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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

First-ever World Down Syndrome Day to be commemorated on 12 March 2012

Last November, the General Assembly of the United Nations, with a view to promote the well-being and inclusion of persons with Down syndrome in society and development, as well as raise awareness about the condition, adopted resolution 66/149, declaring 21 March as World Down Syndrome Day, beginning in 2012. The first-ever World Down Syndrome Day will be commemorated around the world and at UN Headquarters under the theme: "Building our Future". A high-level multi-stakeholder event will be held at UN Headquarters on 21 March 2012. More information: <http://www.inclusive.org.br/?p=21921>.

Down Syndrome International <http://www.ds-int.org/home>

World Down Syndrome Day Awards http://www.ds-int.org/about/wdsd_awards

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- [ACT Down Syndrome Association](#) Mawson , Australian Capital Territory , Australia

New South Wales

- [Down Syndrome New South Wales](#) Harris Park , New South Wales , Australia

Queensland

- [Down Syndrome Association of Queensland](#) Stafford , Queensland , Australia

South Australia

- [Down Syndrome Society of South Australia](#) Greenacres , South Australia , Australia

Western Australia

- [Down Syndrome Association of Western Australia](#) South Perth , Western Australia , Australia

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Consolidation of Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws

the Attorney-General and Minister for Finance and Deregulation launched a public discussion paper to seek community views on consolidating Commonwealth anti-discrimination law. The project to consolidate existing Commonwealth anti-discrimination law into a single Act is a key component of [Australia's Human Rights Framework](#).

The Government is conscious that anti-discrimination law has become too complex and it is important that people are able to easily understand their rights and obligations. In considering options for reform, the Government will keep the following principles in mind:

- a reduction in complexity and inconsistency in regulation to make it easier for individuals and businesses to understand their rights and obligations under the legislation
- no reduction in existing protections in federal anti-discrimination legislation
- ensuring simple, cost-effective mechanisms for resolving complaints of discrimination, and
- clarifying and enhancing protections where appropriate.

The Government has committed to introducing new protections against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination as part of this process.

Discussion paper

The discussion paper sets out some of the key issues and questions relating to the existing anti-discrimination framework.

- [Consolidation of Anti-Discrimination Laws - Discussion Paper \[DOC 789KB\]](#)
- [Consolidation of Anti-Discrimination Laws - Discussion Paper \[PDF 372KB\]](#)

Background

Commonwealth anti-discrimination law is currently contained in four separate pieces of legislation, namely the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Age Discrimination Act 2004*. A fifth, the *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986*, establishes the Australian Human Rights Commission and provides mechanisms for resolving complaints of unlawful discrimination.

On 21 April 2010, the Government announced, as part of Australia's Human Rights Framework, these Acts will be consolidated into a single, comprehensive law.

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Since being formed as the Australian Quadriplegic Association in September 1967 to provide suitable accommodation for young people with severe spinal cord injuries, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia has expanded its services as the need and opportunity arose. These services have been extended to include all people with severe physical disabilities. Read their history for inspiration on how a group of people can create a wonderful organisation. [Our Organisational History](#)

Check out their web site for information about their programs, activities, membership, volunteering and support.

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

17 March 2012

SCIA Independence Expo.

10am – 5pm.

FREE event – all welcome,

Southee Complex, Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park.

The **SCIA Independence Expo** is a unique one day event aimed at giving people living with spinal cord injury, their family and friends access to an extensive range of the most current products, services and resources all under one roof.

<http://scia.org.au/events/independence-expo>

SpinalHub: community website for people with spinal cord injury

SpinalHub is a community website for people with spinal cord injury in Victoria and throughout Australia.

SpinalHub is a joint initiative of several organisations in Victoria who have an interest in supporting the spinal cord injury community.

[Click here to go to SpinalHub.](#)

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GLOBAL – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship

for experienced overseas trained professionals in disability and nursing.

