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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Personalisation Research & Resource Library ( NDS )

**National Disability Services (NDS) NSW** has developed an online library of resources in order to develop a greater understanding of personalisation. As a major policy trend nationally and internationally, 'personalisation' is about greater choice, voice, and control for people with disability, their families and carers as key partners in the design and delivery of care and support. The transition to greater personalisation will feature an increased emphasis on person-centred planning, individualised funding, self-directed support and personal budgets. Within the next couple of years, every provider within the disability service system can expect to be involved in discussions on the merits, or otherwise, of these approaches as means to achieve greater opportunities for self-determination by people with disability over their own lives.

NDS has developed a discussion paper around individualised funding. "Individualised Funding – what it requires to work" explores a range of issues and concerns for a sustainable disability service system that remains focussed on quality of life outcomes for people with disability.

NDS NSW is initiating a process of wider engagement with disability service providers, in order to develop and refine a position. This is occurring through the seven quarterly NDS convened policy sub-committees, nine quarterly regional meetings, and other forums.

The online library will continue to be updated and NDS member organisations are encouraged to send ideas for content and/or resources of interest to Emily Caska, State Policy Coordinator, email [emily.caska@nds.org.au](mailto:emily.caska@nds.org.au)

[Click here to go to Personalisation Research and Resource Library.](#)

*[This is a comprehensive resource that services will find very useful – thanks to NDS – Editor]*

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

### **Changes to assessment to Carer Payment (child)**

The Australian Government introduced legislation into Parliament to implement a fairer assessment process to improve access to financial support for carers of children with severe disability and medical conditions.

It is estimated that up to 19,000 carers will be eligible for Carer Payment (child) from 1 July this year. In 2007, a review into the effectiveness of Carer Payment (child) found that overly restrictive and complex eligibility requirements meant thousands of parents, providing intensive care for their children, were ineligible for the payment.

At the time of the review only 3,500 carers received the payment. Following the passage of this legislation through Parliament, eligibility for the payment will depend on the level of care required rather than a narrow set of medical and behavioural criteria.

At the heart of these changes is a new, fairer assessment process based on the level of care required by the child and provided by the carer, rather than a strict, medical definition of profound disability. We are also cutting red tape so that parents who qualify for Carer Payment (child) will automatically qualify for Carer Allowance, removing the requirement for more forms and medical examinations.

The changes will also allow a range of health professionals including physiotherapists, registered nurses and Aboriginal health workers in remote areas to provide assessment - not just doctors and specialists. And there will be support for parents in those times when their child needs intensive care; for example when a child is undergoing treatment for conditions including cancer or trauma.

The Australian Government is committed to supporting and helping carers of children with a disability, and to working with state and territory governments to improve access to respite and other support services they need. Improving and expanding access to Carer Payment (child) builds on other support measures for carers including the 2008 one-off payments, the Economic Security Strategy payments of \$1,400 to Carer Payment recipients and \$1,000 to people receiving Carer Allowance for each person being cared for. The Government is committed to a child-centred approach to family policy.

Issued by Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs  
[Ministers Media Release]

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

### **Physical Disability Council of NSW**

PDCN is the peak body in NSW representing people with life-long physical disability across the state.

Objectives

- To educate, inform and assist people with physical disabilities in New South Wales regarding the range of services, structures and programs available that enable their full participation, equality of opportunity and equality of citizenship;
- To develop the capacity of people with physical disabilities in New South Wales to identify their own goals and the confidence to indentify a pathway to achieve their goals;
- To educate and inform all stakeholders about the needs of people with physical disabilities so they are able to achieve and maintain full participation, equality of opportunity and equality of citizenship.

