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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### \$2.4 billion for ageing and disability services in NSW

The NSW Keneally Government's budget for services to people with a disability, their families and their carers and older people will eclipse \$2.4 billion, up \$206 million from 2009-10.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services, Peter Primrose, said the massive investment reflected Labor's spending and policy priorities outlined in Stronger Together, the NSW Government's 10-year plan to expand services for people with a disability. "The 2010-11 Budget is a tangible delivery on the Keneally Government's commitment to deliver better services and facilities for NSW's most vulnerable members – frail elderly people and people with a disability," Mr Primrose said.

"This year the Keneally Government has allocated a total of \$2.468 billion to Ageing, Disability and Home Care, an increase of 9.1 per cent over the previous year. "Over the past five years, the budget for ageing and disability services has increased by \$710.4 million or 40.4 per cent, enabling the NSW Government to deliver services to more than 280,000 people across the state.

"This Budget represents the fifth year of the NSW Government's historic reshaping of the sector under Stronger Together, which will deliver an extra \$1.3 billion in funding over its first five years. "This will fund continued increases in existing services, such as respite for carers of people with a disability who need a break from their caring responsibilities, therapy services for children and supported accommodation for people with disabilities who can not live at home."

Mr Primrose said that key areas of focus and expenditure for 2010/11 included:

- \$203.4 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$48.3 million over 2009-10) to fund 401 new supported accommodation places. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 there will be an additional 1,370 places, with costs over the five years totalling \$590 million;
- \$26.2 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$2.9 million over 2009-10) to prevent young people entering nursing homes, improve the circumstances of younger people in nursing homes and develop alternative models of support for young people living in nursing homes. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 \$80 million will have been spent;
- \$6 million in 2010-11 to provide alternative accommodation support for people with a disability located in Boarding Houses;
- \$71 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$13.3 million over 2009-10) to increase support from three days a week to four days a week (and five days for people with very high support needs) for people with a significant disability who leave school but are unable to enter the workforce. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11, an estimated 6,240 people will be supported via the Agency's post school programs at a cost of \$235.3 million;
- \$42.4 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$4.8 million over 2009-10) for an additional 103 attendant care (intensive in-home support) places. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 an additional 612 places will be

provided at a cost of \$120.1 million;

- \$11 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$2.7 million over 2009-10) to provide intensive support packages for children and young people and their families. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 an additional 1,840 packages will be provided at a cost of \$31.2 million;
- \$14.2 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$2.3 million over 2009-10) for additional therapy places. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 therapy places will increase by 2,880 at a cost of \$40.6 million;
- \$34.3 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$2.4 million over 2009-10) to provide 159 new flexible respite packages. Over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 an additional 2,243 packages will be provided at a cost of \$110.7 million;
- \$11 million in 2010-11 (an increase of \$1.2 million over 2009-10) for day program places. An additional 780 places will be provided over the period 2006-07 to 2010-11 at a cost of \$33.3 million;
- \$5 million over four years (\$1.5 million in 2010-11) to provide intensive assistance for 410 children and their families with managing problem behaviours, both at home and at school;
- \$585.8 million in 2010/11 (an increase of \$48.1 million over 2009-10) for HACC services which include domestic assistance, social support, meals, transport, case management and respite; and
- \$2 million in 2010/11 (an increase of \$2.0 million over 2009-10) for additional support and early intervention for autism.

Mr Primrose said that the Government had also made provision in the budget to start or ramp up trials of new services for people with a disability. “The extra 103 attendant care packages will coincide with an expansion of a program where people self manage the services that they receive,” he said. “This will allow people to be more independent and have input into their services – so that they get the services that they need, when they need them.

“The Keneally Government has also allocated \$79.3 million in capital expenditure for this year, including \$56.8 million to continue work on building or renovating existing accommodation facilities and \$9.2 million to start work on new accommodation. “In this budget we have sought to provide the additional funding needed under Stronger Together to make an impact on service levels immediately while planning for long-term, sustainable changes that will deliver a more flexible, efficient, transparent and fairer system.

“There is more that we can do – and we are doing more. The Keneally Government is providing more therapy, more accommodation, more respite and more services that people with a disability, their families and the carers need,” Mr Primrose said.

