health system, the head of the UK's largest peak body for care services told a Sydney conference.

See other [Australian Ageing Agenda](#) & [Community Care Review](#) articles analysing the implications of the Federal budget announcements. (ed)

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<http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/subscribe/>

PhD Scholarship Opportunity

Improving mental health outcomes for people with an intellectual disability

The Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW is offering a 3-year full-time PhD stipend for a highly motivated student to work on a project that will improve access to, and the quality of, mental health services for people with intellectual disability.

The PhD is to be undertaken as part of a broad program of research under the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Partnerships for Better Health Project: [*Improving Mental Health Outcomes for People with an Intellectual Disability*](#).

Research Topic

- Access to mental health experiences of people with intellectual disability, **OR**
- Policy analysis of representation of people with intellectual disability in mental health policy.

Scholarship value - \$30,000 pa for three years, provided under the guidelines and conditions of the Australian Postgraduate Award scheme.

Who can apply. Students commencing their PhD full time study in 2015, in a field which aligns with the project aims (see link below for more information).

[**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP**](#)

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Disability News

Access to health services by Australians with disability

The vast majority (95%) of people with disability living in the community saw a general practitioner (GP) in 2012. However, almost one-fifth delayed seeing or did not see a GP when they needed to, because of cost, according to a new report today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report, *Access to health services by Australians with disability 2012*, shows that among people with disability, 17% delayed seeing or did not see a GP when they needed to because of cost, and 20% of people with disability delayed seeing, or did not see, a medical specialist when they needed to due to cost.

Compared with people with disability living in Major cities, people with disability living in Outer regional and Remote areas had lower use rates of services provided by GPs, medical specialists and dentists as well as coordinated care provided by different types of health professionals. They were more likely to visit a hospital emergency department for health issues that could potentially be dealt with by non-hospital services, and to face barriers to accessing health services.

AIHW catalogue number AUS 191 (<http://www.aihw.gov.au>). View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Senate Go Ahead for Inquiry into Students with Disability

ProBono Australia News Item See full article at: <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2015/06/senate-go-ahead-inquiry-students-disability#>

The inquiry will look at the current levels of access for students with disability in the school system, the impact on students and families associated with inadequate levels of support; the social, economic and personal benefits of improving outcomes for students with disability at school as well as recent allegations of abuse.

The inquiry will also look at the impact on Government policies and funding cutbacks.

In April, the Federal Government [agreed that a national safeguards regime](#) needed to be established, as part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme rollout, to protect school students with disabilities from restrictive practices.

Books & Publications

[Autism Fitness Handbook](#)

The **Autism Fitness Handbook** is designed to address specific areas of difficulty for children, teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Physical fitness - so often overlooked when helping people with autism reach their full potential - provides extended and far-reaching benefits for children of all ages on the spectrum. 'Coach David' (Geslak) has been specialising in developing exercise programs for young people with ASD for over ten years and you can read an extract from his new book and try out some of the exercises by clicking below.

The Transition to Retirement: A Guide To Inclusive Practice for people who have a disability. manual and DVD is available online at <http://purl.library.usyd.edu.au/sup/9781743323274>
Roger J. Stancliffe, Nathan J. Wilson, Nicolette Gambin, Christine Bigby & Susan Balandin, Sydney University Press. ISBN: 9781743323274.

The Transition to Retirement (TTR) program has been developed in response to a genuine problem: the need for an effective approach to supporting older employees to build an active, socially inclusive lifestyle after retirement. The approach mapped out in this manual may not be the solution for all workers with disability, but it will certainly assist quite a few.

The TTR program emphasises social inclusion. It is consistent with the focus of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) on building community participation and independence. It is also consistent with the National Disability Strategy's emphasis on promoting social inclusion in mainstream community settings and service systems. The TTR program supports ageing people with disability to develop new interests, skills and social networks, and facilitates their participation in mainstream community groups.

With the manual comes a DVD, which makes the idea of inclusive activities in retirement easily understandable to people with disability, their families and community organisations. Author royalties from sales of this manual to the Australian Foundation for Disability (AFFORD) to support AFFORD's Transition to Retirement program.