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

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## **GLOBAL Advantage – Australian Work Visa Sponsorship**

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More information available at <http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/immigration.html>

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### **GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS**

#### **PhD Scholarship in Intellectual Disability and Dementia**

The Dementia Collaborative Research Centre of the University of NSW are seeking applicants for a PhD Scholarship in Intellectual Disability and Dementia. For further details contact: Ms Rosi Benninghaus or Prof Henry Brodaty on (02) 9385-9060 or email [r.benninghaus@unsw.edu.au](mailto:r.benninghaus@unsw.edu.au)

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[http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/scholarship\\_guide.html](http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/scholarship_guide.html)

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

#### **The geography of disability and economic disadvantages in Australian capital cities**

How is severe disability distributed within Australian capital cities? What is the relationship between the percentage of people with severe disability living in a local metropolitan area and the socioeconomic disadvantage of the area? This report presents data on the geographical distribution of severe disability among people aged less than 65 years living in Australian capital cities, based on analysis of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. AIHW catalogue number (DIS 54). Available from Can Print for \$20 (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#). [Report can be downloaded for FREE – Editor]

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Behaviour Support Policy and Practice Manual

All disability workers in NSW need to become familiar with these policies published by DADHC NSW. It is also a useful reference for other colleagues interstate, however do check out your local policy and procedures.

Get the resources direct from the DADHC NSW web site – at the links below.

Part 1, Policy and Practice, is applicable to all disability services delivered or funded by DADHC. Part 2, DADHC Procedures and Templates along with the templates below, is specifically for services delivered by DADHC but is also provided to DADHC-funded services to support their own work processes.

[Behaviour Support Policy and Practice Manual Part 1 \(Policy and Practice\)](#)

[Behaviour Support Policy and Practice Manual Part 2 \(DADHC procedures and templates\)](#)

The following templates are designed to be completed electronically:

[Behaviour Support Plan \(BSP1\)](#)

[Incident Prevention and Response Plan \(IPRP1\)](#)

[Interim Incident Prevention and Response Plan \(IPRP2\)](#)

[Program Plan \(PP1\)](#)

[Submission for Restricted Practice Authorisation \(RPA1\)](#)

[Submission for Restricted Practice Authorisation \(RPA2\)](#)

[Outcome Summary for Submission for Restricted Practice Authorisation \(RPA3\)](#)

[Review of Service Request \(RSR\) Support](#)

[Service Agreement \(SA1\)](#)

[Service Agreement \(SA2\) - Family version](#)

The following checklists are designed to be completed either electronically or manually by the Restricted Practice Authorisation Panel:

[Checklist 1: General Work Practice \(RPAP Check 1\)](#)

[Checklist 2: General Requirements for a Restricted Practice \(RPAP Check 2\)](#)

[Checklist 3: \(a\) Exclusionary Time-Out or \(b\) Seclusion \(RPAP Check 3\)](#)

[Checklist 4: \(a\) Physical Restraint or \(b\) Response Cost \(RPAP Check 4\)](#)

[Checklist 5: Psychotropic Medication administered on a prn basis \(RPAP Check 5\)](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

### Diagnostic Manual – Intellectual Disability (DM-ID)

The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), in association with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), developed a Manual that is designed to be an adaptation of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition—Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR). <http://www.dmid.org/>

### Centre for Education and Research on Ageing Training Manuals

CERA has produced a number of comprehensive training packages aimed at supporting staff in the residential and community care sectors. [http://www.cera.usyd.edu.au/resources\\_manuals.html#top](http://www.cera.usyd.edu.au/resources_manuals.html#top)

The packages all contain guidelines and tools to help promote practice change. These tools might be assessment forms, clinical pathways, environmental and other audits, or planning schedules. The packages also contain suggestions for implementation of practice change, simple lesson plans, overheads and handouts for teaching staff within the organisation.

- [Getting in touch](#)

- [Putting your best foot forward](#)
- [The TECH approach to dementia care](#)
- [Beyond crowd control](#)
- [Swallowing on a plate](#)
- [Cultural diversity and dementia](#)

### **Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Adult Asperger Syndrome**

Valerie L. Gaus ISBN: 1-59385-497-8 NADD # CT07-039B As a developmental disorder, Asperger syndrome (AS) is typically diagnosed in childhood and treated by child clinicians. Yet greater awareness is leading increasing numbers of adults with AS and high-functioning autism—often newly diagnosed—to seek help for anxiety, depression, and difficulties in daily living. This lucid book provides effective strategies for addressing the problems posed by adult AS and managing frequently encountered comorbidities. Drawing on extensive clinical experience and research, Valerie L. Gaus shows how to help people with AS decrease distress while preserving and building on their unique strengths. NADD Members: \$US34.95 Non-members: \$US39.95  
<http://www.thenadd.org/pages/products/bookdetails/ct07-039b.shtml>