*(Source: Ministerial media release)*

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### New directions for disability respite services in NSW

The *New directions for disability respite services in NSW* has been developed to assist in the reform and expansion of disability respite services Footnote 1. It will guide the way future disability respite services are delivered, how people access those services, the types of services provided, the settings in which they are delivered and the development of new respite services across the sector.

*Stronger Together: A new direction for disability services in NSW: 2006–2016* commits the NSW Government to expanding existing respite services and building a more flexible and responsive disability respite service system. Also driving the expansion of respite services for people with a disability and their families and carers is the *NSW Carers Action Plan 2007–2012*.

[This paper](#) (download pdf here) broadly outlines the direction we intend to take to reform and expand respite services in NSW. We are hoping to build a respite service system that is more responsive to the individual needs of people with a disability and their families and carers. The strategy will guide future respite service system reform, commencing in 2009/10.

**Also available are the Respite Program Guidelines (disability)**

The Respite program guidelines (disability) provide the framework for respite service delivery for Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services (ADHC) operated and funded disability respite services. The guidelines have been developed by ADHC to support ADHC and non-government providers in delivering respite services in NSW. These guidelines will also be used by ADHC staff involved in the performance monitoring and reporting of respite services.

### [Respite program guidelines \(disability\)](#)

## **Respite Care Competency Development Project**

Responding to recommendations from the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and the Far North Coast Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre (FNC CRCC), the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&H ISC) is working on a project to develop competencies, skills sets and/or qualifications for respite coordinators and intake staff for addition to the CHC08 Community Services Training Package.

Initial scoping was undertaken in early 2009 and then the project was put on hold. In January 2010, the CS&H ISC recommenced the project by developing a work plan and building on the initial scoping phase through an industry questionnaire seeking input from the national network of CRCCs to further articulate and explore the job role of respite coordinators and intake staff.

An Industry Reference Group (IRG) was convened to govern the project and met in February 2010 to discuss the project work plan and objectives, to provide industry perspectives on the key findings of the scoping phase and to agree on the competencies, skill sets and/or qualifications to be drafted for further industry consultation.

The CS&H ISC is now working to develop a final Scoping Report and to develop Draft 1 of the proposed units of competency for further industry consultation.

An Industry Reference Group (IRG) has been engaged to provide guidance throughout the life of the project and sign off development work. [Click here for a full IRG membership list](#)

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION**

### **Brain Injury Australia**

<http://braininjuryaustralia.org.au/>

Brain Injury Australia is the peak acquired brain injury (ABI) advocacy body representing, through its State and Territory Member Organisations, the needs of people with an acquired brain injury, their families and carers. It works at a national level to ensure that all people living with acquired brain injury have access to the supports and resources they need to optimise their social and economic participation in the community. Check out the web site for news, events, fact sheets, publications, donations, contacts and join their mailing list. [Find out more about Brain Injury Australia.](#)

The disability called acquired brain injury - or "ABI" - refers to any damage to the brain that occurs after birth. That damage can be caused by an accident or trauma, by a stroke, or a brain infection, by alcohol or other drug abuse or by diseases of the brain like Huntington's disease.

**16– 22 August 2010**

**Brain Injury Awareness Week** <http://braininjuryaustralia.org.au/>

The theme for Brain Injury Awareness Week 2010 is "Falls-related Traumatic Brain Injury". Information about specific events will be posted on this website closer to the date. <http://braininjuryaustralia.org.au/>

A recent policy paper on [falls-related traumatic brain injury](#) [Adobe Acrobat PDF - 338.32 KB] is available as background reading.

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **Ageing and Disability Services Commitment Continues**

Outgoing Minister for Ageing and Disability Services Paul Lynch has welcomed the appointment of Peter Primrose to the portfolio.

Mr Lynch said he was proud to be able to serve as Minister for Ageing and Disability Services since his appointment in September 2008. "Over that time we continued to deliver essential programs and services to people with a disability under *Stronger Together*. "The NSW Government is also planning ahead for the needs of a rapidly ageing population through *Towards 2030*," he said.

**The newly-appointed Minister for Ageing and Disability, Peter Primrose**, said Mr Lynch had done a fantastic job in the portfolio and he looked forward to continuing his important work. "I will continue to advocate and defend the interests of people with disabilities and the aged in our community," Mr Primrose said.