Global has been granted a pre-approved 'Labour Agreement' for the sponsorship of overseas professionals in disability and nursing for 457 work visa for Australia. This approval of Global from the Australian Department of Immigration & Citizenship and the Department of Workplace Relations allows for experienced disability professionals to experience work, travel and life in Australia for up to four years. Global is also a participant in the Employers Nomination Scheme supporting residency applications.

More information available at <http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/immigration.html>

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Children with Disability Australia (CDA) has a new website

Children with Disability Australia (CDA)'s website has been redesigned with a fresh new look and has been updated with information about the organisation as well as providing essential links and information relevant to children and young people with disability in Australia.

[Click here to go to CDA's website.](#)

You can also now follow CDA on Facebook – [click here](#). Get up to date information on what they are up to and on current issues related to children and young people with disability.

CDA is the national peak body which represents children and young people (aged 0-25) with disability and their families. The organisation is an advocacy body with a mandate of building respect, recognition and inclusion for children and young people with disability. The organisation works alongside families of children and young people with disability.

CDA's vision is that children and young people with disability living in Australia are afforded every opportunity to thrive, achieve their potential and that their rights and interests as individuals, members of a family and their community are met. CDA undertakes the following to achieve this:

- Education of national public policy-makers and the broader community about the needs of children and young people with disability.
- Advocacy on behalf of children and young people with disability to ensure the best possible support and services are available from government and the community.
- Inform children and young people with disability, families and care givers about their rights and entitlements to services and support.
- Celebrate the successes and achievements of children and young people with disability.

Membership of CDA is free for young people with disability (18-25 years) and families. Organisational membership is also strongly encouraged for a nominal fee of \$55 pa. To apply for membership [click here to use the new online membership application form](#) or contact CDA, ph (03) 9482 1130 or 1800 222 660 (regional and interstate callers) or email info@cda.org.au

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Economic Impact of Multiple Sclerosis in 2010

An economic impact report released today details the cost of multiple sclerosis (MS) to individuals and the national economy. This neurological disorder, now affects over 21,000 Australians, most commonly young women, and costs an estimated \$1.04 billion per year; an increase of \$380 million since last evaluated in 2005.

The report, the *Economic Impact of Multiple Sclerosis in 2010*, was conducted by Covance together with Menzies Research Institute Tasmania. This is only the second time that the cost of MS has been evaluated, the first being conducted in 2005 by Access Economics.

Professor Andrew Palmer, Head of Health Economics at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania said it highlighted important trends which could be addressed. The report looked at prevalence increase, medication and caring costs and importantly loss of employment. 'While some aspects of the findings are as expected, they are nonetheless quite alarming' he said. 'For example, medication is a major part of the direct costs however, as the disease increases in severity, these costs are far outweighed by lost productivity. 'This suggests an approach for the future should be to focus on prevention, the search for a cure and improved treatments. If these can slow or halt the progression of disability it offers to alleviate this burden from the perspective of families living with MS and for the economy as a whole. Public policy that supports people to live productive lives in the community is also of paramount importance,' said Professor Palmer.

MS Australia said the data confirmed that the loss of productivity resulting from people with MS not working was costing the nation millions of dollars, actually nearly half a billion dollars, and results in the most invisible of MS symptoms – financial insecurity. 'We know that after 10 years, 80% of people with MS will lose their jobs, as a result of both the symptoms of the disease and discrimination,' says MS Australia's Manager of Policy and Community Partnerships Mr Alan Blackwood. 'Leadership and innovation is needed from employer group bodies and government to implement early intervention employment programs to support people to remain in employment and also to help companies include flexible working arrangements for people with chronic illnesses like MS. The Productivity Commission Report that recommended the National Disability Insurance Scheme specifically identified the value of early intervention. We hope the research released today will inform the development of the NDIS and help people with MS stay well, working and living with their families well into the future,' said Mr Blackwood.

