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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

New mental health web site launched

The Australian Government has launched a comprehensive web site that provides up-to-date information on mental health and wellbeing, including information on the Government's mental health programs. The new site, Mental Health and Wellbeing web, is a one-stop shop for important information on Government health programs, funding opportunities, publications, and policies. It's the result of collaboration between the Departments of Health and Ageing; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Education, Science and Training; Employment and Workplace Relations; and Veterans' Affairs. Visit <http://www.mentalhealth.gov.au>

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

New D-Ability Web Site

The d-ability.org website, recently launched by the Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre, provides information about a wide range of accessible travel, holiday and leisure activities for people with disability. There may be information there that could benefit your clients – so check it out.

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission recently released a discussion paper on accessibility issues faced by people with disability and older Australians in using consumer electronics and other household appliances: **The Overlooked Consumers**, available on HREOC's website at http://www.humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/consumer/overlooked.htm .

The paper discusses problems in the design of everyday appliances, but also identifies problems which should be easier to fix if information is available to consumers about the accessibility features of different products. They will work with consumer protection authorities including the ACCC, and with industry groups, to give consumers with disabilities a fairer go.

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

NDS - National Disability Services promoting the development of quality services and life opportunities for Australians with disabilities.

NDS is the national industry association for disability services, representing over 600 not-for-profit organisations. Collectively, their members operate several thousand services for Australians with all types of disability. NDS's members range in size from small support groups to large multi-service organisations, and are located in every State and Territory across Australia. They have a national body and very active state branches.

Check out their web site at <http://www.nds.org.au>

**The NDS NSW Branch have organized a must go to event for 2008
NDS NSW State Conference. Making It Happen – The New Deal (for disability
services) 18-19 February 2008 – Sydney.**

The capacity of non-government disability services will be tested by the substantial growth funding delivered in the NSW 2007-2008 Budget. The Budget confirmed future expenditure under the Stronger Together 10-year plan for disability services in NSW. Similarly, the Australian Government has provided new disability funding of \$101 million over five years for additional support to Disability Business Services. By February 2008, the disability services sector will have a better picture of how we are utilizing budget enhancements and **'Making it Happen'** for people with disability. Hear in detail at the conference about the future of our NSW disability services. **[Global Advantage is proud to be the headline Platinum sponsor for this event. So we will see you there.]**

Conference web site: <http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/2008conference.htm>

[Also a great networking opportunities for staff, consumers, board members and managers in the disability field in NSW- at the conference meet those who are making it happen for disability services – be informed of what the future will be – Ed.]

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GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Australian Postgraduate Awards

To enhance research training opportunities in the higher education sector, the [Australian Postgraduate Awards \(APA\)](#) provides scholarship support to postgraduate students of exceptional promise who undertake their higher degree by research at an eligible Australian provider.

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New Lifeline national website

Lifeline Australia's new national web site is now up on the web. The redeveloped website enables people seeking help to go online to access information and resources, including self-help services.

Lifeline currently answers about half a million calls on its **13 11 14** number each year from Australians. This is an average of 1200 calls a day. This new improved website provides vital information on suicide prevention, support services, Lifeline training programs and additional details on how to get involved. Visit www.lifeline.org.au

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

Check out these Commonwealth Government Publications

[Auslan Report - Report on Supply and Demand for Auslan Interpreters](#)

- [Better Employment Practices \(Commonwealth Disability Strategy\)](#)
- [Better Information and Communication Practices \(Commonwealth Disability Strategy\)](#)
- [Better Physical Access \(Commonwealth Disability Strategy\)](#)

[Continuous Improvement Handbook \(for Disability Employment Services\)](#)

[disAbility e-news](#)

- [Inclusive Consultation \(Commonwealth Disability Strategy\)](#)

[Mobility Allowance](#)

- [National Disability Abuse & Neglect Hotline Brochure](#)
 - [National Disability Advocacy Program](#)
 - [National Disability Conference Funding Program](#)
 - [National Information and Captioning Services](#)
 - [National Standards for Disability Services](#)

 - [Planning for the Future: people with disabilities](#)
 - [Print Disability and Postal Concessions for the Blind Review Report](#)
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- [Quality Assurance system for Disability Employment Services](#)
 - [Quality Assurance Handbook for Disability Employment Services](#)
 - [Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement Handbooks for Disability Employment Services](#)
 - [Respite for Carers of Young People with a Disability Brochure](#)
 - [Respite for Carers of Young People with Severe or Profound Disabilities](#)
 - [Rural and Remote Disability Employment Assistance Study](#)
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- [Special Disability Trusts: getting things sorted](#)
 - [Sterilisation of women and young girls with an intellectual disability: report to the Senate, 6 December 2000](#)

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

Position Paper on the Atlanto-axial Instability in Persons with Down Syndrome issued by the National Down Syndrome Congress USA.