Mr Primrose has a long history of involvement with the disability sector through his past employment as a social worker and his role as a researcher on the Richmond Report, a 1983 inquiry into health services for psychiatrically ill and disabled people in NSW. "It's very pleasing to again, more than 30 years later, be involved in carrying forward the work of making sure that people are supported and cared for in our community," Mr Primrose said. "I am looking forward to meeting with stakeholders and continuing the implementation of *Stronger Together: A new direction for disability services in NSW*."

Mr Primrose said that he would continue Mr Lynch's strong advocacy for an independent Ageing, Disability and Home Care Agency with a dedicated budget for disability and community care.

Mr Lynch also leaves the portfolio in a good financial state. The current Ageing, Disability and Home Care Budget has increased by \$238 million over the previous year to a total of \$2.3 billion. "Over the past five years, the agency's recurrent budget has increased by 46.2 percent," Mr Lynch said. Under the 10-year *Stronger Together* program, \$1.3 billion is delivering more respite, day programs, case management, supported accommodation and other services over the first five years.

Mr Lynch said he was proud to be involved in the delivery of:

- the closure of the Peat Island Centre and the construction of replacement facilities at Wadalba and Hamlyn Terrace;

- replacement of the Grosvenor Centre by the Summer Hill Group Homes and Respite Centre;
- more than 3,900 new respite places in the first three years of *Stronger Together*;
- a record 1,176 school leavers applying to enter a post-school program this year;
- 2,286 therapy places for children and adults with a disability by the end of 2008-09 with the number to increase to 3700 by the end of 2010-2011;
- capital works expenditure of \$145.4 million this year – an increase of 26 percent – Including accommodation for people with a disability;
- acceleration of the delivery of group homes with some built as quickly as 41 weeks from when the land was purchased;
- a \$591 million investment with the Commonwealth on Home and Community Care (HACC) services for people with a disability and frail older people;
- the care careers initiative with National Disability Services to build a disability work force for the future;
- revised regulations for boarding houses;
- development of a new respite policy;
- 16 dementia day care centres under HACC;

“The Government’s commitment to people with a disability remains with Mr Primrose as Minister,” Mr Lynch said.

“Peter Primrose has a solid background in the care sector. He understands the essential role of government in supporting people in need,” he said. “He will also act as a strong advocate for the rights of people with a disability and promote the endless achievements of people with a disability,” Mr Lynch said.

*(Source: Ministerial Media Release)*

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## **GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS**

### **FULBRIGHT PROFESSIONAL Scholarship**

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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.**

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### **Inquiry into Disability Care and Support have extended the due date for initial submissions**

Following some parties' requests for extensions for making a submission to the Inquiry into Disability Care and Support, the Commission has extended the due date for initial submissions to **16 August 2010**.

*We welcome second and further submissions*

The Commission also welcomes second or even further submissions after the due date for the initial submission. These submissions may include additional points people wish to make, comments on others' submissions and the results of community consultations. This may be particularly relevant to those organisations that obtain funding from the Australian Government's recently announced initiative to support public consultations by disability and carer organisations.

*Please still provide at least a summary note ahead of any appearance at a hearing*

The Commission would still like people presenting at public hearings to provide either an initial submission or at least some notes of their key points ahead of their appearance at the hearings, since this allows a better discussion of the issues.

We have produced a number of documents guiding people about the issues helpful for making submissions:

- Issues Paper
- Key set of questions. These are the key questions from the issues paper, particularly oriented to people wanting to give us a personal response or a submission about a new disability scheme, based on their personal experience.
- Easy English version of key questions.
- We will shortly also be putting up an Auslan interpretation of the key questions and a text version of this

We have also issued a circular outlining how the Commission has addressed accessibility, and how people can participate, if they choose, in the Commission's formal public hearings. Formal public hearings are where, based on people's submissions, Commissioners explore with participants the relevant issues. A transcript is taken.

All documents are in PDF, RTF and Daisy text.

The link to the issues paper and key questions and the circular is <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/issues>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Launch of Children With Disability Australia

The Coalition's spokesman on Disabilities, Senator Mitch Fifield has applauded the launch of Children with Disability Australia, the new national peak body representing children and young people with disabilities.

Senator Fifield said the peak body will be an advocate for better services, helping inform governments and the community of the needs of children with disabilities and their families. "Children with Disability Australia will help achieve better outcomes for children with disabilities and their families by raising awareness of the challenges they face and advocating their rights," Senator Fifield said. "It will promote and advance their rights and highlight where services can be improved. "Families will also be able to learn of entitlements and services available to them through Children with Disability Australia. "By being there to inform families of what's available and where, and to ensure that their needs are being voiced to governments and the community, the peak body will be welcomed by children with disabilities and their families who face many challenges on a daily basis."

