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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

The provision of education to students with a disability or special needs -- Parliamentary Inquiry

The Parliamentary committee's web page indicated that 654 submissions had been made. (Not all are published, and there may be more to add.)

They are at

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/committee.nsf/V3ListSubmissions?open&ParentUNID=47F51A782AEABBABCA25767A000FABEC>

Kris Cruden, Senior Industrial Officer in the PSA schools team, has provided this summary of PSA submission: -

"The NSW Parliament's General Purpose Standing Committee No 2 has called an inquiry into "the provision of education to students with a disability or special needs".

"The submission is based on the results of a survey we conducted of School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) members at the beginning of this year. The main points in the survey were:

- Students with a disability and their parents need the certainty of having a permanent SLSO to work with them - therefore permanency for all SLSOs was vital
- Funding and resources (including SLSOs) for students with a disability in mainstream schools were grossly inadequate
- Funding and resources for students with a disability in a special setting also needed to be improved
- Support services, when they were provided were excellent but they were in short supply and needed to be easier to access
- Funds should be allocated to students based on their functioning capacity rather than their disability
- Training of teachers, particular casual teachers, to work with students with a disability needed to be improved. This training is inconsistently provided across the state.
- Training for SLSOs should be made available more widely. Access to training was inconsistent across the state."

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Help At Hand for Homeless Australians with a Mental Illness

Extracts from **Joint Media Release** with **The Hon Kevin Rudd MP**, Prime Minister
The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Housing Minister for the Status of Women
The Australian Government unveiled details of a \$10 million boost to the Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program, to give homeless Australians with a severe mental illness greater access to one-on-one support.

Six new services will be established in communities with significant homeless populations in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia to help people with a mental illness who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. In addition, six new dedicated homelessness workers will be shared among four existing PHaMs sites in Victoria and Queensland to work solely with homeless clients in these areas. In total, 36 additional personal mentors will be on the ground by mid 2010 to provide intensive assistance to homeless Australians with a severe mental illness.

PHaMs is designed to help people with a severe mental illness reconnect with the wider community and live more independent and satisfying lives. Personal mentors work one-on-one with participants with practical help to achieve their personal goals - for example, finding stable housing, or improving relationships with family and friends. These new personal mentors will also connect participants with essential clinical and social services, including housing services and health professionals. The initiative forms part of the Australian Government's efforts to halve homelessness and offer accommodation to all rough sleepers who seek it by 2020.

http://www.jennymacklin.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/jennymacklin.nsf/content/jm_m_mental_illness_homelessness_17february2009.htm

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Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council

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The ISC is the recognised national advisory body on the skill and workforce development requirements of these industries, and we are responding to the needs of the community services and health industries to lead the implementation of a 'demand driven' approach to training delivery. As the honest broker of information from enterprises and industry directly to government it's our job to:

- Provide intelligence and advice to the new national Skills Australia body on industry workforce development under the Government's Skilling Australia for the Future policy;
- Collect, analyse and report on data and provide leadership in workforce skill development;
- Maintain the national qualifications and competency standards for the industries in the Health and Community Services Training Packages; and
- Influence the supply of skills to industry by promoting implementation of these Training Packages

The building blocks of skill development and training delivery sit upon the foundations we have built through industry consultation and 10 years' experience. This experience, coupled with our robust research, enables us to analyse the skills of current workers alongside the needs of enterprise and evaluate whether training delivery designed to bridge any gaps - is meeting industries needs for both today and tomorrow.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Revision of the National Standards for Disability Services

In July 2009, Disability Services Ministers from all states, territories and Australian Governments endorsed a revision of the National Standards for Disability Services (National Standards). The revision aims to address gaps in the current National Standards, as well as consider the inclusion of contemporary language and concepts. The Disability Studies and Research Centre at the University of New South Wales has commenced work on a consultation package to support people to have a say on the National Standards. As part of the design and testing of the consultation materials, Disability Studies and Research Centre is working with Self Advocacy Sydney and Vision Australia to ensure the materials meet the needs of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and for people with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities.

In January 2010, jurisdictions commenced planning for consultation on the National Standards. A state-by-state approach to consultation will allow each jurisdiction to consider local protocols, engage local networks and take in to account specific stakeholder needs and other major events when planning for consultation.

Whilst each jurisdiction is running their own consultation, the consultation methods and materials will be the same across Australia.