### **Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program: final report on the 2007-08 Minimum Data Set**

This report includes information from the 2007-08 Younger People With Disability in Residential Aged Care Minimum Data Set (YPIRAC MDS). It summarises the characteristics of people who were 'on the books' during 2007-08 and the YPIRAC services they received. Included in 'on the books' are people who accepted YPIRAC services in 2006-07 and continued to receive services (including monitoring only) in 2007-08, along with new starters in 2007-08. Authored by AIHW. Published **16 February 2009**; ISSN 1444-3589; ISBN-13 978 1 74024 890 7; AIHW cat. no. DIS 53; **INTERNET ONLY** <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/dis/dis-53-10730/dis-53-10730.pdf>

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS – PANDDA 2009 CONFERENCE**

**Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Areas (Aust) Ltd**

[www.PANDDA.net](http://www.PANDDA.net)

**This years conference will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of PANDDA**

**Theme: Changing Times: Words, Experiences and Dreams**

**Every Nurse has a story to tell!** PANDDA invites you to tell your story at the 20th Annual PANDDA Conference in Sydney on the 31 August 2009 to listen, discuss and reflect on what is Australian contemporary nursing practice in the area of developmental/intellectual disability.

**Monday 31st August 2009 at the Epping Club, Epping NSW.**

Why not put it in your diaries now. It is always a great professional development event.

A story outline should be sent by email no later than Monday 25 May 2009. You will be notified by email of the acceptance of your presentation by Monday 1 June 2009. We encourage first time and experienced storytellers to tell their stories at this Conference. Story outlines are limited to 250 words should be sent to Bob Weaver, email: [conference@pandda.net](mailto:conference@pandda.net) For other enquiries please phone: 0429 046 515.

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<http://www.2ccrfm.com/2ccrfm-stream.m3u>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES

### Health Care in People with Intellectual Disability Guidelines for General Practitioners

Produced by Centre for Developmental Disability Studies NSW Department of Health 2006

To view this pdf document

[http://www.cdds.med.usyd.edu.au/html/PDF/HealthCare\\_in\\_People\\_withID\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.cdds.med.usyd.edu.au/html/PDF/HealthCare_in_People_withID_Guidelines.pdf)

### Victorian Disability Services Access Policy

This policy provides information for people who have a disability as defined by the Act and who make a request for access to disability services. This policy applies to all disability service providers in relation to how they make decisions regarding access to disability services. [http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/publications-library/access\\_policy](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/publications-library/access_policy)

Download document directly from the DHS web site:

- [Access Policy \(PDF 166 KB\)](#) (37 pages)
- [Access Policy \(Word 443 KB\)](#) (37 pages)

Download this document directly from the DHS web site in alternate formats:

- [Easy read with pictures \(PDF 1,660KB\)](#) (24 pages)

### Access Policy Implementation Guide

The Access Policy Implementation Guide aims to provide a foundation for shared practice among Department of Human Services and Community Service Organisation (CSO) staff, and supplements the Disability Services Access Policy. [http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/publications-library/access\\_policy\\_implementation\\_guide](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability/publications-library/access_policy_implementation_guide)

Download document directly from the DHS web site:

- [Access Policy Implementation Guide \(Word 330 KB\)](#) (56 pages)
- [Access Policy Implementation Guide \(PDF 184 KB\)](#) (56 pages)

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## GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

### [Aboriginal Disability Network NSW](#)

The Aboriginal Disability Network NSW for Aboriginal people with a disability and the people associated with them. For individuals, they can go to meetings with you or on your behalf, write letters and make phone calls. They cannot give legal advice. Contact them through PWD on 9370 3100 or if you live outside Sydney, on freecall 1800 422 015 or via the [People with Disability \(PWD\) website](#). *Auspiced by PWD Australia.*

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

**Radio 2 CCR FM 90.5** Community news & events, health & disability information. Music. Your community 24/7. Wednesday morning 6 am to 9 am with Ross F your Editor of the Global Gazette Disability & Ageing.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### DADHC NSW Unit Costing Tool

If you are preparing funding submissions and need to prepare budgets you might find the NSW Dept of Ageing Disability & Home Care Unit Costing Tool very useful.