For more information on Children with Disability Australia, visit [www.CDA.org.au](http://www.CDA.org.au)

**Source: Media contact:** David Colmer (02) 6277 3666 / 0412 550 946/ [david.colmer@aph.gov.au](mailto:david.colmer@aph.gov.au)

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**Planning and Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Issues for Case Managers and Other Professionals.**

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**Constructive Work with Offenders.**

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**Person Centred Planning and Care Management with People with Learning Disabilities.**

Edited by Paul Cambridge and Steven Carnaby. <http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843101314>

**Psychiatric Nursing**

Martin P ISBN13: 9780333438428 RRP: \$99.00 Paperback Publication date: 10/1987 Palgrave Macmillan UK

**Activities for Adults with Learning Disabilities: Having Fun, Meeting Needs.**

Helen Sonnet and Ann Taylor. <http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843109754>

**Public Liability Insurance for Events NCOSS Publication**

This information sheet considers the importance of community events and suggests practical approaches to making 'event insurance' more manageable. Public liability insurance is defined and the reasons why public liability insurance is necessary are outlined. There is also a suite of strategies to assist in planning and managing the risks associated with community events and a list of useful resources.

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The NSW ACT Regional Committee is also pleased to introduce the inaugural NSW ACT Disability Support Professional Award.

If you have any questions regarding this information or ASSID NSW ACT please contact me and I hope to see you at our conference. [Linda Ward, Manager, UnitingCare Disability Supported Living, Tel: 87523707](#)  
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# GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

## Child protection and wellbeing: Keep Them Safe

ADHC has a key role to play in the protection and wellbeing of children and young people with a disability.

Changes in NSW legislation and the government's plan, *Keep Them Safe*, mean that we are changing the way we approach child protection.

### What are the changes?

The Child Protection Helpline (formerly the Community Services Helpline) on 133 627 now only accepts concerns where there is a 'Risk of Significant Harm' to children and young people.

To support this change, an online [Mandatory Reporter Guide](#) is now available to help mandatory reporters decide when to:

- refer a concern that a child or young person is at 'Risk of Significant Harm' to the Child Protection Helpline
- offer and coordinate assistance for the child/young person and/or their family (with their consent) or make referrals to other services using normal referral networks and continue monitoring the situation.

Where a concern about the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a child or young person falls below the new mandatory reporting threshold, government and non-government agencies need to work together to support vulnerable children, young people and their families to access available mainstream and disability specific services.

ADHC has revised its [Child Protection Policy](#) to incorporate these legislative changes.

### Keep Them Safe Support Line

The NSW Government has established the KTS Support Line to assist NGOs with the changes under *Keep Them Safe* (KTS), specifically with the introduction of the new mandatory reporting threshold. The Support Line is a transitional service for the first six months of the new system.

The KTS Support Line operates 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). The phone number is **1800 772 479**.

The Support Line is for mandatory reporters in NGOs, including Non-Government schools and General Practitioners.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### Small Grants Program for Mental Health Month – Applications close Friday 23 July 2010

The Mental Health Association NSW, with funding from NSW Health, offers a number of small grants to assist the staging of mental health promotion activities during Mental Health Month (MHM) 2010. Again this year, a number of small grants will be offered to projects specifically targeting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Open to any organisation or community group with a registered ABN or auspiced by an organisation with an ABN, wishing to undertake a project or activity in line with the theme during MHM 2010 within the state of NSW.

- 3 grants of \$1000 each, 6 grants of \$500 each and up to 20 grants of \$200 each.
- 1 grant of \$1000, 1 grant of \$500 and 5 grants of \$200 each are available for projects focusing specifically on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Download the Mental Health Month Starter Kit which includes an application form [here](#).

**Applications close Friday 23 July 2010.**

Enquiries to Katrina Davis: E [kdavis@mentalhealth.asn.au](mailto:kdavis@mentalhealth.asn.au) P (02) 9339 6008

## Fulbright Professional Scholarship

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

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## Shifting Ground: Competition and tendering in community services

In the second half of the 1990's, micro economic reforms are reshaping most of our public and social services. They are finding their way into human services via the introduction of a competitive contracting funding regime. Community organisations cannot avoid the impact of these reforms.

