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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

COMMUNITY SERVICES & HEALTH JOBS GROWTH

Community Services & Health sector is the fastest growing sector and projected to give rise to over 170,000 new jobs between now and 2012.

The community services and health sector is the country's 3rd largest employer with over 1,000,000 people employed across over 350 occupations.

New labour market information DEWR Australian Jobs 2007

Australian Jobs 2007 is designed to help Australians find up-to-date information on the job they want. It provides a guide to the occupations and industries in which Australians work and highlights jobs with good prospects. It also provides information for key job seeker groups - people with disabilities; mature age; youth; Indigenous people and parents on income support, as well as information on accessing employment services and Australian apprenticeships.

[Download the DEWR Australian Jobs 2007 report](#)

[Download DEWR Health Employment Outlook report](#)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

Aged Care Informatics Workshop

Aged Care Informatics is a rapidly growing field that is becoming increasingly important in a country challenged with an ageing population, increasing pressures on hospital services, shortages of carers and increasing consumer expectations. The question it looks to address is how can we effectively use technology to assist in meeting these formidable challenges. The workshop brings together international leaders in aged care to discuss the latest innovations in this field. Hosted by the Health Informatics Society of Australia. Keynote speakers include:

- Eric Dishman, Chair of CAST USA
- Steve Outtrim: Smart Home innovator and founder of sausage software

The workshop will be in 4 parts

- The Ageing Tsunami
- The Move to Homecare
- Technology for Independence and Active Ageing
- The Latest in Innovation

Download the workshop brochure to get all the details

http://hisa.org.au/system/files/u1/Aged_Care_Workshop_Brochure.pdf

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (ASSID)

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

ASSID is a long standing association in the disability field and membership is open to any interested person. Their mission is to enhance the skills, knowledge and commitment of it's members and to facilitate a supportive network in order to enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual or developmental disability. *(Their conferences are excellent and the publications members receive are of a high quality – a great way to keep up to date. Editor)*

The goals of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability are:

- Promote the research and understanding of intellectual disability
- Bring together people with an interest in the field of intellectual disability
- Promote high standards of practice in the field of intellectual disability

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Journal of Policy & Practice in Intellectual Disabilities

Members of ASSID are offered a 40% discount off the personal subscription rate of IASSID's Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disability (JPPID). [Read More...](#)

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Aged care nursing scholarships on offer

The Australian Government will offer scholarships for the 2007 academic year, worth up to \$30,000 each, to boost the skills base of Australia's aged care nursing workforce. Applications for Undergraduate Scholarships close on 25 August 2006, while applications for **Postgraduate-Continuing Education Scholarships close on 22 September 2006.**

Download [Aged Care Nurses Scholarship Offer](#) paper.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship should contact the Royal College of Nursing Australia on 1800 11 66 96 (free call) or see www.rcna.org.au

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS – RECREATION THEME

Exercise Programs Benefit Quality of Life for Residents suffering Dementia Leeanne Dove Aged & Community Services Conference 2007 powerpoint presentation

<http://www.agedservices.asn.au/docs/products/Leeanne%20Dove.pdf>

Recreational & recreation respite services (some links-try Google for more):-

Lyndwood Supported Disability Holidays & Day Outings (supported by Registered Disability Nurses)
www.lyndwoodtours.com.au/

[Uniting Care -Supported Living](#) Ashfield NSW

[WHIRLS Westlink Recreation & Leisure Service](#) Rooty Hill

[J & P Australian Getaway Tours](#) Accessible tours and coach hire for people with disabilities and older people. A registered nurse accompanies each tour.

[Brain Injury Respite & Development Services \(BIRDS\)](#) Hunter Hill NSW,

[North West Disability Services Inc-HADPAC](#) Baulkham Hills NSW

[Wheelchairs to Go - Sydney](#) Provision of escorted shopping/sightseeing tours, to genuinely accessible places of interest for the wheelchair dependent and mobility impaired traveller to Sydney, as well as wheelchair rentals and sales.