The tool and manual can be freely downloaded from their web site at:

**Manual** [http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/ronlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3496/UCT\\_Training\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/ronlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3496/UCT_Training_Manual.pdf)

**DADHC Unit Costing Tool** [http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/ronlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3725/Unit\\_Costing\\_Tool\\_v1\\_2.zip](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/NR/ronlyres/4A85B509-4842-4DD3-BF7B-A070AA5B03EC/3725/Unit_Costing_Tool_v1_2.zip)

Version 1.2 (20 June 2008) This is a Microsoft Excel document which has been zipped and will require pc-Zip or similar software to unpack. zip, 2.4 MB

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

***A review of the research to identify the most effective models of Best Practice in the management of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders*** Jacqueline Roberts and Greta Ridley Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, University of Sydney [jmroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:jmroberts@hotmail.com) April 2004 The project reviewed literature relating to the management and treatment of children with autism with the aim to identify the most effective models of best practice. [\*Models of Best Practice in the management of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders\*](#)

Llewellyn, G., Gething, L., Kendig, H., & Cant, R. (2003). [\*Invisible carers: Facing an uncertain future.\*](#) University of Sydney.

[\*\*\*Health Assessments in people with Intellectual Disability: A Review\*\*\*](#)

Lennox 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual ASSID Conference Paper. Free download from ASSID web site.

[\*\*\*A Combination of Procedures in the Reduction of Aberrant Behaviors with an Adult with Autism\*\*\*](#) - Greg Handel, Sokhalay Thy and Katie Carstone NADD Bulletin article

### ***Citalopram Reduces Severe Behavioral Symptoms in FTD***

Preliminary results from a small study of patients with frontotemporal dementia (FTD) indicates treatment with the selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) citalopram may be effective in reducing some of the severe behavioral and psychological symptoms characteristic of this condition. Researchers found an overall 50% reduction in scores on the neuropsychiatric inventory (NPI). (free subscription required to access)

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/589305?ssdmh=dm1.441849&src=nldne>

[The personalised residential supports project. Identifying the nature, purposes and outcomes of personalised residential supports for adults with developmental disabilities.](#) Cocks, Boaden & McKernan  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual ASSID Conference Paper. Free download from ASSID web site.

[Mental health admitted patients data cubes](#)

The interactive mental health admitted patients data cubes contain information on patients admitted to hospital who receive specialised psychiatric care, i.e. who are in a public psychiatric hospital or a psychiatric unit of an acute care hospital or who had a mental health-related principal diagnosis (for definitions, see AIHW publication Mental health services in Australia 2004-05). The variables included in the data cubes are year of collection, sex, age group, same day separation flag, mental health legal status, type of separation, hospital type and principal diagnosis. The data cubes present information on numbers of psychiatric care days, separations and patient days.

**Evaluating diagnostic tools in autism assessments** Kerrie Baker University of Western Sydney  
[kerrie.baker@bigpond.com](mailto:kerrie.baker@bigpond.com) March 2004 The project examined the validity of the Gilliam Autism Rating Scale (GARS) in a sample of 26 children presenting for assessment with and without concerns about autism disorder. The parents' experiences with the assessment and diagnostic process were also surveyed. A comparison of the GARS with gold standard diagnostic research methods was also undertaken. [Evaluating Diagnostic tools in the Assessment of Autism and Parental Experiences of the Assessment and Diagnostic Process](#)

**A picture of rheumatoid arthritis in Australia**

Rheumatoid arthritis is an often serious joint disease that affects around 400,000 Australians and is the second most common type of arthritis, after osteoarthritis. The disease is more common among females and in older age groups. The underlying cause of rheumatoid arthritis is not well understood but genetic factors play a key role (smoking also increases the risk of developing the disease). The disease reduces a person's capacity to work, with only 31% of those affected in fulltime employment in 2004-05 compared with 53% of the general population. This report provides information on other symptoms, effects and treatments, as well as looking at prevention. AIHW catalogue number **(PHE 110)**. Available from CanPrint for **\$10** (1300 889 873).

Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#). [free to download directly]

[Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: Diagnosis and Treatment](#) - Jarrett Barnhill, MD NADD Bulletin article

[Parents of Children with a Disability: Intergenerational Obligations and Plans for Retirement in the Baby Boomer Cohort.](#)

Ellem et al 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual ASSID Conference Paper. Free download from ASSID web site.