[Atlanto-axial Instability in Persons with Down Syndrome: Guidelines for Screening](#)
(Issued February 1991)

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GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

[Community Services \(LINCS\)](#)

Information maintained in this database contains information about support services available for people with disability and people with age related disability, their families and carers. The database is a collaborative community services directory which includes IDEAS specialist disability entries and incorporates services available to the broader community. *Managed by IDEAS.*

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

Accommodation and Support Service Re-auspice - Northern Region DADHC.07.92

[Cover Letter](#)
[Information for Applicants](#)
[Specification](#)
[Application Form](#)
[Confidentiality Agreement](#)

Aboriginal Home Maintenance and Modification Service (Multi Service Outlet) DADHC.07.90

[Cover Letter](#)
[Information for Applicants](#)
[Specification](#)
[Application Form](#)

Accommodation Support and Community Based Activities Boarding House Reform Program DADHC.07.71

[Covering Letter](#)
[Confidentiality Agreement](#)
[Information for Applicants](#)
[Specifications - Accommodation Support](#)
[Specifications - Community Based Activity](#)
[Application Form](#)

[Why not regularly check out the NSW DADHC web site for new funding opportunity announcements at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au Ed.]

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

[Hyperhomocysteinemia in children treated with anti-epileptic drugs is normalised by folic acid supplementation](#)

Huemer M et al

[Disability Services Census](#)

Information on the type and location of all government funded disability services and the characteristic of people using the services.

Social Research

Read an overview of recent research findings. Research plays a dynamic role within The Benevolent Society. They apply research findings and evidence to our own services, and it is a key tool in helping us to achieve their purpose of creating caring, inclusive communities and a just society.

The Benevolent Society partners with a range of individuals and organisations to conduct research. The [Research Snapshot Volume 2](#) summarises the findings from recent projects. By producing regular compilations of our research findings, we hope to increase mutual understanding of how we work with communities and provide inspiration to continue expanding our research horizons.

[Read more](#) about The Benevolent Society's research and social policy activities.

Some content of their latest edition:-

Social capital Creating better communities part two: A study of social capital creation in four communities

Volunteering V21: Enhancing volunteering for the 21st Century

Community participation and health Community building and health: Lessons from two communities on the NSW Central Coast

Response to Forgotten Australians Living at Scarba Home for children

Evaluation A participatory model of evaluation of counselling and natural therapies services

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE

Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing

University of Technology Sydney

This course is designed to provide registered nurses with the knowledge, expertise and competencies for advanced practice in mental health nursing. 1 yr PT

[Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing](#) (C11106v3)

GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

[DVD and Manual - 'Building Foundations - autism: your child, your family'](#)

This 30-minute DVD and detailed manual is for families who have recently had a child diagnosed with autism. It features families and service providers talking about their experiences. It provides information about autism to families and the people who work with their children and shows some simple strategies parents can use to help their child.

The information includes; 'what is autism?', 'after the diagnosis', 'helping communication', 'play and social interaction' and 'managing behaviour'. The DVD is available in 7 languages. **Click here for more information, to view the trailer and to order your copy.**

DOWN SYNDROME NEW PARENT GUIDANCE (USA)

This is a kit provided by the National Down Syndrome Congress Centre USA for new parents who have a child who has down syndrome. Check out the links back to their web site for copies of the kit. These may be helpful for community workers and respite centre workers involved with families.

[Down Syndrome Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

[Facts about Down Syndrome](#)

[Baby is a Baby First](#)

[Language Guidelines](#)

[Bibliography 2007](#)

[Your Baby and Down Syndrome \(PDF\)](#)

[New Parent / Early Intervention Resources \(PDF\)](#)

[Advice For New Parents \(DOC\)](#)

[Healthcare Guidelines \(PDF\)](#)

[Welcome to Holland](#)

[Expectant Parents Info](#)

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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 call 1800 009 292 or forward your resume along with contact details of two referees to: employment@globaladvantage.org

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

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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.

