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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Campaign for a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

<http://www.ndis.org.au/index.php>

There is a campaign for a new approach to ensuring all people who have a disability have support and services. Some brief information extracted from their web site.

*“ALL Australians need a no-fault insurance scheme for everyone who has, or acquires a significant disability. A National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) would be a landmark social and economic reform, transforming the lives of Australians with disabilities and their families.” “The National Disability Strategy Consultation Report has identified ‘the adequate financing of disability support’ as one of its four strategic priorities.”*

Over 100 leading disability services are support this proposal and they seeking your support and help to lobby for the scheme. Check out their web site for more details at <http://www.ndis.org.au/index.php>

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Are Not-for-profit reforms likely at the federal level? Who is saying what?

#### Call for reform in Australia’s \$2.8 billion not-for-profit sector

University of Melbourne Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation researcher Susan Woodward has led a survey of more than 1700 not-for-profit (NFP) companies. The final research report “A Better Framework: Reforming Not-For-Profit Regulation” by Susan Woodward and Shelley Marshall, recommends reforms designed to achieve a balance between the needs of the sector and the broad public interest in NFP accountability. Among the recommendations is a call for a national regulatory framework for NFPs. Ms Woodward outlines here the context of the report and some of its key findings. [ [UniNews Vol. 13, No. 5](http://www.uninews.unimelb.edu.au/news/1346/) 5 - 19 April 2004 ] Read more at <http://www.uninews.unimelb.edu.au/news/1346/>

#### PilchConnect Launch - Panel Discussion about key regulatory issues facing the not-for-profit sector

The PilchConnect service was officially launched on 19 November 2008, at the offices of Clayton Utz, Melbourne 6:00-7.30 pm. The launch featured a panel discussion and Q & A about key regulatory issues facing the not-for-profit sector. The distinguished panel was made up of Senator Ursula Stephens (Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector), Ms Adele Ferguson (Journalist, The Australian)

and Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes (Director, Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies at QUT), and moderated by Ms Sue Woodward, (Manager PilchConnect.)

In particular, the panel discussed the Senate Inquiry into Disclosure Regimes for Charities and Not-for-Profit Organisations, which is due to report to the federal parliament on 4 December, 2008. PilchConnect made a detailed submission to this Senate Inquiry see the link. [PilchConnect Law Reform Submissions](#)

### **Assistant Treasurer The Hon Nick Sherry Media releases on NFP and Disability trusts**

04/08/2009 [Action to Reform Tax Treatment Of Special Disability Trusts](#)

28/07/2009 [Tax Time a Boost for Private Charitable Trusts](#)

25/06/2009 [Important Philanthropic Reforms and Further Sector Consultation](#)

**New philanthropic funds approved** Assistant Treasurer Nick Sherry has approved the foundation of another 36 private charitable trusts, as well as launching a new bill to “boost the integrity of our tax system and ensure such funds deliver strong philanthropic outcomes”.

He is also going to **change the description of these private charitable trusts from Prescribed Private Funds (PPFs) to Private Ancillary Funds (PAFs).**

Mr Sherry has also “released for consultation the detailed draft Guidelines on how the new PAF framework will apply and announced a series of bilateral listening meetings with key participants and representatives of the philanthropic sector to discuss the reforms”. The guidelines can be downloaded by clicking here.

### **National Disability Services 10 Aug 2009 - Not-for-profit reforms are unfolding**

The Australian Government is moving forward with a significant reform agenda for the not-for-profit sector, although little yet has come to fruition.

The Government has responded to last year’s Senate Economics Committee report into ‘disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations’. The Senate Committee made some far-reaching recommendations, including the establishment of a single independent national regulator for not-for-profit organisations.

<http://www.nds.org.au/national/default.htm>

### **OurCommunity Inc. says the Australian Government is considering a reform agenda for the not-for-profit sector.**

Some while ago the Senate Inquiry into Disclosure Regimes for Charities and Not-for-Profit Organisations released its report. The government has now released its response to that report.

One of the government’s problems is that it has set up a large number of inquiries into aspects of the community sector (including tax, governance, monitoring, and effectiveness) run by different agencies (including the Productivity Commission, the Tax Inquiry, and the Senate) and reporting on different timelines – so it can’t really make any real policy changes until all the results are in.