It has been evident for some time that community organisations require assistance in dealing with the impact of microeconomic reform in general and the application of competition policy in particular. **Shifting Ground** will assist community organisations to:

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS**

### **Revealed: the 'true' cost of care**

The average 'true' cost of care for each aged care resident is \$115.65 per day, according to accounting group Bentleys. The figure is based on data from the Bentleys' 2009 Aged Care Survey which took in more than 340 facilities around the country. However Bentleys Director, Heath Shonhan said the actual cost of care varies significantly, depending on a range of factors such as a facility's location and the mission objectives of the approved provider. Full article in Australian Ageing Agenda (*formerly National Healthcare Journal*) [here](#)  
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### **National best practice guidelines for collecting Indigenous status in health data sets**

All clients of health services should be asked if they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin in the process of routine data collection. Despite improvements in recent years, there have been continuing problems in establishing and maintaining standard practice in the collection of Indigenous status, resulting in the under-identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in key national health data sets. These guidelines have been developed to ensure the standard Indigenous status question is asked correctly and consistently of all clients of health services, and that this information is correctly recorded. AIHW catalogue number (**IHW 29**). Available from CanPrint (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

### **Researching Communication Disorders**

Ferguson A. Et Al; Armstrong; Dr Elizabeth | ISBN13: 9780230004511 RRP: \$64.00 Paperback Publication date: 03/2009 Palgrave Macmillan UK One in seven people will experience a communication disorder at some point in their lives.

### **Asthma in Australian Children: Findings from Growing up in Australia, the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children**

Within the first 3 years of life, 16.9% of infants experience asthma or wheeze. Among non-asthmatic children aged 4 to 5 years, 4.1% will develop asthma by the seventh year of life. These and other new insights into the incidence, natural progression and outcomes associated with childhood asthma are presented in this report, based on analysis of Growing up in Australia: the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children. AIHW catalogue number (**ACM 17**). Available from CanPrint for **\$23** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

### **Abnormalities of Visual Processing and Frontostriatal Systems in Body Dysmorphic Disorder**

Jamie D. Feusner; Teena Moody; Emily Hembacher; Jennifer Townsend; Malin McKinley; Hayley Moller; Susan Bookheimer *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 2010; 67:197-205. [ABSTRACT](#)

### ***Child protection Australia 2008-09***

During 2008-09 across Australia, over 200,000 children were the subject of one or more child protection notifications; almost 33,000 children were the subject of one or more substantiations; over 35,000 children were on care and protection orders; and around 34,000 children were living in out-of-home care. This report contains

comprehensive information relating to state and territory child protection and support services, and the characteristics of Australian children within the child protection system AIHW catalogue number (CWS 35) Available from CanPrint for \$28.00 (1300 889 873) Click on the link to view the [report](#) and [media release](#).

### ***A review of suicide statistics in Australia***

A review of suicide statistics in Australia is a detailed report on the statistical processes used to track national suicide rates. Suicide is a matter of considerable public interest and policy significance so reliable statistical information on suicide occurrence is important. This report examines in detail the current methodologies used to track suicide rates, identifying issues with the process of suicide reporting and the extent of, and reason for, any under-enumeration of suicide. Revised estimates are provided and the report provides advice for the future statistical monitoring of suicide and self harm in Australia. This report provides a unique insight into the limitations of current data on suicide rates. AIHW catalogue number ( **INJCAT 121** ). Available from CanPrint for **\$27** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [report](#).

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### **HLT07 Health Training Package V2.1 available on NTIS**

On 3 September 2009, new components were endorsed by the National Quality Council for addition to the HLT07 Health Training Package. The new units and skill sets for Renal Care and Community Rehabilitation Allied Health Assisting resulted in the release of HLT07 Version 2.1. All documents making up the HLT07 Health Training Package Version 2.1 are available for download via [www.ntis.gov.au](http://www.ntis.gov.au) or via the ISC's [Competency Matrix](#).

### **Keep Them Safe – (NSW Child Protection)**

The implementation of Keep Them Safe requires many changes to how government and non-government organisations work together to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people throughout NSW. TAFE NSW delivered 560 information sessions to mandatory reporters between mid-October 2009 and late January 2010, providing an overview of these changes.