Jeremy Wright, Executive Director of MS Research Australia (MSRA), who commissioned the report said, 'This report emphasises the need for investment in research and the need to do everything we can to prevent and cure MS. A clinical trial of the preventative benefits of Vitamin D, for example, is now being rolled out, but requires further funding. 'The dollars spent on preventing multiple sclerosis (MS) will pay off in so many ways. Many Australians will be free of MS in the future and Australia's health and social welfare budget has everything to gain,' said Jeremy Wright, Executive Director of MSRA.

MSRA thanks Macquarie Group Foundation for the grant that supported the production of this report.

 [Click here to download report.](#)

[Click here to go to MSRA's website.](#)

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS NEWS

ESCAP - Asia-Pacific Disability Champions Award

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) calls for nominations for the Asia-Pacific Disability Champions Award that recognizes those who have worked in the field of disability rights and have earned public respect in countries in the region. The Champions will be recognized at a special ceremony to be held in conjunction with the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting, above, and participate in a special regional advocacy campaign. Deadline for nominations: 30 April 2012. More information:

<http://www.escapdisabilityaward.net>. ESCAP also launched the "Make the Right Real!" campaign to accelerate the ratification and the implementation of the CRPD. More information: <http://www.maketherightreal.net>.

The NSW Disability Industry Innovation Awards

The NSW Disability Industry Innovation Awards are an initiative of the NSW State Government in partnership with National Disability Services NSW. The awards formally recognise and reward excellence and innovation demonstrated by the people and organisations that make a difference in the lives of people with a disability.

Nominations are now open and will close 5:00pm Friday 20 April 2012.

Award Categories:

- Leadership in promoting community engagement and employment opportunities Award (Individual and Organisation)
- Innovation in independent living Award (Individual and Organisation)
- Excellence in promoting inclusion of children and young people with a disability and their families Award (Individual and Organisation)
- Excellence in regional innovation Award (Organisation)
- Excellence in the use of technology Award (Organisation)
- Excellence in workforce development Award (Organisation)
- Innovative partnerships Award (Organisation)
- Emerging leader Award (Individual nominated by their Organisation)
- Excellence in organisational development Award (Organisation)
- Distinguished service Award (Individual)

To read the Awards Guide, further information and nomination forms please visit:

<http://www.nds.org.au/projects/article/124>

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Medicines & Other Treatments: Information Portal for mental health consumers & carers

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA), with the support of the MHCA/Pharma Collaboration has developed a Medicines and Other Treatments information portal for mental health consumers and carers looking for information about treatment options in relation to mental illness.

Its purpose is to assist mental health consumers and carers to:

- Connect to useful and trustworthy information about medication and other treatments for mental illness;
- Choose the most appropriate and cost effective treatment (medicine or other) to suit their lifestyle, and;
- Develop the knowledge and skills required to use medications appropriately, safely and to their best effect.

[Click here to go to information portal.](#)

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Australian Government Announcements on NDIS, Early Intervention and Better Start

The Australian Government recently announced it's plans to begin work with the South Australian Government on preparations for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The media release can be viewed here:

www.janmclucas.fahcsia.gov.au/mediareleases/2011/pages/ndis_sa_19dec11.aspx

There was also an announcement on a recent report released by KPMG which purpose was to review the effectiveness of early childhood intervention and to review the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative.

The report recommends that eligibility for the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative should be expanded, that early intervention services be integrated into the development of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and that the model of service effectively links families and children to appropriate early childhood supports in their local communities.

You can access the report by following this link: (PDF)

www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/pubs/policy/early_intervention_review/Documents/childhood_int_effectiveness_report.PDF

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

[Alphabet Kids - From ADD to Zellweger Syndrome](#). A Guide to Developmental, Neurobiological and Psychological Disorders for Parents and Professionals. Robbie Woliver. From ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) to ZS (Zellweger Syndrome), there seems to be an alphabet disorder for almost every behavior, from those caused by serious, rare genetic diseases to more common learning disabilities that hinder children's academic and social progress. [more »](#)

Website Book in Hand, this website is an Australian bookseller that focuses on books and resources for the Autism Spectrum Disorder community. [Click here](#)