**CONFERENCE ADVANCED NOTICE: for the latest Australian research papers.**

**4 -6 November 2009**

**44<sup>th</sup> ASSID Conference 2009 Power and Passion: Progress through Partnerships**

Wrest Point Convention centre, Hobart Tasmania <http://www.leishman-associates.com.au/44assid2009/>

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE**

### **FREE ONLINE EDUCATION**

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 new web site at

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\* If you are offering free online professional development in the disability & ageing field or under-graduate or post-graduate distance education courses in disabilities, ageing, community welfare and/or mental health – our readers would be very interested to know about it – so please email me the details and web link at [GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com](mailto:GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com)

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# GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

## **A Directory of Education & Training Statistics, 2009**

This directory is a guide to the range of national statistical resources available relating to education and training activity in Australia. The directory covers all recent national ABS statistical collections which have education and training as a direct focus. It also includes a range of other national ABS data collections where the primary focus is not education and training, but which contain data relevant to education and training. Also included are national statistical collections and various publications or statistical series from non-ABS sources that analysts may find useful.

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

## **Does This Child Need Help? Identification and Early Childhood Intervention (2nd Edition)**

This highly regarded training resource for early childhood professionals comprises a Learner's Resource Book, Trainers Guide, accompanying training video and DVD and Presenter's CD Rom.

The resource book, which is also available separately, covers:

### **Part 1: Young Children with Disabilities and Delays: Identification and Intervention**

Chapter 1: What is Early Childhood Intervention?  
Chapter 2: Why Intervene Early? Rationale and Evidence

### **Part 2: Understanding Early Childhood Development and Identifying Concerns**

Chapter 3: Early Childhood Development  
Chapter 4: Identifying Young Children with Additional Needs  
Chapter 5: Making Sense of What You Find

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Chapter 6: Talking with Families  
Chapter 7: Ethical Issues: Taking on the Hard Stuff  
Chapter 8: What next?

### **Cost**

#### **Full Training Package:**

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Non members: \$175.00 (plus p&h)

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Members: \$40.00 (plus p&h)  
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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING CONFERENCES GUIDE

See a more comprehensive listing of conferences for the year at our web site  
[http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/conference\\_calendar.html](http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/conference_calendar.html)

### **1 May 2009**

**Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) Conference 2008:** Policy About Us, For Us! A Practical Revolution in the Live of People with Disabilities, Telstra Dome, Melbourne. [www.afdo.org.au](http://www.afdo.org.au), or [afdo@hotelnetwork.com.au](mailto:afdo@hotelnetwork.com.au)

### **2-3 May 2009**

**Pacific Rim International Forum**, Hawaii Prince Hotel (will focus on the convention on rights of persons with disabilities with special attention to eradicating poverty). Hawaii, USA [Website](#)

### **4 - 5 May 2009**

**2009 NDS National Workforce Conference Building workforce capacity: satisfaction, safety & skills**  
Hobart [Call for Papers](#) [www.nds.org.au](http://www.nds.org.au) or [phiippa.angley@nds.org.au](mailto:phiippa.angley@nds.org.au)

**4 - 5 May 2009**

**Working Towards a Brighter Future: 25th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities**  
Honolulu: For details [www.cds.hawaii.edu](http://www.cds.hawaii.edu)

**6 - 8 May 2009**

**Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Conference – The Community Response**  
presented by MHCC (Mental Health Coordinating Council) in partnership with NADA (Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies) Dockside Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour <http://www.mhcc.org.au/whats-on/event.aspx?eventid=89>

**7 – 9 May 2009**

**AGOSCI 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference**, Communication Feel The Power, National Convention Centre, Canberra Australia, <http://www.agosci.org.au>

**7 – 9 May 2009**

**Vocational Outcomes in Traumatic Brain Injury Conference** Vancouver CANADA International Brain Injury Association

**9 – 17 May 2009**

**Arafura Games**, incorporating the **Oceania Paralympic Championships**, Darwin NT Australia  
<http://www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au/>