The TAFE information session has also been developed as an [eLearning presentation](#), which takes approximately two hours to complete. If you wish to use this eLearning package in a small group, the [Participant's manual](#) and [Facilitator's guide](#) will assist in running the session. (Please note that these resources,

designed for the three-hour face-to-face sessions, do differ from the content of the eLearning session in some areas.)

Your organisation may be offering child protection training and information sessions to assist staff with the changes resulting from Keep Them Safe. Additional training courses are also available from the [Centre for Community Welfare Training](#).

Extracted from <http://www.keepthemsafe.nsw.gov.au/training>  
(see other essential information on this site).

### **Have your say about changes to CHC08 and HLT07 qualifications NOW!**

The NQC has introduced new requirements affecting the packaging rules of ALL qualifications. The requirements mean that the structure of some qualifications will change and we need your feedback to ensure your qualifications still meet the needs of your industry. Consultation is now open on 'high use' qualifications and will close on 1 June 2010, so please visit the [webpage](#) to see how your qualifications and work roles may be affected and have your say about the changes.

### **New DVD for type 2 diabetes patients**

The National Prescribing Service (NPS) and Diabetes TASMANIA have launched a new educational DVD aimed at people with type 2 diabetes, which addresses medicines use issues. The DVD is designed to be used by health professionals and community organisations when discussing the management of type 2 diabetes with newly diagnosed patients. The DVD comprises 11 segments which cover issues including the types of medicines used to manage type 2 diabetes, the best ways to manage medicines, and what patients should discuss with their healthcare providers. It is also being produced in Cantonese, Mandarin and German. [Click here to see the resources online](#) or order the DVD by phoning Diabetes TASMANIA on 03 6215 9000

### **CS&HISC resources are moving!**

Previously housed at our sister website CapabilityPlus, from 1 July 2010 you will now find our assessment resources and other learning materials at the CS&HISC [online store](#). Resources include full qualification assessment tools for Aged Care, Disability Work, Home & Community Care, Community Services Work, Children's Services, Education Support, Health Support Services, First Aid, Allied Health Assistance, Enrolled/Div2 Nursing.

### **Chronic Disease Self Management Resource Kit**

The Chronic Disease Self Management Resource Kit supports the delivery and assessment of the chronic disease self management skill set from the CHC08 Community Services Training Package.

Containing a full suite of contextualised training and assessment resources, this resource kit is the perfect partner in the delivery of short course training on this highly applicable work area and is available for purchase from the [ISC's Online Store](#) for \$120 plus postage and handling. For more information about the Chronic Disease Self Management Resource Kit, please contact the ISC on 02 9270 6600 or [admin@cshisc.com.au](mailto:admin@cshisc.com.au)

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**7 – 9 July, 2010**

**Australian Institute of Family Studies 2010 Conference.** Melbourne Convention Centre [Click here for more information.](#)

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**19th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills.** Perth, Western Australia. NCVET and Swan TAFE. <http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/events.html> email [june.ingham@ncver.edu.au](mailto:june.ingham@ncver.edu.au)

**7 -10 July 2010**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Autism Society National Conference.** Dallas Texas. [http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=research\\_conference](http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=research_conference)

**9 -11 July 2010**

**Coping Resilience & Hope Building: Asia Pacific Regional Conference.** Nathan Campus, Griffith University, Brisbane. Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice. The Conference is interested in the fascinating capacity of human resilience to most adverse life events, as they unfold. [Click here for more information.](#)

**11-16 July 2010**

**27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Applied Psychology.** Melbourne, Australia.  
<http://www.icap2010.com/index.php>

**12 July 2010**

**Legal and Professional Issues for Nurses and Midwives.** Tradies, Gympie, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**14 – 16 July, 2010**

**ICCHP 2010: International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs.** Vienna, University of Technology, Austria. <http://www.icchp.org/>

**18 – 25 July 2010**

**Primary Care: Addressing Issues of Ageing Patients.** 7-Night Alaska Cruise.  
[http://www.continuingeducation.net/course\\_details.php?program\\_number=744](http://www.continuingeducation.net/course_details.php?program_number=744)

**19 – 20 July 2010**

**Clinical Nursing Assessment Skills.** University of technology Sydney. Ausmed Conferences.  
[http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/Clinical\\_Skills\\_2010\\_NSW\\_19\\_Jul\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/Clinical_Skills_2010_NSW_19_Jul_2010.pdf)