Online preview of the TTR manual available at http://books.google.com.au/books?id=rC9ZAqAAQBAJ&pg=PA6&source=gbs_selected_pages&cad=2#v=onepage&q&f=false

[Improving Mental Health through Social Support](#)

Jonathan Leach. This accessible book examines the nature of social support and how it can be enhanced, focusing on relationships between service users and supporters. Paperback / softback, 2014, 208pp ISBN: 978-1-84905-518-5.

An Asperger's Guide to Entrepreneurship

Rosalind A. Bergemann. Are you a business person with Asperger Syndrome considering a new career path by going it alone, or a young graduate on the spectrum with a great business idea? This is a comprehensive guide to using Asperger skills to set up your own business and offers practical advice on the aspects of entrepreneurship that Asperger leaders may find difficult. Paperback / softback
2014, 9.69in x 6.81in / 246mm x 173mm, 232pp ISBN: 978-1-84905-509-3. [More Information](#)

[Sexuality and Relationships in the Lives of People with Intellectual Disabilities](#)

Edited by [Rohhss Chapman](#), [Sue Ledger](#) and [Louise Townson](#) with [Daniel Docherty](#). Drawing extensively on personal experiences, this important volume looks at sexuality and relationships in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, painting a genuine picture of the range of sexualities and relationships people want. Wide-ranging, authoritative and grounded in the expertise of people with intellectual disabilities, this book offers an authentic account of the challenges those with intellectual disabilities face in their relationships and sex lives across the globe and explores what society needs to do to respect their rights. 2014, 9.69in x 6.81in / 246mm x 173mm, 230pp. ISBN: 978-1-84905-250-4. [More Information](#).

[Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Older Adults](#) Carla Martins, Sheds new light onto how Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) can be used with older adults as a complementary intervention.

[Mindful Living with Asperger's Syndrome](#) Chris Mitchell, Provides advice and step-by-step exercises for adopting a mindful way of living to overcome difficulties and become more present in the moment.

Policies & Guidelines

Recovery Oriented Service Self-Assessment Toolkit - ROSSAT

The NSW Consumer Advisory Group (CAG) - Mental Health Inc. and the Mental Health Coordinating Council (MHCC) have worked in partnership with people affected by mental health problems and service providers to develop a recovery oriented service provision quality improvement resource for mental health services.

The Recovery Oriented Service Self-Assessment Toolkit (ROSSAT) has been designed to assist organisations and staff to:

- Assess their level of recovery oriented service provision
- Reflect on both individual and organisational practice in relation to recovery oriented service provision
- Identify and work on areas requiring improved practice in delivering recovery oriented services.

ROSSAT has been mapped to the 2010 National Standards for Mental Health Services.

Version 2 Now Available

ROSSAT Version 2 is a psychometrically validated revision of the original ROSSAT Toolkit. It is comprised of two documents: Tool for Organisations (T4O) and Tool for Workers (T4W).

More information and ROSSAT Resources at <http://www.mhcc.org.au/sector-development/recovery-and-practice-approaches/rossat.aspx>

[United Nations Convention of Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(CRPD\)](#) is an overarching agreement, to which Australia is a signatory. It requires governments to consult and actively involve people with disability, including children, through their representative organisations.

In Australia, the [National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 \(NDS\)](#) underpins the principles adopted in the CRPD. The principles ensure people with disability and their representatives are included in developing, designing and implementing policies, programmes and services.

Australian Department of Human Services multicultural servicing strategy [Delivering Services to Multicultural Australia 2013 - 2015](#) is committed to providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services to all Australians. This includes providing free interpreting and translation services so customers may do their business with us in their language. DHS also have access to Auslan interpreters to assist customers who are deaf or have a hearing impairment. DHS have Multicultural Service Officers (MSOs) who assist migrant and refugee communities connect with Australian Government services. MSOs also consult with communities about the impact of government initiatives on their communities.

ILO – Guidelines on achieving equal employment for persons with disabilities

The International Labour Organization (ILO) released its update to the 2007 guidelines on “Achieving equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities through legislation”. Available in English, French and Spanish, the Guidelines were developed for policy-makers and drafters of legislation, with a view to support the revision of existing laws and development of new laws of relevance to women and men with disabilities, and the development of regulations and policies to give effect to these laws. (http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/skills-knowledge-and-employability/disability-and-work/WCMS_322685/lang--en/index.htm)

[Web Accessibility National Transition Strategy](#), which is a mandated strategy to ensure all Australian Government websites and associated web applications meet internationally recognised benchmarks for web accessibility, and that they implement the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0](#). The WCAG guidelines aim to provide a single shared standard for web content accessibility that meets the needs of individuals, organisations and governments internationally. The WCAG identifies techniques to create and manage web in ways that are more accessible to people with disability - for example, through assistive technologies like screen readers.