**The Committee recommended that “all Australian Governments agree on common terminology for referring to organisations within the Sector.”**

In response, the Government has agreed in principle but will wait for the Productivity Commission report .....

**The Committee recommended that “the Government establish a unit within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet specifically to manage issues arising for Not-For-Profit Organisations... [to] report to a Minister for the Third Sector”.**

The Government hasn’t agreed to do this, even in principle. It’s simply noted that “the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet currently provides co-ordination on these issues across government. This recognises that other departments have responsibilities that intersect with the third sector and are often more suited to provide overall policy guidance”.

**The Committee recommended that “there be a single independent national regulator for Not-For-Profit Organisations” and has recommended a National Fundraising Act.**

The Government has noted these tips, saying “State and Territory Governments regulate fundraising activities in accordance with their own legislation.”

It’s worth looking through the whole list of the government’s comments on the Senate recommendations.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### DADHC Health Care Policy & Procedures Updated

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) has recently reviewed and up dated the Health Care Policy and Procedures and have provided the documents on their web site at [http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Publications+and+policies/People+with+a+disability/#health\\_care\\_policy](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Publications+and+policies/People+with+a+disability/#health_care_policy)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

### EPILEPSY ACTION AUSTRALIA

[www.epilepsy.org.au](http://www.epilepsy.org.au)

Epilepsy Action provides education and support services to children and adults with epilepsy or other seizure disorders across Australia. Their vision is that all Australians affected by seizures will have the opportunity to live confident lives. The peak national not-for-profit association representing people who have epilepsy. You can join for only \$20 per year and this includes a subscription to Epilepsy 360' a quarterly magazine for people with epilepsy, their families and professionals. Membership information and application form at <http://www.epilepsy.org.au/membership.asp>

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## GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

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### Academic scholarships for VET practitioners

NCVER is sponsoring VET practitioners to undertake university study at honours, masters or doctorate level. Participants are assisted in their studies with a \$4 000 scholarship and are jointly supervised by their employer and their university. [Roger Harris](#) from the University of South Australia is coordinating this program.

## Community of practice practitioners scholarships for VET

NCVER is sponsoring a community of practice where 10 new VET researchers have received a \$4 000 scholarship to undertake a work-based research project over 12 months. Each participant has been matched with an experienced [mentor](#) who will guide and support their research.

All participants attended a two-day workshop at Victoria University in May 2008 which enabled the group to engage as a community of practice and develop a sense of solidarity with each other. The workshop was also an opportunity for the participants to prepare realistic research plans.

[Berwyn Clayton](#) from Victoria University is coordinating this program.

Check out our **Global Scholarships Guide** at  
[http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/scholarship\\_guide.html](http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/scholarship_guide.html)

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### GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

#### Residential aged care in Australia 2007-08 a statistical overview

Residential aged care in Australia 2007-08: a statistical overview provides comprehensive statistical information on the 2,080 residential aged care homes and their 160,250 residents at 30 June 2008. The report contains information on the capacity of residential aged care homes, their residents and resident characteristics, levels of dependency among residents, and admissions and separations. The year is particularly significant with the change over from the Resident Classification Scale to the Aged Care Funding Instrument for the appraisal and funding of residents. AIHW catalogue number (**AGE 58**). Available from CanPrint for **\$30.00** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and FREE online [report](#).

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### GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

#### Australian Nurse Elected President of the International Council of Nurses

Rosemary Bryant, FRCNA, Australia's Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, was appointed President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN).

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**GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE**

**New book breaks sound barriers for parents of deaf children**

Deaf Children Australia has just released an inspiring new book,

***Breaking the Sound Barriers: 9 deaf success stories.***

This is a unique collection of real life stories shared by parents of deaf children and successful deaf and hard of hearing adults from around Australia. Each story offers a candid insight into the world of deafness – the highs and lows, the joys and the tears. Parents describe their personal experiences in overcoming the initial shock and embracing the challenges of raising a deaf child in a hearing world. Deaf adults describes their own journey with hearing loss and paint an honest picture of the struggles and barriers they have come up against being deaf in a hearing world. Each story illustrates that deaf people can BE, DO and HAVE anything they want in this world and that nothing is impossible. All provide specific strategies they have used to tackle barriers related to early intervention services, education, or issues within the family and community, employment and adulthood. [Click here for more information and ordering details.](#)

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**GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GUIDE TO POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

**Senate Community Affairs Committee 6 August 2009**

[National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers](#)

**Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

[Health Legislation Amendment \(Midwives and Nurse Practitioners\) Bill 2009 and two related Bills](#)

**[National Mental Health Policy 2008](#)**

The National Mental Health Policy 2008 represents a renewed commitment to the continual improvement of Australia's mental health system. Australian Health Ministers announced the launch of the *National Mental Health Policy 2008*, endorsed by AHMC in December last year, at their meeting of 5 March 2009.