The key dates for the consultation process are:

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| January 2010 | Consultation planning commences |
| From February 2010 | Pre-consultation communication activities commence |
| From March 2010 | Testing of consultation materials |
| From April 2010 | Consultation commences |
| July 2010 | Consultation ends |
| By October 2010 | Consultation analysis ends |

Consultation feedback will be independently analysed by the University of New South Wales, and will result in findings for Disability Services Ministers to consider.

Information regarding the revision of the National Standards will be regularly uploaded onto the project website at http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/improving_supports/national-quality-framework as it becomes available.

In September 2009 Disability Services Ministers endorsed an interim National Quality Framework for Disability Services in Australia (National Quality Framework). As part of the project to develop a National Quality Framework, the National Standards for Disability Services will be revised.

The aim of a national quality framework is to promote and drive a nationally consistent approach to improving the quality of services, with a focus on improving outcomes for people who use these services.

Download the Interim National Quality Framework:

-  [Interim National Quality Framework \(PDF 52.2 kb\)](#)
-  [Interim National Quality Framework \(Word 71.0 kb\)](#)

Large print format to be printed on A3 size paper:

-  [Interim National Quality Framework in large print \(PDF 57.8 kb\)](#)

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

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Application proposals must include an educational component (such as a short-course and/or research) and identify a potential U.S. host institution at which the applicant would spend a significant period of their scholarship. It may also involve other forms of professional experience including visits to relevant organisations. While the program may include attending a conference, this does not fulfil the educational requirements of the scholarship. The Professional Scholarship does not fund postgraduate (i.e. Masters or PhD) study programs.

Applications reopen on 1 June 2010 for the 2011 Scholarship Period.

For further information and application forms

<http://www.fulbright.com.au/scholarships/australian/professional.html>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Dementia and the take-up of residential respite care (bulletin)

In the current policy and service environment respite care is a key service designed to provide support for carers and those they care for. Linked aged care program data for the Pathways in Aged Care (PIAC) cohort study allows analysis of the take-up of residential respite care by looking at 32,000 cohort members who had an approval of such care. This bulletin presents take-up rates and factors that affect the take-up of residential respite care. In particular, the bulletin investigates whether dementia, carer availability and English speaking background affect the take-up of residential respite care. AIHW catalogue number (AUS 124). Available from CanPrint for \$10.00 (1300 889 873).

Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and FREE downloadable [report](#).

Dementia and the take-up of residential respite care an analysis using the PIAC cohort (internet only)

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CS&H ISC Disability Workforce Project

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (ISC) is approaching the final stages of a project to inform future workforce planning and service delivery in the disability sector. The ISC has been funded to undertake the project by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), on behalf of the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council (CDSMAC).

The Aims of the project are to develop and establish:

- an agreed 15 - 20 year workforce plan
- shared stakeholder views for entry benchmarks and industrial review
- strategies for increased uptake of traineeships and other VET programs
- career map (including skills audit strategy for enterprises and workers)
- new qualifications, competencies and/or skill sets to support new disability roles and careers.

Further Information

Contact: Mark Shaddock, Project Coordinator

Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council

Phone: 02 9270 6629

Visit the [Disability Workforce Project webpage](#)

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Group Homes for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Encouraging Inclusion and Participation.

Tim Clement and Christine Bigby. Foreword by Professor Jim Mansell 2009, 288 pages, paperback. ISBN: 9781843106456. £25.00/US\$39.95. Find out more and buy this book: <http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843106456>

Other Side of Profound Handicap

Brudenell | ISBN13: 9780333418123 RRP: \$48.00 Paperback Publication date: 09/1986 Palgrave Macmillan UK

Practical Behaviour Management Solutions for Children and Teens with Autism:

The 5P Approach Linda Miller [Click for more details](#)

Choosing a School for a Child With Special Needs

[Ruth Birnbaum](#) If you are considering placing a child with special needs at a new school, it can be difficult to know where to begin. Should you choose a special school, or a special unit within a mainstream school? What will be the involvement of therapists? Maybe home schooling would be best? Whether the child has autism, dyslexia or any other special educational, emotional or behavioural difficulty, this book will help you find the school that suits the child best. From drawing up a list of possibilities and setting up a school visit, to asking the right questions and recording your opinions in order to make an informed decision, *Choosing a School for a Child with Special Needs* will guide you through this complex and stressful process with confidence and ease. Whether you are a parent seeking a special school, a professional researching a school, or a teacher recommending what to look for in a school, this book is a must-have reference for anyone taking school placement seriously. Paperback: £14.99 / \$24.95 2009, 234mm x 156mm / 9.25in x 6in, 288pp ISBN: 978-1-84310-987-7, BIC 2: JNS JN JNK
<http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781843109877>