Directories Online

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<http://www.medicarelocals.gov.au/internet/medicarelocals/publishing.nsf#.VGGaoWdkxCx>

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Disability News

E-health solution for the aged and community care and disability sectors

Telstra health has launched an e-health solution for the aged and community care and disability sectors that includes a self-service portal and telehealth monitoring platform for clients.

<http://healthconnex.com.au/solutions/mycaremanager/Overview>

MyCareManager features an online portal for workers, clients and families, telemonitoring through wireless health devices or manual input, web-based videoconferencing with any internet-enabled device, and an integration engine that allows information sharing with a service provider's existing clinical, service and client management systems. It has been designed for applications such as consumer directed care, chronic disease, medication and wound management and remote medical consultation and aims to increase efficiency, productivity and care collaboration capability for service providers and improve visibility and engagement for clients to help them self-manage their health.

<http://healthconnex.com.au/news-events/news/news/2015/04/17/telstra-health-launches-mycaremanager-first-integrated-ehealth-solution>

<http://www.australianageingagenda.com.au/2015/04/17/integrated-home-care-solution-launched/>

http://www.pulseitmagazine.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2383:telstra-launches-fhir-powered-home-telehealth-solution-with-webrtc&catid=16:australian-ehealth&Itemid=327

Severe Behaviour Response Teams Funding

Department of Social Services: Grants

Closes 15 July 2015 3.45 AEST

The Australian Government is inviting applications for an open process to deliver Severe Behaviour Response Teams (SBRTs) services under the Ageing and Service Improvement Programme. This will be a nationally consistent operation for the period September 2015 to 30 June 2016.

The primary objective of this activity is to support the establishment of a mobile workforce of clinical experts available to provide timely and expert advice to Commonwealth funded approved residential aged care providers that request assistance with addressing the needs of people with very severe and extreme Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD).

Please Note: Applicants are not required to submit a Registration Form for this funding round.

More information at <https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/severe-behaviour-response-teams>

Research & Demographic Reports

Disability support services: services provided under the National Disability Agreement 2013-14

In 2013-14, an estimated 321,531 people used disability support services under the National Disability Agreement (NDA), including 4,200 who transitioned to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) during the year. Over half (55%) of all NDA service users had an intellectual or learning disability and many needed at least some assistance in one or more of the three broad life areas--activities of daily living (68%), activities of independent living (82%), and activities of work, education and community living (86%). AIHW catalogue number AUS 192. <http://www.aihw.gov.au>. View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Heritability of Autism Spectrum Disorder in a UK Population-Based Twin Sample

Emma Colvert, PhD¹; Beata Tick, MSc¹; Fiona McEwen, PhD^{1,2}; Catherine Stewart, PhD^{3,4}; Sarah R. Curran, MD^{4,5,6}; Emma Woodhouse, BSc⁷; Nicola Gillan, BSc³; Victoria Hallett, PhD⁴; Stephanie Lietz, PhD⁸; Tracy Garnett, DClinPsych³; Angelica Ronald, PhD^{1,9}; Robert Plomin, PhD¹; Frühling Rijdsdijk, PhD¹; Francesca Happé, PhD¹; Patrick Bolton, MD^{1,2,3}. To establish the relative contributions of genetic and environmental factors in liability to autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and a broader autism phenotype in a large population-based twin sample and to ascertain the genetic/environmental relationship between dimensional trait measures and categorical diagnostic constructs of ASD. Participants underwent screening using a population-based measure of autistic traits (CAST assessment), structured diagnostic assessments (DAWBA, ADI-R, and ADOS), and a best-estimate diagnosis. On all ASD measures, correlations among monozygotic twins (range, 0.77-0.99) were significantly higher than those for dizygotic twins (range, 0.22-0.65), giving heritability estimates of 56% to 95%. The liability to ASD and a more broadly defined high-level autism trait phenotype in this large population-based twin sample derives primarily from additive genetic and, to a lesser extent, nonshared environmental effects. The largely consistent results across different diagnostic tools suggest that the results are generalizable across multiple measures and assessment methods. Genetic factors underpinning individual differences in autismlike traits show considerable overlap with genetic influences on diagnosed ASD.