The policy embeds a whole of government approach to mental health, first agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments in July 2006, within the National Mental Health Strategy. The policy represents a renewed commitment by all health ministers and ministers with responsibility for mental health to the continual improvement

of Australia's mental health system. It works towards ensuring that Australia has a mental health system that detects and intervenes early in illness, promotes recovery, and ensures that all Australians with a mental illness have access to effective and appropriate treatment and community supports to enable them to participate in the community fully.

It also recognises that certain groups in the community, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, homeless and disadvantaged people, those exposed to traumatic events, and those with serious or chronic health problems are at heightened risk of mental health problems and mental illness.

[PDF printable version \(in full colour\) of National Mental Health Policy 2008 \(PDF 2603 KB\)](#)

[PDF printable version \(in basic black and white\) of National Mental Health Policy 2008 \(PDF 294 KB\)](#)

[Word version of National Mental Health Policy 2008 \(Word 551 KB\)](#)

## **NSW DADHC Epilepsy Policy**

[Epilepsy Policy and Procedures](#)

[Epilepsy Policy and Procedures Attachment 1](#)

[Epilepsy Policy and Procedures Attachment 2](#)

[Epilepsy Policy and Procedures Attachment 3](#)

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## **GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE**

### **IDEAS online Travel Directory available**

IDEAS, a NSW disability information service, launched its online travel directory on 31 March 2009. The directory is very easy to use and includes a wide range of information e.g. camps for people with disabilities, accommodation and specialist travel operators. View the directory online at: <http://www.ideas.org.au/travel/>

**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. Streaming online at [www.2ccrfm.com](http://www.2ccrfm.com)

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING ARTICLES**

### **Pharmacologic Treatment of ADHD: Road Conditions in Driving Patients to Successful Outcomes**

**Michael J. Manos, PhD Published: 01/08/2008 From** [The Medscape Journal of Medicine](#)

The names assigned to attention-deficit/hyperactive disorder (ADHD) have changed over the years. ADHD cannot be cured, and the patient with ADHD journeys through life with a burden. Although ADHD is most commonly studied in school-aged children, it is a syndrome that spans the life cycle, through adolescence and into adulthood. Improvements in patient adherence to pharmacologic treatment, attributable to the launch of new formulations, the availability of new non-schedule II drugs, and the development of novel drugs in late-stage clinical trials, are transforming the treatment of ADHD. For example, atomoxetine is a nonstimulant treatment, and lisdexamfetamine was developed with the goal of providing an extended duration of effect with a reduced potential for abuse, overdose toxicity, and drug tampering. Known adverse effects of stimulant treatment of ADHD include appetite suppression and sleep disturbance. Other adverse effects, such as growth suppression and substance use disorder, are controversial. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a public health advisory for drugs approved for the treatment of ADHD to provide more information for patients about potential risks of ADHD medications. Additional research is needed on approaches for treating ADHD in adolescents transitioning into

adulthood, as are studies on the relationships between ADHD and comorbidities such as substance use disorder. Read more at <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/566132> (May require free subscription)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### Helping Children with Autism

The Australian Government has committed \$190 million for the four years to June 2012 to deliver the Helping Children with Autism package. The package will help address the considerable need for support and services for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). FaHCSIA is establishing a panel of evidence-based early intervention service providers. Eligible interventions under the package will have a multidisciplinary focus. The Helping Children with Autism package will provide additional funding to ensure that children aged 0 to 6 years diagnosed with ASDs and not yet at school have greater access to a range of early intervention services, including packages of individual assistance. Families and carers will be eligible for a funding package of up to \$12,000 (up to \$6,000 per child per financial year) to assist with the financial cost of accessing early intervention services. The funding package will support the provision of structured and intensive early intervention services, such as one-on-one intensive activities, and tailored group and individual programs that can be delivered in a range of settings. Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Postal: Box 7788 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 Phone: 1800 289 177 [asd@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:asd@fahcsia.gov.au)  
[http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/disabilities/services-help\\_child\\_autism.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/disabilities/services-help_child_autism.htm)