The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome:

Tony Attwood [Click for more details](#)

[Health Needs of the Elderly](#)

Garrett G | ISBN13: 9780333440773 RRP: \$77.00 Paperback Publication date: 10/1987 Palgrave Macmillan UK

Mental Health, Service User Involvement and Recovery

Edited by [Jenny Weinstein](#) As the momentum for personalization and recovery approaches grows, service users are increasingly participating as partners in all aspects of health and social care delivery, planning and professional training. This book provides a timely overview of user involvement and recovery in mental health by critically examining their origins and development in current policy and practice. Written cooperatively by service users and academics, this book conveys a vital connection between recovery and involvement, offering a framework of values and helpful strategies to promote meaningful user participation. By sharing their personal narratives and contributing their views, service user authors demonstrate how taking control of their own care facilitates a swifter and more satisfying recovery. The book further acknowledges the bilateral value of user involvement in the development of mental health services, student learning, collaborative research and challenging social stigma, providing examples and critical appraisal of how this is currently being implemented. With a strong, positive emphasis on the benefits to all stakeholders, Mental Health, Service User Involvement and Recovery offers guidelines for good practice that will be relevant to health and social care practitioners, service users, students, researchers and educators. Paperback: £19.99 / \$35.95 2009, 234mm x 156mm / 9.25in x 6in, 224pp ISBN: 978-1-84310-688-3, BIC 2: MQCL5 JKSM MBPK <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781843106883>

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Pathways through aged care services: a first look

Analysis of care pathways provides information that is useful to both policy planners and service providers alike. The Pathways in Aged Care (PIAC) cohort study linked aged care assessment data for a cohort of 105,100 people to data sets showing use of five main aged care programs and deaths over four years. Of particular interest in terms of care pathways is the smaller new-pathways cohort of 77,400 people who had not previously used aged care services that required and aged care assessment for access. This report presents the first findings from analysis of the new pathways cohort, investigating common care pathways, time to entry to permanent residential aged care and time to death after the first assessment for use of aged care services AIHW catalogue number **(AUS 116)**. Available from CanPrint for **\$10** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and free [report](#) to download.

Position statement on the health of people with intellectual disabilities

NCOSS and a number of organisations and individuals have endorsed the Position Statement developed by the National and NSW Councils for Intellectual Disability and the Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine on the health of people with disabilities.

[Click here to download position statement.](#)

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Crisis Support Contacts – Sydney <http://www.sydneyingleparents.org.au/Crisissupport.html>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

National Disability Conference Funding Program 2010-2011

An allocation of \$320,000 is available nationally for the 2010-11 National Disability Conference Funding Program. **Apply from 10/04/2010 to 6/05/2010.** An allocation of funds is provided each year to support national and international disability conferences held within Australia. These funds are administered through the Disability and Carers Programs Branch. The funding has previously been provided to eligible conference organisers to enable them to support the inclusion of people with disability at disability-focused conferences. Queries regarding the National Disability Conference Program should be directed to: disability@fahcsia.gov.au

Further information available on the web site at
<http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/funding/Pages/disabilityconferencefunding2010-2011.aspx>

Review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument – release of terms of reference

Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot released the terms of reference for the Government's review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) on 6 November 2009. The ACFI was introduced on 20 March 2008 to replace the Resident Classification Scale as the means of allocating Australian Government care subsidies to residential aged care facilities. It was designed to have funding more accurately matched to the care needs of residents and to allow aged care workers to spend less time filling out paperwork and more time providing care. When ACFI was introduced the Government committed to a review once aged care providers had experience with its operation to make sure that it is delivering as it was designed to do.