JAMA Psychiatry. Published online March 04, 2015. doi:10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2014.3028.

http://archpsyc.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleID=2173394&utm_source=Silverchair%20Information%20System&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JAMAPsychiatry%3AOnlineFirst03%2F04%2F2015#Introduction

Child Protection Australia 2013-14

This report contains comprehensive information on state and territory child protection and support services in 2013-14, and the characteristics of Australian children within the child protection system.

This report shows that:

- around 143,000 children, a rate of 27.2 per 1,000 children, received child protection services (investigation, care and protection order and/or in out-of-home care);
- three-quarters (73%) of these children had previously been the subject of an investigation, care and protection order and/or out-of-home care placement;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were 7 times as likely as non-Indigenous children to be receiving child protection services.

AIHW catalogue number (CWS 52). View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

[Genetic and Environmental Influences on the Developmental Course of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Symptoms From Childhood to Adolescence](#)

Jean-Baptiste Pingault, PhD; Essi Viding, PhD; Cédric Galéra, MD, PhD; et al *JAMA Psychiatry*. Published online May 06, 2015. Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is conceptualized as a neurodevelopmental disorder that is strongly heritable. However, to our knowledge, no study to date has examined the genetic and environmental influences explaining interindividual differences in the developmental course of ADHD symptoms from childhood to adolescence (ie, systematic decreases or increases with age). The reason ADHD symptoms persist in some children but decline in others is an important concern, with implications for prognosis and interventions. The large genetic influences on the developmental course of ADHD symptoms are mostly specific and independent of those that account for variation in the baseline level of symptoms. Different sets of genes may be associated with the developmental course vs the baseline level of ADHD symptoms and explain why some children remit from ADHD, whereas others persist. Recent longitudinal imaging data indicate that the maintenance or increase in symptoms is underpinned by atypical trajectories of cortical development. This may reflect a specific genetic liability, distinct from that which contributes to baseline ADHD symptoms, and warrants closer follow-up.

Exploring transitions between homelessness and public housing: 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013

This report is the first of its kind produced by the AIHW linking homelessness and public housing data in order to better understand the clients of both. The report shows that specialist homelessness agencies were very successful in assisting clients to sustain their public housing tenancies. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 277). View the [media release](#) and download the [full report](#) for free online.

Featured Course

Disability support workers: get ready for the NDIS with this new, free training resource 'Every Moment Has Potential'

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is coming - Are you ready for it?

A new online training resource has been launched to help prepare disability support workers for the massive changes the sector is already undergoing – and it's available now, for free. The resource – called “Every Moment Has Potential” – is a five-module online course all about “Person Centred Active Support”, and was developed by [Greystanes Disability Services](#) and [La Trobe University](#).

If you're already working in a [disability job](#), you've probably heard a lot about “person-centred” or “self-directed” approaches lately – which are a significant part of the sector's planning for the future. But, if you're not quite sure, [“Every Moment Has Potential”](#) sums up Person Centred Active Support like this: “Person Centred Active Support is a way of working that enables everyone, no matter what their level of intellectual or physical disability, to make choices and participate in meaningful activities and social relationships.”

Person-centred care essential for the NDIS - A person centred model of care is one of the cornerstones of the roll out of the [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(NDIS\)](#) – which is currently pumping billions of dollars into the sector and [creating thousands](#) of new [disability jobs](#). So, if you're currently working in the disability sector, or want to work in it, being well-versed in this approach to disability care will be a vital ingredient for your future career.

What you will learn

The resource is intended for disability workers who are already qualified and working in the sector, as a way to enhance their skills and improve the way that they support people.

The training includes a mix of information, activities and learning videos; and at the end of the five modules you should have a good understanding of:

- The key elements of Person Centred Active Support;
- The skills you need to practice Person Centred Active Support in your workplace; and
- Some of the many positive outcomes for people with a disability that occur when support workers use Person Centred Active Support.

The resource is well-grounded in international research including that of the late Professor Jim Mansell and Dr Julie Beadle-Brown, who together first developed the person-centred approach to disability care.

How to get started - Simply head to the [website](#), read the introductory page, and then when you're ready, get started with [module one](#).