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GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

20-22 January 2008

**Social Educators Association of Australia National Biennial Conference
Making a Difference: Multidimensional Citizenship Education in a Changing World.
Newcastle**

Citizenship is a contested notion in the modern world. National governments struggle to engage their residents in adherence to their national vision. Young children ask why groups within our nation state brawl in the streets under the flags of different countries. Educators at all levels and many persuasions address various aspects of citizenship and the conference theme of multidimensional citizenship (Cogan and Derricott, 1998) provides a forum for a variety of views. [Click here for more information.](#)

22-23 January 2008

Annual Australian Research in Early Childhood Education Conference 2008, Melbourne,
The first joint Australian and New Zealand Research in Early Childhood Conference will be held in 2008. The conference aims to build a community of practice and research among peers in early childhood professions. It also strives to provide a space in which to share research endeavours. For more information, please visit the [conference website](#)

6-8 February 2008

Having A Say Conference for People with Disabilities

Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Geelong, Victoria The "Having a Say" conference is held each year in a country area of Victoria. It aims to give people with a disability the opportunity to not only attend a conference, but also to be involved in planning and running a conference. The topics for speakers are based on issues of interest that people with a disability have nominated. Topics of the speakers and workshops held in the past have included Jobs & Wages, Relationships, Dreams & Aspirations, Legal Rights, Self-Advocacy and Leisure. Most sessions have group activities in them so that everyone can get a say and if people need support to participate, volunteers assist them to write or draw their comments. [Click here to go to Conference website.](#)

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Conference web site: <http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/2008conference.htm> Email: gabe@acrodns.net

21-22 February 2008

Time to listen, time to act, Sydney, This event is part of the February Summer Forum, an annual forum that addresses mental health issues. At this year's event, the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will be a key theme. Industry experts will discuss the issues and problems and suggest future directions. For more information, please visit the [forum website](#)

21-22 February 2008

Towards a healthy community: Advancing social wellbeing in our community, Warrnambool,

This two-day conference celebrates the role and contributions of non-government, not-for-profit organisations in South West Victoria in helping to create a healthy community. Conference speakers include Dr Norman Swan (from radio ABC Health Report), the Hon. Joan Kirner (the first female Premier of Victoria), and Professor Tony Attwood. Themes include alcohol and drug addiction, family violence, mental health and disability as well as issues such as barriers to accessing services and the benefits of collaboration between providers in all sectors. For more information, please visit the [conference website](#)

22 February 2008

**Social Work Research and Practice: Diversity and Inequality at End-of-Life
University of Sydney**

This colloquium to be held at the University of Sydney will bring together practitioners and researchers involved in innovative research and practice addressing diversity and inequality at end-of-life. It will be of interest to social work practitioners and researchers in fields such as Palliative care, Aged care, Oncology, Paediatric palliative care, Critical Care, Practitioners working in hospitals, community health centres, policy organisations and community support and advocacy groups. [Click here for more information and registration details.](#)

25 February 2008

5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders - Call for Papers - closes 25 February 2008

From Margins 2 Mainstream will explore new ways that health services, governments and community organizations can promote mental health and prevent mental illness. Potential presenters are invited to submit abstracts of their proposed paper for consideration by the International Scientific Committee. [Download](#) the Call for Papers brochure (1.37mb)

27 - 29 February 2008

3rd General Assembly & Conference of Asia Pacific Disability Forum (APDF) Dhaka, Bangladesh Organised by National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD), nfowd@bdmail.net www.nfowd.com

8-9 March 2008

Partnerships for Better Health Outcomes: Carers and Professionals working together A conference for professionals in acute, primary and community health and community care. This NSW conference on leading practice in carer support in health and community care. Dockside, Cockle Bay, Sydney Email: conference@carersnsw.asn.au Ph: 02 9280 4744

10-12 March 2008

The Diversity in Health 2008: Strengths and Sustainable Solutions Conference (DIH 2008) will be the major event in diversity health in Australia for 2008.

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

DIH 2008 will bring national and international leaders in the health industry together to showcase new and innovative approaches to providing quality health care for Australia's diverse communities. The conference will consider, review and develop strengths and sustainable solutions in the overall approach to health and well-being of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. To register or to find out more about this momentous event, please go to: www.dhi.gov.au/conference Brochures can be downloaded off the website or you can contact the Conference Secretariat on Tel: +61 2 9840 3800 Fax: +61 2 9840 3319, or Email: dhi@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

11 - 18 March 2008

NSW Seniors Week 2008 <http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Events/Event0320.htm>

12-13 March 2008

23rd Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort Hawaii With more than 24 countries, provinces & territories represented at the 2006 conference, Pac Rim 2007 will continue the long-standing tradition of assembling researchers, professionals, paraprofessionals, persons with disabilities, family members, students and others to present on a variety of topics that affect everyday lives. Pac Rim continues to promote cutting-edge opportunities to learn from one another, share resources and ideas that support the quality of life, community inclusion, and self-determination for all persons with disabilities and their families to help shape our world community. <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu>

21 March 2008

World Down Syndrome Day.

Australia <http://www.dsansw.org.au/events/WorldDownSyndromeDay.html> International <http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

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