[A Multidisciplinary Handbook of Child and Adolescent Mental Health for Front-line Professionals](#) 2nd edition. Nisha Dogra, Andrew Parkin, Fiona Gale and Clay Frake. This fully updated edition of A Multidisciplinary Handbook of Child and Adolescent Mental Health for Front-line Professionals is an accessible introduction to child mental health, covering the nature, prevalence, treatment and management of mental health problems in children and young people. [more »](#)

Disability and the Millenium Development Goals publication in print

The print version of "Disability and the Millennium Development Goals: A Review of the MDG Process and Strategies for Inclusion of Disability Issues in Millennium Development Goal Efforts" is now available for distribution. Please send us your mailing address if you wish to receive a printed copy. The on-line version and further information on disability and the MDGs is available at: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1470>.

[Survival Strategies for Parenting Children with Bipolar Disorder](#). Innovative Parenting and Counseling Techniques for Helping Children with Bipolar Disorder and the Conditions That May Occur With It. George T. Lynn. 'A definitive guide covering all aspects of Bipolar in children, from spotting the symptoms to getting the correct interventions to help cope with the condition. This book explains the Biological causes and helps to separate the symptoms from those of other conditions including, Tourettes, Aspergers and ADHD, whilst acknowledging that the conditions can appear as co-morbid in some children.... [more »](#)

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[Framework for Early Intervention and Prevention, Lifelong Planning, and Increasing Independence and Social Participation Strategies](#)

Under the NDA, all Governments agreed to concentrate initial efforts on ten identified priority areas to underpin the policy directions and achieve reforms in the disability service system. This Framework provides a conceptual structure to assist jurisdictions in addressing priority (f): Early Intervention and Prevention, Lifelong Planning and Increasing Independence and Social Participation Strategies. The NDA commits jurisdictions to develop an Early Intervention and Prevention...

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[Contemporary Disability Service System Summary Report](#)

Prepared for DPRWG by KPMG in May 2009. This report is intended to inform the DPRWG in providing advice to Disability Services Ministers in relation to key components of a modern disability services system. The scope of the project includes: an analysis of the reform directions and perceived positives and limitations of existing disability service systems in Australia; desktop review of international best practice services delivery; analysis of the elements of contemporary disability service...

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Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres

Do you need to know about what community, residential aged care, disability and other support services are available in your area? Online directory of disability services in Australia. Over 30,000 service providers and over 100,000 related services.

http://www9.health.gov.au/ccsd/usr_general/gen_home.cfm

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

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

Current and Future Demand for Disability Services

Prepared by AIHW for DPRWG June 2007. This publication reports the findings of a study the AIHW was commissioned to undertake on levels of unmet demand for specialist disability services funded under the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement. It gives estimates of current levels of unmet demand for accommodation and respite services, community access services, and disability employment services, and presents data and commentary relating to projected future demand and the key factors...

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National Social Housing Survey : a summary of national results

The majority of National Social Housing Survey respondents were either 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with living in either public housing or community housing. In addition, most respondents indicated that the amenity and location of their housing met the needs of their household. These respondents also recorded experiencing 'benefits' from living in social housing—around 90% felt more settled and over two-thirds felt they enjoyed better health. These findings are particularly noteworthy given that social housing is typically targeted at groups such as low income earners, those who were previously homeless and people who are otherwise disadvantaged in the housing market. AIHW catalogue number (AUS141). Available from the internet only. Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Effectiveness of Supported Living in Relation to Shared Accommodation

Prepared by the UNSW Consortium for DPRWG in June 2007. This research project aims to build on existing knowledge, and increase understanding about accommodation services and housing for people with disabilities. The objective is to improve service delivery to people with disabilities. The project entailed two main parts. Part 1 (Improving Access to Housing for People with Disabilities), aimed to improve understanding of how people with disabilities access housing in Australia, as well as to...