[Click here to read the media release](#)

[Click here to see the terms of reference](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Sport and Active Recreation: Disability Participation and Non Participation Study

As the recently released Crawford Report on Australian Sport identifies, Australians love sport and active recreation, but research has shown that people with disabilities participate less than the rest of the community. UTS School of Leisure, Sport and Tourism researchers Simon Darcy, Aron Murphy, Tracy Taylor and Dan Lock were successful in their application to the Australian Sports Commission to conduct research on the participation and non-participation of people with disabilities in sport and active recreation. This research is in addition to the Australian Sports Commission's elite sport development programs for athletes with disabilities and their work with disability specific sporting organisations. The research is aimed at two groups: 1) broad-based participation of people with disabilities to understand the factors that affect the participation, the constraints they face and the benefits they receive from sport and active recreation; and 2) disability service organisations whose primary focus is not sport and active recreation provision. The findings will be used to review current approaches to sport and recreation and to improve access provisions. For more information contact the Project Officer Ryan Sherry - ryan.sherry@uts.edu.au or the Project Coordinator Simon Darcy - simon.darcy@uts.edu.au. If you are a person with a disability and would like to be involved in the research click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RVNQKWJ>

NDS NSW 2009 Conference papers

Keynote Address: Success and Challenges

[Steve Kinmond](#), NSW Deputy Ombudsman and Community Services Commissioner

* Download [Steve Kinmond's written paper](#)

Aboriginal Resources & Pathways Project [John Gilroy](#), NDS NSW

Effectiveness of Supported Living in Relation to Shared Accommodation.

[Karen Fisher](#), Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW Consortium

"Age-in-Service" Research & Outcomes [Matt Donnelly](#), Ability Options * Download [Ability Options Research Report](#)

Project for the Development of Person Centred Approaches [Rosemary Royer](#), DADHC and [Judith Ellis](#), Ellis

MacRae & Associates representing the consortium led by Australian Catholic University

Behaviour Support Strategies: QLD Specialist Response Project [Grazia Catalano](#), Disability Services QLD

Nursing Research

Parahoo K. | ISBN13: 9780333987278 RRP: \$74.00 Paperback Publication date: 03/2006 Palgrave Macmillan UK Second Edition This popular text continues to provide a clear introduction to the principles and processes of nursing research.

Research in Health Promotion and Nursing

Wilson-Barnett | ISBN13: 9780333601341 RRP: \$61.00 Paperback Publication date: 12/1993 Palgrave Macmillan UK

Spinal cord injury, Australia 2007-08

In 2007-08 there were 362 new spinal cord injuries [SCI], the majority of which [79%] were due to traumatic causes. SCI were most frequent in the 15-24 year age group [30%], although trends show a significant increase in the average age at injury from 38 years in 1995-96 to 42 years in 2007-08. Males accounted for 84% of traumatic SCI. Transport-related injuries (46%) and falls (28%) were the main contributors to traumatic SCI. Rates for the NT and WA were significantly higher than the national incidence rate. AIHW catalogue number (INJCAT 128) Available from CanPrint for \$25 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [report](#).

Counting the homeless 2006: Queensland

Across Australia, 19 per cent of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation on census night in 2006, but in Queensland it was 12 per cent. Forty nine per cent of the homeless in Queensland were aged 35 or older, significantly above the national figure of 42%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 205). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Counting the homeless 2006: South Australia

Nationally, 19% of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation on census night in 2006, but in South Australia the figure was 26%. Sixty-six per cent of the homeless in South Australia were aged 34 or younger compared with the national figure of 58%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 206). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Counting the homeless 2006: Tasmania

In Tasmania, 25% of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation on census night in 2006 compared with 19% nationally. Thirty-one per cent of the homeless in Tasmania were teenagers, 50% higher than the national figure of 21%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 208). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Counting the homeless 2006: Northern Territory

In the Northern Territory on census night in 2006, 33% of the homeless were in improvised dwellings, compared with the national figure of 16%. Forty eight per cent of the homeless in the Northern Territory were aged 35 or older, significantly above the national figure of 42%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 210). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

2010 Changes to Packaging Rules of CHC08 and HLT07 Qualifications

Following release of the VET Products for the 21st Century Report in June 2009, the National Quality Council has advised that all Industry Skills Councils must work to incorporate new packaging rule structures into training packages by December 2010.

The ISC has commenced work on the analysis of how these changes to policy requirements will impact on qualifications in the endorsed Community Services and the Health Training Packages. This process will include identifying which qualifications will be affected by the changes, then of these which might be eligible for exemption and/or exception provisions.