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

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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

### Review of individual planning in DADHC large residential centres

Residential centres, formerly known as 'institutions', accommodate people with disabilities in congregate settings. Small residential centres accommodate between seven and 20 people on the one site, while large residential centres house more than 20 people on site. Almost three-quarters (70) of the people who live in residential centres live in the nine large residential centres that are operated by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC). In 2008, the NSW Ombudsman conducted a review to examine the way services were planned and delivered to meet the individual needs of people living in DADHC's larger residential centres. Our review incorporated

each of the nine DADHC large residential centres, and a total of 60 residents from a mix of cottages and units. The 60 people represented a mix of ages, gender, cultural background, and support needs. The review looks at a range of issues including individual planning process, decision-making and choice, health care, behaviour support, and community participation and integration. Download report

<http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au/publication/PDF/Other%20Reports/Report%20on%20individual%20planning%20in%20DADHC%20large%20residential%20centres%20June%202009.pdf>

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

### ***Enhancing the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set: counting clients and reporting comorbidity***

The Enhancement Project of the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set (AODTS-NMDS) examined the feasibility of introducing the components of a statistical linkage key and one or more indicators of mental health comorbidity into the AODTS-NMDS. After consultation with jurisdictions and alcohol and other drug treatment agencies, four new data elements were piloted in three jurisdictions. This bulletin presents the findings of this project. AIHW catalogue number (**AUS 112**). Available from CanPrint for **\$10.00** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the FREE [report](#).

[\*\*Participation of Australians with high support needs\*\*](#) Australian Healthcare Associates The project is managed by DADHC, New South Wales, in conjunction with a national project steering committee, on behalf of the Disability Policy and Research Working Group (formerly National Disability Administrators). The project is aimed at progressing discussions and informing initiatives under the Commonwealth State and Territory Disability Bilateral Agreements with regard to young people in nursing homes and people with a disability with high clinical care needs. The characteristics of younger people in residential aged care will be identified and mapped, and existing service models specifically designed to meet the needs of younger people with high clinical care needs analysed across the disability, health, community and aged care sectors. The project will also review the demographic profile of consumers and map alternative pathways for younger people with a disability with high support needs. Aspects of the model that contribute to its effectiveness will also be identified and compared to other models.

### [\*\*Australian Implementation and Evaluation of Active Support\*\*](#)

[\*\*Futures Planning for Older Carers of Adults with Disabilities\*\*](#) Aged Services Learning and Research Collaboration (ASLaRC), Southern Cross University. The project developed and trialed a model aimed at assisting older carer/s to plan ahead for a future time when they may not be able to continue to provide the level of care required for the adult with disabilities. February 2008

McDonald, T. **Practice-Driven research: Relevant, Robust & Rewarding.** ACAA Conference Presentation. <http://www.acaansw.com.au/PDFs-Docs/Congress-2009/Dr-Tracey-McDonald.pdf>

Aaron M. Bishop, (2009) ***Comparative analysis of Australia's and Massachusetts Health care systems and access/utilization for people with disabilities.*** Seminar presentation powerpoint. Disability Studies & Research Centre Seminar University of New South Wales  
[http://dsrc.arts.unsw.edu.au/news/Bishop\\_a.pdf](http://dsrc.arts.unsw.edu.au/news/Bishop_a.pdf)

Llewellyn, G., McConnell, D., Mayes, R. (2003). [\*\*Health of mothers with intellectual limitations.\*\*](#) *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, 27(1), 17-19.

**Life expectancy and disability in Australia 1988 to 2003:** "Life expectancy has increased markedly over the last century. Has the number of years lived with illness or disability fallen or risen as overall life expectancy has lengthened? This report explores this question, focusing on years lived with disability. The report updates previous estimates of 'health expectancies' in Australia and examines the changes over a period of 15 years, from 1998 to 2003." Download [Full Report](#) | [Media Release](#) ABC Online: [Disability rates rising as Australians live longer: study](#)

## **Disability Studies & Research Centre (DSRC) Research Program**

For further details about the DSRC Research Program see <http://dsrc.arts.unsw.edu.au/research/>  
Enquiries about research collaboration with DSRC are welcome.