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The Hospital Dementia Services Project: a study description

The Hospital Dementia Services Project is an innovative mixed-methods study funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council to investigate how health and aged care system factors influence care outcomes for hospital patients with dementia. People with dementia have comparatively high rates of hospitalisation and longer hospital stays which has an impact on their physical and mental wellbeing. The project focuses on patients aged 50 or over who had an overnight stay in a public hospital in New South Wales during 2006-07. This publication describes the project's objectives and design features. AIHW catalogue number (AGE67). Available from the internet only. Click on the link to view the [report](#).

Randomized Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy of Cognitive Therapy for Low-Functioning Patients With Schizophrenia

Paul M. Grant; Gloria A. Huh; Dimitri Perivoliotis; Neal M. Stolar; Aaron T. Beck

Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2012; 69:121-127. Cognitive therapy can be successful in promoting clinically meaningful improvements in functional outcome, motivation, and positive symptoms in low-functioning patients with significant cognitive impairment. [ABSTRACT](#) | [FULL TEXT](#) | [PDF](#)

Juvenile justice in Australia 2009-10

In Australia, around 7,250 young people were under juvenile justice supervision on any given day in 2009-10. These young people spent, on average, a total of 6 months under supervision during 2009-10. Most (86%) were under community-based supervision, with the remainder in detention, and almost half of those under supervision in 2009-10 had never been in detention. This report presents information on the characteristics of young people under community-based supervision and in detention and the type and length of their supervision. AIHW catalogue number (JUV8). Available from CanPrint for \$35 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

Brain Anatomy and Its Relationship to Behavior in Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Multicenter Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study

Christine Ecker; John Suckling; Sean C. Deoni; Michael V. Lombardo; Ed T. Bullmore; Simon Baron-Cohen; Marco Catani; Peter Jezzard; Anna Barnes; Anthony J. Bailey; Steven C. Williams; Declan G. M. Murphy; for the MRC AIMS Consortium. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 2012; 69:195-209. Adults with ASD have distributed differences in brain anatomy and connectivity that are associated with specific autistic features and traits. These results are compatible with the concept of autism as a syndrome characterized by atypical neural "connectivity." [ABSTRACT](#) | [FULL TEXT](#) | [PDF](#)

Government-funded specialist homelessness services: SAAP National Data Collection annual reports 2010-11

Government-funded specialist homelessness services: SAAP National Data Collection annual report 2010-11: Australia presents the 2010-11 data on the use of government-funded specialist homelessness services.

In 2010-11, an estimated 230,500 people (equivalent to 1 in 97 Australians) used specialist homelessness services. Young people, families and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continued to be significant users of services. The most common reasons why people sought support were interpersonal relationship issues (such as domestic or family violence); accommodation-related issues (such as being evicted); and financial issues (such as having insufficient money to pay for accommodation, food, bills or other essentials).

This national report is accompanied by eight state and territory supplementary reports, which include data specific to each state and territory and a summary of key results and a separate appendix.

Click to view the [media release](#) and follow the links below to view the individual reports.

[National report \(HOU 250\)](#)

[Appendix \(HOU 251\)](#)

[Queensland \(HOU 254\)](#)

[New South Wales \(HOU 252\)](#)

[Victoria \(HOU 253\)](#)

[Australian Capital Territory \(HOU 258\)](#)

[South Australia \(HOU 256\)](#)

[Tasmania \(HOU 257\)](#)

[Western Australia \(HOU 255\)](#)

[Northern Territory \(HOU 259\)](#)

Disability data and statistics at the next Statistical Commission

In conjunction with the 43rd Session of the Statistical Commission (28 February to 2 March 2012), a panel discussion will be organized by DESA on 1 March in collaboration with other stakeholders under the theme "Disability data and statistics for inclusive development: next steps for action at global, regional and national levels". The panel will discuss the importance of data and statistics on disability to promote inclusive development policy and programming at all levels. It will review existing recommendations for improving the availability and quality of data on disability. The panelists will also look at the experience of countries in collecting data and statistics on disability and explore the role of international cooperation in promoting internationally comparable data and statistics on disability. More information: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=46&pid=1593>.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSES

ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY up dated

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
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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Community MindED