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

Education Resources

Pre-release CHC and HLT Training Packages

The Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council has provided links for educators and trainers to prepare for training and assessment preparation. The following pre-release CHC and HLT Training Package components have been submitted to the Department of Education and Training for endorsement. Once CS&HISC receives notification that the draft components have been endorsed the documents will be released on the National Register www.training.gov.au

All documents will remain **DRAFT** until released on the National Register. CS&HISC is unable to confirm a release date however we anticipate late June/July. For updates on endorsement [sign up](#) to the CS&HISC monthly newsletter.

These components are final and are no longer open for comment or review. CS&HISC are providing these documents to allow stakeholders a head-start in their training and assessment preparation.

Pre-release HLT Health Training Package

HLT [Case for Endorsement and Reports](#) (including Quality Assurance Report, Equity Report and Editorial Report)

HLT [Implementation Guide](#)

HLT [Credit Arrangements](#)

HLT [Skill sets](#)

HLT [Qualifications](#)

HLT Units of competency links to units [here](#)

Pre-release CHC Community Services Training Package

CHC [Case for Endorsement and Reports](#) (including Quality Assurance Report, Equity Report and Editorial Report)

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CHC [Qualifications](#)

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1 – 3 July 2015

Dementia Care: Dining by Design. The Northern Sydney Institute - Ryde Campus NSW. HammondCare College. <http://www.dementiacentre.com.au/education/study-days/dining-by-design>

1 – 3 July 2015

Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference. Dockside Cockle Bay Darling Harbour, Sydney, NSW.

4 July 2015

Understanding Borderline Personality Disorder. University of Sydney. <http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/UBPD>

6 – 8 July 2015

ECP 2015 – The European Conference on Psychology & the Behavioural Sciences. Brighton, United Kingdom. <http://iafor.org/iafor/conferences/ecp2015/>

8 – 10 July 2015

NIMAC 2015. Nurses in Management Aged Care. RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Ross Street, Benowa QLD. <http://www.nimac.com.au/>

6 – 9 July 2015

International Conference on Disabilities - Unity & Diversity in Action. Tel Aviv, Israel. <http://eng-conf.beitissie.org.il/>

13 - 17 July 2015

P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer. South Australia. Predict, Assess and Respond To Aggression/Behaviours of Concern Course. MTU Training Concepts. <http://www.mtu.net.au/>

15 July 2015

The Confident Board Member Workshop. Wagga Wagga, NSW. 9.30am – 12.45pm NCOSS. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-confident-board-member-legal-and-review-tips-for-people-who-govern-nfp-community-organisations-tickets-16115770704>

15 July 2015

Working with Other Organisations: From MOU's to Mergers. Wagga Wagga, NSW. 1.30 – 4.30pm NCOSS & Justice Connect. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/working-with-other-organisations-from-mous-to-mergers-tickets-16291034924>

16 July 2015

The Confident Board Member Workshop. Sydney. 9.30am – 12.45pm NCOSS. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-confident-board-member-legal-and-review-tips-for-people-who-govern-nfp-community-organisations-tickets-16115770704>

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16 – 17 July 2015

NSW Council For Intellectual Disability Annual Conference.

Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney.

<http://nswcid.blogspot.com.au/2015/03/we-are-worth-investment-cid-conference.html>

16 – 17 July 2015

International Dementia Conference: Grand Designs. Sydney, Australia. <http://www.dementiaconference.com/>

20 – 22 July 2015

10th International Conference on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology. London, United Kingdom.

http://estore.roehampton.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&deptid=164&catid=140&prodid=181

20 – 23 July 2015

VariAbilit(ies) II Conference. Winchester, UK.

<http://asecs.press.jhu.edu/Weekly%20Announcements/Variabilities%20Queering%20Paradigmst.pdf>

22 - 23 July 2015

NDS Regional Support Worker Conference: NSW South Coast. National Disability Services.

<http://www.nds.org.au/projects/article/159>

23 – 24 July 2015

Aged Care Leaders Symposium. Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne.

<http://www.agedcareleaders.com.au/ehome/index.php?eventid=107049&tabid=238635&>

24 – 26 July 2015

Australasian Better Boards Conference. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Qld.