[ANIXI group](#) Kogarah NSW

[Acquired Brain Injury Group 'SEEKERS'](#) Richmond NSW

[YMCA Integrated Programs \(Sydney\)](#) The Integrated Program's 'Leisure Options' involves periodic local, interstate and even overseas trips and excursions, with trips predominantly planned and organised by the program participants themselves.

[BANC Disability Projects](#) Blackheath NSW

[Blue Mountains Recreation and Respite Service Inc](#) Springwood NSW

[Recreation, fitness, sport and leisure for people with disability](#)

Links to recreation, sporting and leisure websites for people with disabilities. www.ability.com/links/recreation.php

[Respite Tours Ltd](#) Lawson NSW

[Westlink Head Injury Recreation and Leisure Service](#) Rooty Hill NSW

[Headway Albury Wodonga](#) Wodonga

NSW Sport and Recreation's Sport Unit for Athletes with a Disability offers programs which provide quality sport services for people with a disability. www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/active/as_pwd.asp

[The Leisure Company Integrated Recreation Incorporated](#) Wagga Wagga NSW

Linmar Travel Consultancy takes people with disabilities on day trips and holidays. See website: www.linmartravel.com.au or phone Maryanne on 0413387099

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

Dementia

A manual to assist carers to modify the home to maintain the independence of a person with dementia
<http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Publications+and+policies/Carers/>

Physical Health of adults with Intellectual Disabilities.

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[http://www.iassid.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=books&file=index&bkid=2&title=Physical Health of adults with Intellectual Disabilities.](http://www.iassid.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=books&file=index&bkid=2&title=Physical_Health_of_adults_with_Intellectual_Disabilities)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Health Services Union

Aged Care Policy <http://hsu.net.au/publications/a.html>

Mental Health Policy <http://hsu.net.au/publications/f.html>

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Policy <http://hsu.net.au/publications/q.html>

Occupational Health and Safety Policy <http://hsu.net.au/publications/er.html>

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GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

Family Support & Welfare Services

Family support services offer a range of welfare support programs for different members of the family and are a good contact for information on other community resources and programs.

http://www.pwp-hills.org/welfaredirectory_familysupport.htm

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Equipment and Modifications Fund

The Equipment and Modifications Fund was established in 2005 to assist people to participate in the Community Participation and Transition to Work Programs. It helps to remove some of the physical barriers to participation by contributing to the cost of assistive equipment and technology or building modifications.

The assistive equipment and technology should be supplementary and additional to any funding provided or available to the service or the individual through other programs. It should not duplicate support provided through these programs. Specifically, this fund does not provide equipment or modifications that are funded from any other NSW or Australian Government program (e.g. the Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP), Continence Aids Assistance Scheme), etc.

Examples of assistive equipment and technology that can be funded under the Equipment and Modifications Fund include:

Category of Equipment	Examples
Communication aids	Communication devices. Computer based communication aids and software, equipment for alternative format information.
Aids to nutrition	Specialised equipment for eating and drinking (not provided by a service user).
Mobility aids	Reclining chairs, standing equipment and portable ramps. Vehicle hoists
Seating equipment	Specialised car seats, seating systems.
Personal care aids	Raised toilet seat, hand held showers.
Transfer aids	Lifting hoists, turntables, and hoists for transferring people.
Vehicle modification	A hoist and safety harnesses for a wheelchair.
Assistive technology	Screen reading software, voice activated software, Zoom Text.

Guidelines in PDF format are downloadable from [GUIDELINES](#)

Application Form in PDF format downloadable at [APPLICATION](#)

[Disability sport and athletes with a disability \(AWD\) - NSW Sport](#) Grants

NSW Sport and Recreation offers three different grant programs to assist athletes with a disability and those involved in delivering sport and recreation ...