Under the National Suicide Prevention Strategy and the National Mental Health Strategy, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing funded the development of this mental health promotion and suicide prevention resource for VET teachers called *Community MindEd*. The resources have been designed to raise the awareness and develop skills and knowledge of both teachers and learners in relation to mental health and suicide prevention issues. Designed for the community services and health industries, the content of this CD has been mapped to the Certificate IV in Mental Health Work (non clinical) from the CHC02 Community Services Training Package. [Further information](#)

Guide to men's health - The Alfred's Guide to modern diagnostics

This year's men's health booklet focuses on common health tests, what they mean and what to expect.

Health tests and scans play a vital role in helping clinicians understand their patients. With the assistance of Alfred specialists, this guide helps lift the lid on the most common tests from a simple blood test to a CT scan and explains how they work, what to expect (if you are referred for one) and how to prepare.

A copy of the Guide is attached and you can also pick one up for free from the following stores: Bunnings, Pulse Pharmacy, VitaminME, Thomson Real Estate, The Good Guys Brighton, Clear Water Car Wash and Gazman.

For further information including a link to download 'My Health Mate' a free men's health app please visit the [Father's Day Appeal](#) web site.

Just Like You: A guide to etiquette and communication with people with a disability

This 23 minute DVD features a number of people who offer information and advice on how to communicate effectively and appropriately with people with disabilities. The message, clear and simple, is that people with disabilities would like the same courtesies able bodied people expect extended to them - each of those who feature on the DVD explain why personal questions, invasion of personal space and insensitive remarks and ignorant assumptions are inappropriate. This DVD could be used in a number of ways - it is both instructional for groups or centres wanting to ensure all members of its wider community are treated with respect. It also makes excellent resource material for learning programs wanting to generate critical discussion on how 'difference' is perceived and acted on in the community. Ideas That Work Email: ideas@ideasthatwork.com.au Web: <http://www.ideasthatwork.com.au> Cost: \$100.00 plus postage and handling

[DVD: "How To" Strategies for Intervening With Challenging Individuals](#)

The second volume in this series focuses on strategies to use with individuals whose behavior—while not physically aggressive—is very challenging. The program will give you the "how to" strategies for effectively managing these behaviors with confidence. 21 minutes. Includes 10 Participant Workbooks and Leader's Guide.

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March 2012

National Epilepsy Awareness month <http://www.epilepsyaustralia.net/>

Famous People With Epilepsy <http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish/epilepsy-famous.shtml>

Purple Day 26 March <http://www.epilepsy.org.au/purpleday>

1 – 2 March 2012

3rd Annual NDS-DPV Strength To Strength Conference 2012.

The Sebel, 65 Queens Road, Albert Park, Melbourne. National Disability Services, Disability Professionals Victoria.
<http://www.strengthtostrengthconference.com/>

4 – 8 March 2012

XIII Pan American Congress of Neurology. La Paz, Bolivia. <http://www.kenes-group.com/Events/xiii-pan-american-congress-of-neurology>

7 – 9 March 2012

28th International Seating Symposium. Vancouver Canada. <http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/iss/>

8 – 10 March 2012

AADDM 2012 Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine. Scientia Centre, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. www.aaddm2012.com

10 – 11 March 2012

2nd Asia Pacific Prader-Willi Syndrome Conference: Building Bridges. Citigate Central Sydney Hotel, Sydney. www.pws.org.au/confcontact.html

12 March 2012

Inaugural World Down Syndrome Day. <http://www.inclusive.org.br/?p=21921>

12 – 14 March 2012

Conference on Disability – Inclusive MDGs and Aid Effectiveness. United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand. <http://www.icint.org/?lid=5732>

14 - 20 March 2012

Brain Awareness Week – BrainAware

15 - 16 March 2012

Better Practice Conference Hobart. Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency. Inquiries: betterpractice@accreditation.org.au Web site <http://www.accreditation.org.au/education/better-practice-2012/>