<http://betterboards.net/conference-2015/>

25 July 2015

Perinatal & Infant Mental Health Services Symposium. Liverpool, NSW. Registration.

http://www.communitynet.tricomm.org.au/images/stories/07_15/07_PIMHS_Registration_Form.pdf

28- 31 July 2015

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training. Wrest Point, Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania.

<http://www.crisisprevention.com/Training-and-Events/Nonviolent-Crisis-Intervention-Training-Prog-194?country=Australia>

28 – 31 July 2015

Transted 2015. The 14th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons, Lisbon, Portugal. <http://www.transted2015.com>

28 July – 1 August 2015

XVII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf. Istanbul. <http://wfdeaf.org/whoarewe/world-congress/xvii-world-congress>

29 July 2015

Brain Injury NSW Service Provider Workshop: Overview & Providing Support. Ballina, NSW. Call 02 9868 5261

29 – 30 July 2015

Cultural Competency in Disability Conference. Northcott Function Centre, North Parramatta NSW. DiverseWorks, <https://www.northcott.com.au/events/diversity-disability-conference-professionals>

30 July 2015

Perinatal Mental Health: An Introduction. Self paced. University of Sydney. <http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/PMHC>

30 July 2015

NDIS: Law for Community Workers. Penrith, NSW. 12.30-3.30 pm. McAuley Room Penrith Bowling & Recreation Club. Legal Aid NSW. <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/law-for-community-workers-sydney>

30 - 31 July 2015

Infant Mental Health. Brisbane. Mercure Hotel Brisbane, Queensland. <https://www.ausmed.com.au/course/infant-mental-health-conference>

3 - 5 August 2015

Health Informatics Conference (HIC). Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. <http://www.hisa.org.au/hic2015/>
Merivale Street South Brisbane QLD.

11 August 2015

Care & Protection: Law for Community Workers. Sydney, NSW. 9.30 am-12.30 pm. Training Centre Level 12 Legal Aid NSW 323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket. Legal Aid NSW. <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/workshops/law-for-community-workers/law-for-community-workers-sydney>

12 - 13 August 2015

National Care Facilities Expo. Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Rosehill NSW. <http://carefacilitiesexpo.com/Sydney/>

12 - 14 August 2015

16th International Mental Health Conference. QT Hotel, Gold Coast, Queensland. Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association. <http://anzmh.asn.au/conference/>

13 - 14 August 2015

Drug & Alcohol Nurses Conference. Novotel Sydney Central. www.danaconference.com.au

14 August 2015

Gearing Up Expo for people with disability. Burnie, Tasmania. <http://gearingupexpo.com.au/>

17- 21 August 2015

P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer. Victoria. Predict, Assess and Respond To Aggression/Behaviours of Concern Course. MTU Training Concepts. <http://www.mtu.net.au/>

17 - 23 August 2015 (Note – Corrected date)

Brain Injury Australia Awareness Week.

18 – 19 August 2015

Implementing the Commonwealth Home Support Program. Boulevard Hotel, Sydney. [Web site](#)

19 – 20 August 2015

Dementia + Recreation National Conference. Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne. <http://www.totalagedservices.com.au/index.php?q=dr-conference.html>

24 – 27 August 2015

Social Role Valorisation: 10 in-depth themes. Brisbane QLD. Contact: [Values in Action](#)

24 – 30 August 2015

Hearing Awareness Week

25 - 28 August 2015

The MHS (Mental Health Services) Conference. National Convention Centre, Canberra. <http://www.themhs.org/pages/themhs-conference-2015.html>

25 - 28 August 2015

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training. Ibis Perth, WA. <http://www.crisisprevention.com/Training-and-Events/Nonviolent-Crisis-Intervention-Training-Prog-187?country=Australia>

30 August 2015

Anxiety Disorders Education for Health Professionals: An Introduction. Self paced. University of Sydney.
<http://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/ANXD>

31 August – 4 September 2015

11th Biannual International Conference: ACSA & IAHSA Perth Convention Centre, WA. Aged & Community Services Australia & International Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.
<http://www.globalageingconf2015.com/>

1 – 2 September 2015

MNHHS Aged Care Conference. Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Queensland.
bridgingthegap@health.qld.gov.au

1 - 4 September 2015

13th Australian Palliative Care Conference. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/13apcc2015/>

1 - 7 September 2015

Spina Bifida Week

1 - 30 September 2015

Dementia Awareness Month

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