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/finance/f_awd.asp

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

A small selection of some conference papers freely available of the ASSID web site at

<http://www.assid.org.au/ConferencePapers/tabid/73/Default.aspx>

[The Predictors of Empowerment for Parents and Carers of People with Intellectual Disabilities Within the Direct Consumer Funding Model](#)

Dr Angus Buchanan Director, Metropolitan Services Co-ordination, Disability Services Commission, Adjunct Associate Professor, Curtin University of Technology, WA

[Initial Investigation of Organisational Factors Relevant to Implementing Active Support](#)

Dr Chris Fyffe Jeffrey McCubbery Disability Consultants, Fyffe and McCubbery Consultants, Vic

[The Value of Health Care Planning for People with Disabilities: A Formative Evaluation](#)

Dr Sarah Mott Research Consultant, Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney, NSW

[Writing a Journal Article: Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Editor's Workshop](#)

Professor Roger Stancliffe Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney, NSW

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Graduate Certificate in Mental Health (Older Person)

NSW Institute of Psychiatry

See there Student Handbook 2007 <http://www.nswiop.nsw.edu.au/pages/handbook/index.php>

The Certificate Program provides an overview of mental illness and disorders in old age. Content includes assessment, treatment, types of services and current research. Students will gain theoretical knowledge and practical skills for assessment and management of clients in the field of aged care psychiatry.

Students complete 24 credit points (four core units). Ageing and Health: SCO511
Psychological Disorders of the Older Person Part A: SCO512
Psychological Disorders of the Older Person Part B: SCO513
Legal, Service, Management Issues and Evaluation: SCO514

A one-week course block where attendance at the Institute is required.

Further inquiries contact Erica Khattar on 9840 3833 for further information

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

Some helpful practical information for carers of people who have dementia published by the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care (DADHC). This information would also be helpful for residential care workers and nurses in the dementia care area as well as community workers supporting families. Editor.

Dementia

A manual to assist carers to modify the home to maintain the independence of a person with dementia. [at home with dementia](#) Available FREE as a downloadable pdf document.

Dementia in the Home Environment Help Sheets

- [Introduction](#)
- [Outside the Home](#)
- [Living Room](#)
- [Bedroom](#)
- [Bathroom](#)
- [Study \(Memory Aids\)](#)
- [Kitchen](#)
- [Furnishings and Decor](#)
- [Laundry](#)
- [Utilities](#)
- [New Housing and Renovations](#)
- [Health and Safety for Carers](#)
- [Creating a calming environment](#)
- [Pets](#)
- [The building](#)
- [Useful resources](#)

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Residential Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care (Agency Casual Work)

Email: Employment@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

We are a growing casual staff agency offering a variety of shifts to care workers throughout Sydney and surrounding suburbs. Currently we are seeking experienced care workers to work with people who have a disability. Plenty of shifts available. Weekly pay. Choose your own days & shift availability. Must have previous experience in a similar role. Drivers License and First Aid Certificate required. Ability to communicate effectively with people who have a disability is essential. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information contact Danielle Wakelin on 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: Danielle@globaladvantage.org

Specialist Lecturers in Disability, Aged & Dementia Care, Mental Health (sessional sub-contract lecturing.) (Global Advantage Education Services)

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We are looking for qualified and experienced lecturers in the disability, aged & dementia care, mental health, drug & alcohol, social welfare, health & nursing areas. Expand your lecturing opportunities by registering yourself with us. Please provide a resume with qualifications, experience (educational & professional) and detail any special seminar or workshop presentations you offer. Join a great team.

Registered Nurses & Endorsed Enrolled Nurses specialised in aged care, disability and mental health (casual agency work)

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As one of the market leaders in the aged care, disability and mental health fields. Global Advantage can offer you plenty of shifts in the private and public aged care, disability, mental health services and dual diagnosis and disability special care areas. An agency founded and run by Registered Nurses, we can assist you in finding work in a variety of locations. Choose the hours and shifts to suit your lifestyle. Must be registered with the NSW Nurses Registration Board. **Excellent pay rates. Weekly pays.** Why not forward your resume to manager@globaladvantage.org or phone to speak to one of our friendly consultants who can help you make that great career move. Free phone: 1800 009 292.