16 - 17 March 2012

5th Primary Mental Health Care Conference. Canberra, ACT, Australia. <http://www.acmhn.org/news-a-events/events/acmhn-events/calendar-2012.html>

16 - 17 March 2012

7th Annual Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference. La Jolla, California, USA. <http://www.scripps.org/events/brain-injury-rehabilitation-conference>

17 March 2012

SCIA Independence Expo. 10am – 5pm. Southee Complex, Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park. <http://scia.org.au/events/independence-expo>

19 – 22 March 2012

1st World Congress on Healthy Ageing. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. www.healthyageing.org

20 – 23 March 2012

Aged Care Queensland State Conference & Trade Exhibition 2012. Jupiters, Gold Coast. www.acqi.org.au/

21 - 24 March 2012

Young Child with Special Needs Conference. Las Vegas, USA. <http://contemporaryforums.com/Live-CE-Conferences/2012/The-Young-Child-with-Special-Needs/>

21 - 25 March 2012

Ninth World Congress on Brain Injury 2012. Edinburgh, Scotland. <http://www.internationalbrain.org/?q=node/159>

22 - 23 March 2012

International Symposium About Current Issues & Controversies in Psychiatry. Barcelona, Spain. <http://www.geyseco.es/controversias/index.php?idioma=en>

22 - 25 March 2012

9th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress. Manila, Phillipines. International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE). www.epilepsymanila2012.org

24 - 25 March 2012

Pacific Rim International Forum. Centre on Disability Studies (CDS), University of Hawaii. Information. Charmaine Crockett prinfo@hawaii.edu

25 – 31 March 2012

NSW Senior s Week

25 March 2012

RCNA Nursing and Health Expo. Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Royal College of Nursing Australia.
<http://www.rcna.org.au/WCM/RCNA/Events/nursing-and-health-expos/rcna/events/nursing-and-health-expos/nsw.aspx>

26 - 27 March 2012

Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity. Honolulu, Hawaii Convention Center.
<http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/>

26 - 27 March 2012

3rd Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference. Melbourne. <http://daru.tysonarmstrong.com/strengthening-disability-advocacy-conference>

26 - 28 March 2012

Aged Care Summit Australia. Sydney. <http://www.terrapinn.com/conference/aged-care-summit-australia/index.stm>

26 - 28 March 2012

Retirement Communities World. Dockside Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney.
http://www.terrapinn.com/2012/retirementcommunitiesworld/?pk_campaign=Terr-Listing&pk_kwd=australiasia

26 March 2011

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness – Epilepsy Australia

28 - 29 March 2012

Improving Social Determinants of Indigenous Health. Novotel, Darling Harbour, Sydney.
<http://improvingindigenoushealth.com/>

29 - 30 March 2012

ACOSS National Conference 2012. Australian Technology Park, Sydney, Australia. Australian Council of Social Services. http://acoss.org.au/whats_on/conference/acoss_national_conference_2012/

29 - 30 March 2012

21st Anniversary Medico Legal Congress. Sydney Marriott Hotel. <http://www.iir.com.au/conferences/contracts-legal/medico-legal-congress>

30 March 2012

8th Annual GWS Mental Health Nurses Conference. The Sebel, 350 Church St, Parramatta, NSW, Australia.
http://www.acmhn.org/images/stories/Branches/NSW/media/gws_conference_cfa_2012.pdf

1 – 3 April 2012

Allied Health Professionals Australia National Conference. Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton, Canberra, Australian Capitol Territory. AHPA. Australian Psychological Society. Allied Health Professions Australia. Australian Sonographers Association. Australian Osteopathic Association. Speech Pathology Australia. Audiological Society of Australia. Dietitians Association of Australia. Exercise and Sports Science Australia. Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health. <http://www.alliedhealthconference.com.au/>

2 April 2012

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

7 April 2012

World Health Day (WHO) <http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en/>

11 April 2012

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

15 April 2012

RCNA Nursing and Health Expo. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Royal College of Nursing Australia.
<http://www.rcna.org.au/WCM/RCNA/Events/nursing-and-health-expos/rcna/events/nursing-and-health-expos/qld.aspx>