**24 – 29 July 2010**

**14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference. International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication.** Barcelona. <http://www.isaac2010.org/en/welcome.html>

**24 - 31 July 2010**

**14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication** (ISAAC). Barcelona, Spain. To be followed by the ISAAC Research Symposium, July 30-31, also in Barcelona. <http://www.isaac2010.org/index.php>

**25 July 2010**

**WA Nursing and Health Expo.** Perth Convention Centre. Royal College of Nursing Australia. [http://www.rcna.org.au/development/wa\\_expo](http://www.rcna.org.au/development/wa_expo)

**2 - 4 August 2010**

**Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Conference.** Sydney Australia. <http://www.acwa2010.com/>

**3 August 2010**

**Computer Essentials for Nurses and Midwives.** Concord Hospital, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**5 – 6 August 2010**

**NCOSS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference.** Fairness in NSW – 75 Years of NCOSS. Australia Technology Park, Redfern. NSW Council of Social Services. [Samantha@ncoss.org.au](mailto:Samantha@ncoss.org.au) 02 9211 2599 [www.ncoss.org.au](http://www.ncoss.org.au)  
**Download:** [Conference program](#)

**5 – 8 August 2010**

**2010 VELG National Conference - 'Investing in VET = Succeeding in VET'.** Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sydney. Voc Ed Learning Group. <http://www.velg.com.au> email [natconference@velg.com.au](mailto:natconference@velg.com.au)

**8 August 2010**

**ACT Nursing and Health Expo.** National Convention Centre, Canberra. Royal College of Nursing Australia. [http://www.rcna.org.au/development/act\\_expo](http://www.rcna.org.au/development/act_expo)

**8 - 19 August 2010**

**Dealing With Disabilities.** 11-Night European Cruise Conference from Amsterdam, Netherlands. [http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program\\_number=798](http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program_number=798)

**11 – 13 August 2010**

**Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology National Conference ARATA 2010,** The Tip of The Iceberg, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania. [arata10@amp.com.au](mailto:arata10@amp.com.au) 03 9372 7182 [www.arata.org.au](http://www.arata.org.au)

**11 - 12 August 2010**

**Sydney Carex 2010.** Health & Aged Care Expo. Rosehill Racecourse. Free admission. [www.totalagedservices.com.au](http://www.totalagedservices.com.au) email Wayne at [office@totalagedservices.com.au](mailto:office@totalagedservices.com.au)

**12– 13 August 2010**

**11<sup>th</sup> Victorian Collaborative Psychiatric Nursing Conference.** Centre for Psychiatric Nursing. The Australian College of mental Health Nurses (Vic), The Health and Community Services Union, Australian Nursing Federation. <http://www.cpn.unimelb.edu.au/conferences/vcpnc2009> Call for abstracts [http://www.cpn.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/162338/Call\\_for\\_Abstracts\\_2010.pdf](http://www.cpn.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/162338/Call_for_Abstracts_2010.pdf)

**16– 22 August 2010**

**Brain Injury Awareness Week – 2010 Theme - Falls-related Traumatic Brain Injury – check out the events at** <http://braininjuryaustralia.org.au/>

**20 August 2010**

**Legal and Professional Issues for Nurses and Midwives.** Coffs Harbour Ex Services Club, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**20 August 2010**

**ASSID NSW ACT State Conference.** Liverpool Catholic Club. NSW. 9.30 am – 4.30 pm Australasian Society for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability.

**20 August 2010**

**Medication Course.** Sydney . Global Education Centre. Strathfield. 1800 009 292  
[GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com](mailto:GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com) [web site](#) [brochure](#)

**20 – 21 August 2010**

**10<sup>th</sup> Rural Critical Care Conference.** Orange Ex-Services Club. [www.ruralcriticalcare.asn.au](http://www.ruralcriticalcare.asn.au)

**22 – 26 August 2010**

**28<sup>th</sup> International Congress International Association of Logopedics & Phoniatics.** Athens. Greece.  
<http://www.ialpathens2010.gr/>

**24 – 26 August 2010**

**NZASID 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.** Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin. New Zealand Association for Intellectual Disability. Email: [adrian@cct.org.nz](mailto:adrian@cct.org.nz) web: <http://www.assid.org.au/>

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**6<sup>th</sup> National Homelessness Conference.** 'Many Ways Home: Ending Homelessness by 2020' Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. [Click here for more information.](#)

**3 September 2010**

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