Disability Care Workers - Disability & /or Aged Care (Agency Casual Work)

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We are a growing casual staff agency offering a variety of shifts to care workers throughout Sydney and surrounding suburbs. Currently we are seeking experienced care workers to work with people who have a disability. **Plenty of shifts available. Weekly pay.** Choose your own days & shift availability. Must have previous experience in a similar role. Drivers License and First Aid Certificate required. Cert 3 or 4 in disabilities is an advantage. Ability to communicate effectively with people who have a disability is essential. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information contact Danielle Wakelin on 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: Danielle@globaladvantage.org

Rural & Regional Recruitment & Education Consultants in NSW (sub-contract work)

Email: Marketing@GlobalAdvantage.org **Free phone:** 1800 009 292

Do you have qualifications & experience in disabilities, aged /dementia care, mental health, community services and have human resources experience in recruitment & selection as well as staff induction, training & education – then send us your resume. We are interested in people who can cover major regional and rural areas in NSW.

GLOBAL ABC HEALTH NEWS

GLOBAL RISK FACTORS FOR CANCER (ABC Health Minutes: 15/08/2007) Researchers have identified nine causes of cancer worldwide - smoking, alcohol, obesity and six others. Over 2.4 million deaths annually are linked to one or more of these preventable risk factors. <http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2000324.htm>

CAUSES OF MACULAR DEGENERATION (ABC Health Minutes: 15/08/2007) Researchers have identified risk factors for macular degeneration – a common cause of vision loss in the elderly. People who eat foods like fruit, whole grains, fish and vegetables have a lower risk, they say. <http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2000328.htm>

PEANUT ALLERGY (ABC Health Report: 13/08/2007) A leading Australian allergy researcher has suggested a simple test for people who are at risk of peanut anaphylaxis. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/healthreport/stories/2007/2001422.htm>

SURVIVING LUNG CANCER (ABC Health Minutes: 15/08/2007) Survival figures for non small cell lung cancer are generally poor – a few months. But a very small proportion of people with the condition survive beyond 10 years. <http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2000322.htm>

CANNABIS AND PSYCHOSIS (ABC Health Minutes: 21/08/2007) A review of the medical literature shows cannabis use is linked to psychotic illness and the more cannabis, the higher the risk.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2005513.htm>

STROKES LATER IN LIFE (ABC Health Minutes: 21/08/2007) The good news about strokes is we're getting them later in life. The bad news is, we're still getting them.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2005495.htm>

THE DANGERS OF A DEADLY TAN (ABC 7.30 Report: 21/08/2007)

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2007/s2011387.htm>

UPDATED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES (ABC Health Report: 20/08/2007) More than ten years after they were first published, the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association have updated their physical activity recommendations for adults.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/healthreport/stories/2007/2010834.htm>

ASTHMA RISK AT WORK (ABC Health Minutes: 21/08/2007) Occupational exposure is a common and underestimated cause of asthma, a study shows.

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2005527.htm>

NEW TREATMENT FOR STRESS INCONTINENCE (ABC Health Minutes: 21/08/2007)

Austrian surgeons have come up with a new treatment for stress incontinence which involves injecting cells into the wall of the urethra. <http://www.abc.net.au/health/minutes/stories/s2005499.htm>

NATURAL HRT - MAGIC BULLET OR CLEVER CON? (ABC Catalyst: 16/08/2007) The development of hormone replacement therapy, or HRT, has helped to relieve the symptoms associated with this inevitable phase of life and recent developments in production techniques have seen the emergence and promotion of so called 'natural' hormones. But with rising evidence that some users have suffered near fatal side-effects, some doctors are saying women are being conned into thinking that natural means safe.

<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/s2006092.htm>

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

2 – 9 September 2007

Parkinson's Awareness Week - Parkinson's NSW, 1800 644 189, pnsw@parkinsonsnsw.org.au, www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au

4-7 September 2007

17th Annual The Mental Health Services Conference - Looking Toward Excellence in Mental Health Care in 2020 Melbourne, Vic. The Mental Health Services (TheMHS) Conference is an international mental health educational forum, attracting over 1000 mental health clinicians, managers, consumers, carers, families, researchers, educators and policy makers, annually. The conference also includes the presentation of the Mental Health Achievement Awards. *Further information:* The Mental Health Services Conference website - www.themhs.org; Phone: (02) 9810 8733