16 – 18 April 2012

National Young Onset Convention – Parkinson's Disease. Sydney Conference & Training Centre, Ingleside.
<http://parkinsonsnsw.org.au/events/young-onset-convention/>

16 – 18 April 2012

8th International Conference on Psychiatry Comorbidity within Psychiatric disorders and Medical Illnesses. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
http://jed.sghgroup.com.sa/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=225&Itemid=42&lang=en

18 – 20 April 2012

ISAD 2012 – International Society for Affective Disorders 6th Biennial Conference. London, UK.
<http://www.kenes-group.com/Events/international-society-for-affective-disorders-6th-biennial-conference-isad-2012-2>

18 – 21 April 2012

Psychiatric Nursing Conference. Philadelphia, PA. USA. <http://contemporaryforums.com/Live-CE-Conferences/2012/Psychiatric-Nursing-2012-Philadelphia/>

19 – 20 April 2012

Inaugural Homelessness Research Conference. Jasper Hotel, Melbourne. AHURI and RMIT University.
www.ahuri.edu.au

19 – 20 April 2012

ATAC 2012. Information Technology in Aged Care Conference. Melbourne Park Function Centre.
www.cvent.com/events/information-technology-in-aged-care-itac-2012

23 April 2012

1st Annual Conference for ICAMHS Research and Clinical Practice Child Development & Mental Health. Liverpool NSW. angela.rebolledo@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

23 - 24 April 2012

Education and Mental Health Conference. Orange NSW. cathie.matthews@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

27 – 29 April, 2012

Spine Society of Australia 2012 23rd Annual Scientific Meeting. The Westin, Sydney.
<http://www.dconferences.com.au/ssa2012/>

28 April 2012

World Day for Safety and Health at Work (ILO) <http://www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday/>

28 April - 1 May 2012

Round Table on Info Access for People with Print Disabilities Conference. Perth, Western Australia.
<http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/printdisability.wordpress.com>

29 April 2012

RCNA Nursing and Health Expo. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Royal College of Nursing Australia.
<http://www.rcna.org.au/WCM/RCNA/Events/Expos/rcna/events/nursing-and-health-expos/information.aspx>

29 April - 3 May 2012

Creating Opportunities For Full Lives For All. Down Under Institute 2012. University of NSW, CBD Campus, Sydney. <http://www.dui.org.au/>

30 April - 3 May 2012

YAI Network 33rd Annual International Conference on Developmental and Learning Disabilities. New York USA. www.yai.org/conference

2 – 3 May 2012

Living Well: Mental Health Across The Life Span Conference. Sydney. Mental Health Association of NSW & Association of Relatives And Friends of the Mentally Ill (ARAFMI). Abstracts must be no longer than 300 words and the deadline for submissions will be Friday 24 February 2012. Please forward all submissions to mha@mentalhealth.asn.au Contact for more information: Kate, Natasha or Liz on 9339 6000.

2 – 5 May 2012

Cosmetex 2012. Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns, Australia. cosmetic surgery and medicine.

www.cosmetex.org/cairns2012/

3 May 2012

Living Loving & Dementia Workshop for Professionals. Hamilton, NSW. 9.30am – 4.30pm. Hunter Dementia & Memory Resource Centre, 2 Percy St, Hamilton, NSW. Alzheimer's Australia. To Register call 02 4962 7000

3 – 4 May 2012

Accommodation & Social Participation Conference 2012. Hilton Adelaide. National Disability Services, NDS.

<http://www.nds.org.au/events/1317948204>

3 – 6 May 2012

20th European Congress of Psychiatry. Prague, Czech Republic. <http://www.kenes.com/epa/>

3 – 6 May 2012

8th International Congress on Mental Dysfunction & Other Non-Motor Features in Parkinsons Disease and Related Disorders. Berlin, Germany. <http://www2.kenes.com/MDPD2012/Pages/home.aspx>

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