**14 - 15 May 2009**

**Mental Health and the Issues Facing Society: Rehabilitation, Social Involvement and Professional Integration**

Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg. The symposium will explore the various ways by which a wide range of individuals and organisations can promote mental health, and more specifically the reintegration and participation in society of people with mental illnesses. <http://www.social-psychiatry.eu>

**17 – 21 May 2009**

**ASPIRE Adelaide Conference** Advancing Speech Pathology Innovation, Research and Excellence Adelaide Convention Centre <http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/Content.aspx?p=62>

**21 – 23 May 2009**

**Health Professions Education: Global Best Practices in Simulation** Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
<http://www.nursing.utoronto.ca/academic/ciene/conference2009.htm>

**24-25 May 2009**

**Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Disability Studies Association CDSA-ACEI 6th Annual Conference** Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. [Website](#)

**26 - 27 May 2009**

**VET Teaching Conference 2009** Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, QLD Department of Education, Training & the Arts. <http://www.vetteaching.com.au>

**28 - 29 May 2009**

**Policy About Us, For Us! A Practical Revolution in the Lives of People with Disabilities:** Australian Federation of Disability Organisations: Jasper Hotel Melbourne: [www.afdo.org.au/conference](http://www.afdo.org.au/conference)

**4 - 6 June 2009**

**21st Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Childhood Disability**

Vilnius, Lithuania. This year main topics bring in deeper discussions on cognitive development of the child, neurocognitive, language dysfunctions, mental disability. Organized by: European Academy of Childhood Disability. <http://www.eacd2009.com>

**5 - 8 June 2009**

**Believe: We are better. Reenergise, Reorganise, Reauthorise! 2009 National Council on Independent Living: Annual Conference on Independent Living:** 5 to 8 June 2009: Washington, United States of America: [www.ncil.org](http://www.ncil.org)

*10 – 12 June 2009*

**133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

<http://www.aaid.org/Events/gas.shtml>

*17-20 June 2009*

**It's 'Our' Time: Pathways to and From Disability Studies—Past, Present, Future – Society of Disability Studies Conference, University of Arizona.** [Website](#)

*22 – 26 June 2009*

**Facing the Future: Forensic Mental Health Services in Change: 9th Annual Conference of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health: Edinburgh, Scotland:** [www.iafmhs.org](http://www.iafmhs.org)

*23 June 2009*

**5th National Motor Neurone Disease Conference**

will be hosted by MND NSW in Sydney <http://www.mndaust.asn.au/national-conference/>

*24 June 2008*

**Australia's Health 2008 Conference** National Convention Centre, 27-31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra <http://www.aihw.gov.au/eventsdiary/ah08/index.cfm>

*24-27 June 2009*

**IASSID 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Congress Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society**

Singapore The theme adopted for IASSID's 2nd Asia Pacific Conference is Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society. Researchers, practitioners and educators, family members and individuals with disabilities are invited to participate. <http://www.iassid.org/iassid/content/view/98/1/> Registration Form: <http://cma.sg/iassid/reg.php>

*26-27 June 2009*

**Disability Studies Conference 2009.** University of NSW

Sydney, Australia Hosted by the Disability Studies and Research Centre (DSRC). For details contact DSARC on 61 2 9385 224 or [r.kayess@unse.edu.au](mailto:r.kayess@unse.edu.au)

*7-10 July 2009*

**Australian Social Policy Conference**, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW Sydney, Australia The Disability Studies and Research Centre will be coordinating a workshop at the conference. [Website](#)

*8 – 10 July 2009*

**18th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'** University of Ballarat, campus TBA, Ballarat, Vic. Sponsored jointly by NCVER and the University of Ballarat, this annual conference is considered one of the best value events on the research calendar. It provides an excellent forum for those in vocational education and training research to network, present and discuss papers on current or recently completed work. [june.ingham@ncver.edu.au](mailto:june.ingham@ncver.edu.au) +61 8 8230 8491 <http://www.ncver.edu.au/>

*8 – 10 July 2009*

Australian Social Policy Conference 2009 University of NSW

**Sydney, Australia** [Email Conference Coordinator](#) [ASPC2009@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ASPC2009@unsw.edu.au),

*8 – 10 July 2009*

**Disability and Communication: New Directions in Creativity and Global Citizenship? In Australian and New Zealand Communications Conference; Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia**

[www.anzca09.org](http://www.anzca09.org)

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