5 – 8 September 2007

Seventh Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) World Assembly. South Korea. <http://v1.dpi.org/lang-en/resources/details.php?page=810>

12-14 September 2007

Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine Conference 2007, at Holiday Inn, Adelaide. This conference will be for everyone with an interest in the health of people with developmental disability, health research, practice and ethics. Further information about the conference <http://www.ncoss.org.au/mail/email-promotion-april-07.pdf> or visit the conference website <http://www.plevin.com.au/AADDM2007>

14 September 2007

Urological Management of Spinal Cord Injured Patient. Current Concepts, Future Prospects. National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, UK. Contact admin@iscos.org.uk

15 – 22 September 2007

AD/HD Awareness Week - Learning and Attention Disorders Society WA, 08 9346 7544, lads@cnsa.com, www.ladswa.com.au

17 – 23 September 2007

National Stroke Week - National Stroke Foundation, 03 9670 1000, admin@strokefoundation.com.au , www.strokefoundation.com.au

20 – 21 September 2007

NZ ASID Conference Austrasian Society for Study of Intellectual Disability. Brentwood Hotel 16 Kemp Street Kilbirnie WELLINGTON New Zealand
<http://www.assid.org.au/Portals/0/Branches/Registration%20Form%20NZAnnualConf%20July%2007.pdf>

22 – 23 September 2007

ASSID Disability Support Worker Conference Commerce and Economics Building (Building 148) University Of Melbourne Victoria <http://www.courses.as.rmit.edu.au/psychology/dsw07>

24 -25 September 2007

Enrolled Nurses Conference. Flying High. Penrith Panthers. Internet <http://www.enpansw.org.au/conf.html>
Registration From <http://www.enpansw.org.au/2007reg.pdf>

25 –30 September 2007

Deafblind International World Conference – Perth
Internet www.dbiconference2007.asn.au

26-27 September 2007

Accessible Arts Conference Arts Activated

Venue: Sydney Conservatorium of Music The Arts Activated Conference is the first of its kind to be held in NSW and is being organised by Accessible Arts, the peak arts and disability organisation across New South Wales, in partnership with The Spastic Centre. www.thespasticcentre.com.au/artsactivated/index.htm

28-30 September 2007

Australian Association For Special Education 2007 National Conference "Teachers Make It Happen: From Research to Classrooms" Crowne Plaza Hotel Coogee Sydney, NSW
http://www.aase.edu.au/2005_National_Conference.htm Phone (02) 9744 5252

2-11 October 2007

2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games Shanghai, China
http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Compete/World_Games/2007_World_Summer_Games/default.htm

01 October 2007

International Day of Older Persons - United Nations, 02 6273 8200, unic@un.org.au, www.un.org

06 October 2007

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day - Palliative Care Australia, 02 6232 4433, pcainc@pallcare.org.au, www.pallcare.org.au

10 October 2007

World Mental Health Day - United Nations, 02 6273 8200, unic@un.org.au, www.un.org

13 – 19 October 2007

National Week for Deaf People - Australian Association of the Deaf, 07 3357 8277, peter.davies@aad.org.au, www.aad.org.au

17 - 18 October 2007

Medical Technology And Innovation 2007 - Building Better Healthcare In Australia

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Sydney, NSW. Contact: Anna Karelak Phone: (02) 9467 6506 Fax: (02) 9437 3177 Email: akarelak@miaa.org.au Web: www.miaa.org.au

25- 26 October 2007

Family Advocacy Conference - The Odyssey - A Journey of Enrichment and Possibility Mercure Sydney, 818 0820 George Street, Sydney Cost: range of prices from \$140 - \$390 depending on category. Contact Family Advocacy for further details: 02 9869 0866 or freecall 1800 620 588 Email: conference@family-advocacy.com
Internet www.family-advocacy.com

5 - 8 November 2007

42nd Australasian ASSID Conference InTune : Activity Citizenship and Community Engagement Australian Society for Study of Intellectual Disability. Esplanade Hotel FREMANTLE Western Australia. For further information please contact : assidconference@dsc.wa.gov.au
Internet <http://www.strongercommunities.curtin.edu.au/assid2007/index.htm>

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