As part of continuous improvement of Training Package processes, the ISC will communicate and consult with affected industry sectors to ensure that policy changes can be appropriately accommodated without compromising the quality and integrity of the current endorsed structure. More information on the ISC's approach and opportunities for engagement will be available in early April 2010.

For more information, view the [National Quality Council's special bulletin](#)

Information source and further updates from the **Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council** – check out their web site at <https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php>

Work Cover NSW Publications & Training Resources

[Implementing a safer patient handling program](#)

[Manual handling for nurses: Guide](#)

[Manual Handling Training Package for Nurses - Resources](#)

[Manual Handling Training Package for Nurses - Program A: Essentials](#)

[Manual Handling Training Package for Nurses - Program B\(1\): Patient Risk Assessment](#)

[Manual Handling Training Package for Nurses - Program B\(2\): Managing Risk](#)

[Manual Handling Training Package for Nurses - Program C: Leadership and Change](#)

[Use of manual handling competencies for nurses: Report summary](#)

[Utilisation of the manual handling competencies for nurses](#)

Rural Health Education Foundation programs available free on DVD

A selection of the Rural Health Education Foundation's most popular educational television programs are available on DVD and, in some cases, audio CD, free of charge to Australian health professionals. The current range of free resources includes programs on diabetes, musculoskeletal health, stress, depression, continence and Indigenous health. [Click here for further information](#) (Source: Royal College of Nursing)

Problem Based Learning: A Handbook for Nurses

Wilkie K.; Burns I. | ISBN13: 9780333945773 RRP: \$74.00 Paperback Publication date: 07/2002 Palgrave Macmillan UK This text provides information, tips and hints on managing the Problem Based Learning (PBL) process from both the lecturer's and the student's perspective. The book outlines the philosophy and process of PBL and its value as a teaching/learning strategy for nurse education.

Training Resources in Basic Home Fire Safety for Community Services Workers

Due to the high fire risk experienced by groups in the community, a national consortium of fire services (led by the Victorian Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board) lobbied for knowledge of basic home fire safety to be embedded in relevant work functions across the CHC08 Community Services Training Package. As a result, this information was included in nine units of competency, to be taken up by workers delivering services in a community setting. To support the community sector and the training sector implement this change and to include content appropriately in courses, fire services have developed training resources which are now available to download and use. In addition to use by Registered Training Organisations, fire services also recommend use of the training resources by community care providers for induction of new workers and skills maintenance for existing workers. The information is intended to increase the fire safety of community care recipients, workers and provider agencies. Download the free resources from the [Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council website](#)

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6 – 7 May 2010

Accommodation & Social Participation Conference 2010. Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast. NDS National Disability Services. Call for papers <http://www.nds.org.au/conferences/ASP2010/CallForPapers.pdf>

7 May 2010

St George Connecting With Neuroscience Conference. St George Hospital Education & Research Centre. Kogarah, Cost \$50. Melissa Tinsley 02 911 36114 Joanne.McLoughlin@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

13-14 May 2010

5th MAMH Congress. European Association of Intellectual Disability. Bristol, UK. <http://www.mamh.net>

13-14 May 2010

Child and Adolescent Learning Disability Psychiatric Network Annual Meeting 2010. Northampton, UK. email inairn@standrew.co.uk Website: <http://www.stah.org/>

13 – 19 May 2010

National Epilepsy Awareness Week www.epilepsy.org.au

14 – 15 May 2010

Community Owned Children's Services ACCS National Conference. Novotel Wollongong Northbeach. <http://acoss.org.au/events/view/453/>

16 May 2010

NSW Nursing and Health Expo. AJC Convention Centre, Randwick. http://www.rcna.org.au/development/nsw_expo

16 – 19 May 2010

National Speech Pathology Conference. Crown Promenade Conference Centre, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/Content.aspx?p=250>

17 – 19 May 2010

PATH and MAPS Person Centred Planning Training Course. Lismore, NSW. Multitask Human Resource Foundation Limited Molesworth St, Lismore. Multitask, Attention Melissa McPherson P.O. Box 42 Lismore 2480. Melissa McPherson 02 6627 5010 mmcpherson@multitask.org.au

18 – 21 May 2010

6th Australian Women's Health Conference. The New Agenda. Hobart Tasmania. www.awhn.org.au,

20 to 21 May 10

VET Teaching Conference 2010. Brisbane Convention Centre, Brisbane. Department of Education and Training. <http://vetteaching.com.au/site/> email vet2010@absoluteevents.com.au

21 May 10

The 8th Aged Care Advisory, Research & Education Committee Seminar: "Contemporary approaches in caring for the older person" A one-day seminar for Health Care Professional, Carers & Consumers. St George Leagues Club, Kogarah NSW 2217 Registration Fee: \$30 (incl. lunch, morning & afternoon tea). Consumers, Carers & Pensioners: Free. Seminar information/registration - email or phone: june.sheriff@sesiahs.health.nsw.org.au or phone: 02 9369 0283

23 – 25 May 2010

Think Globally – Act Locally. 2010 Annual Conference. Auckland, New Zealand. Information Access for People with Print Disabilities. <http://www.roundtable2010.wordpress.com/call-for-papers>

24 – 25 May 2010

National Summit: Awaking the Voice of Families in Services and Policy and Politics. Melbourne, Australia. Vern Hughes, National Summit Convenor 0425 722 890 or [visit http://www.civilsociety.org.au/Summit.htm](http://www.civilsociety.org.au/Summit.htm)

24 – 30 May 2010

Autism Redefined 2010 Conference. Chicago, Illinois. Autism One and Generation Rescue. <http://www.autismone.org/content/world-changes-may>

25 May 2010

Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference 2010. Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, Queensland, <http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/conference/>

25 May 2010

10th Annual IAFMHS Conference. Mental Health and Forensic Practice Across the Lifespan. International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services. Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada. <http://www.iafmhs.org/iafmhs.asp>

27 -29 May 2010

European Academy of Childhood Disability 22nd Annual Conference 2010. Brussels, Belgium. www.eacd2010.com

2 – 4 June 2010

2010 ACSA National Community Care Conference. Next Generation. Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, Aged & Community Services Australia. Email acsanccc2010@acqi.org.au Conference www.acqi.org.au/acsa2010/index.html

2 – 4 June 2010

2010 CDSA-ACEI Conference. Canadian Disability Studies Association and Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Concordia University Montreal, Quebec, Canada. <http://www.cdsa-acei.ca/conference.html>

7 June 2010

Sydney Region Transition Careers Expo 2010 - Lifestyle Options for People with a Disability. Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre in the Basketball Stadium, Corner Forest and King Georges Roads Hurstville.

7 – 9 June 2010.

Diversity in Health National Conference. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia. There are three major themes for the conference: Cultural Integrity in Service Delivery; the Right to Health; and Modern Multiculturalism. MMHA is co-ordinating the Mental Health stream. www.diversityinhealth.com.au

8 – 11 June 2010

AAIDD Annual Conference. American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Westin Providence Hotel, IL, USA. http://www.aamr.org/content_223.cfm?navID=75

10 – 11 June 2010

Community Capacity Building: Role of Local Government Conference. The Sebel Parramatta, Church St Parramatta. Hosted by Parramatta City Council. <http://acoss.org.au/events/view/490/>

15 – 16 June 2010

HammondCare 8th Biennial International Conference on Dementia. Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre. Darling Harbour, Sydney, Australia. Registration Booklet <http://www.hammond.com.au/resource/HC977ConfReg2010inline.pdf> Conference site <http://www.hammond.com.au/dsdc/pages/default.asp?pid=161>

21 – 24 June 2010

International Congress of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Edinburgh. <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/annualmeeting2010.aspx>

23 & 23 June 2010

Dementia Care National Symposium 2010. Brisbane Convention Centre, Queensland. Redleaf. <http://www.redleaf.com.au/symposium.htm>

24 & 25 June 2010

Autism 2010. Queens University Belfast. Autism Northern Ireland. <http://www.autismni.org/conference2010/index.asp>

26 & 27 June 2010

Education Expo. Grand Pavillion, Rosehill Racecourse. 9 am to 4 pm. Free entry. <http://www.edexpo.info>

26 – 30 June 2010

Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology Society of North America Annual Conference. Red Rock Spa, Las Vegas, NV, USA <http://www.resna.org/conference/index.php> .

29 – 30 June 2010

NDS Regional Support Worker Conference 2010. Orange. Contact Emily Caska 02 9256 3112
emily.caska@nds.org.au Call for Papers
http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/Resources/links/RSWC_Call_for_Papers_Jan10.pdf

27 August 2010

21st PANDDA 2010 Conference

Mercure Hotel, Parramatta, NSW. www.pandda.net

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