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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**

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Published by Epilepsy Action Australia (see featured organisation above). You can download the pdf versions of First Aid for Seizures below, print on A3 paper and put up on a notice board or wall for easy reference at home or work.

- [Seizure First Aid - General](#)
- [Seizure First Aid - Wheelchair](#)

**Aged Care Medication Management System.** ACAA Conference presentation. Parry & Jenkins <http://www.acaansw.com.au/PDFs-Docs/Congress-2009/Dawn-Parry-Elizabeth-Jenkins.pdf>

### **Supported living options for younger people with differing degrees of care needs: DVD & booklet**

The Summer Foundation in Victoria has developed a DVD and information booklet, outlining a variety of accommodation and support models that documents the experience of five people. The booklet provides information to consumers and families about various community housing models for younger people with differing degrees of care needs. A description of each of the accommodation and support models is included with the story of a young person who has moved from an aged care facility into the community.

[You can download the booklet and view videos of 4 people's stories on The Summer Foundation's website, as well as order DVDs and hard copies of the booklet - click here.](#)

# Bipolar disorder: Australian treatment guide for consumers and carers

This guide was written by consumers and mental health professionals to answer the priority questions consumers have about treatments for bipolar disorder and living with the condition. Its purpose is to provide consumers with information on best practice in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of bipolar disorder.

[Online version of \*Bipolar disorder: Australian treatment guide for consumers and carers\*](#)

[PDF printable version of \*Bipolar disorder: Australian treatment guide for consumers and carers\* \(PDF 571 KB large file\)](#)

## NDS National Disability Services - Disability Safe Project

*This major project of NDS NSW is invaluable to all organisations promoting a safer work environment. They provide education resources for your staff training programs, staff inductions and workplace information. A must for all Managers, Human Resource Managers, Staff Educators and Staff in the disability sector. Their web site is a wealth of information and resources – do check it out regularly for their up dates.*

### ”Disability Safe Training Material available – Flu Prevention

[Toolbox Talks: Cold and Flu Prevention Presentation \(PPT\)](#)

[Disability Safe Poster: Cold and Flu Prevention](#)

[Disability Safe Poster: Washing Hands](#)

Other topics have included slips, trips and falls as well flu prevention. [Check each month for new topics.](#)” **Source: NDS NSW**

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**Infection Control Conference NSW.** Luna Park Sydney Michel Berarducci 02 9745 9613 [ica@nursing.edu.au](mailto:ica@nursing.edu.au)  
[www.icansw.org.au](http://www.icansw.org.au)

**6 -9 September 2009**

**NDS 2009 National Employment Forum and Workability International Conference.**

Hilton Hotel, Sydney. National Disability Services and Workability International have joined to host a 3-day conference to equip delegates with knowledge and strategies to help ensure that the employment of people with disability is not adversely affected by the economic challenges ahead. Submission of abstracts to [philippa.angle@nds.org.au](mailto:philippa.angle@nds.org.au) website: [www.nds.org.au](http://www.nds.org.au)

**11-13 September 2009**

**Uniting Disability Resources Expo.** Mid North Coast NSW. For more information, please contact 02 6553 3245 or visit [www.udrexpo.com](http://www.udrexpo.com)

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**Children & Inflicted Traumatic Brain Injury Seminar.** Research Building, Children's Hospital Westmead, Sydney, Brain Injury Australia event. RSVP by 11 Sept email name & telephone no. to [admin@bia.net.au](mailto:admin@bia.net.au)

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**Enrolled Nurses 16<sup>th</sup> State Conference.** Bomaderry Bowling Club. Contact Enrolled Nurses Professional Association. 1300 554 249 [garozn@optusnet.com.au](mailto:garozn@optusnet.com.au) [www.enpansw.org.au](http://www.enpansw.org.au)

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**Ohio State 7th Annual MH/MR Conference- Mental Health Aspects –Treatment & Support**

Columbus/Worthington, OH . <http://www.thenadd.org/pages/conferences/092209.shtml>

**23-26 September 2009**

**American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) 62nd Annual Meeting.**

Phoenix , Arizona , USA [www.aacpdm.org](http://www.aacpdm.org)

**29 September – 2 October 2009**

**International Conference on Mental Health Nursing.** Sheriton on the Park. Australian College of Mental health Nurses. Contact Sophie Secombe 07 5528 2501 [acmhn9@astmanagement.com.au](mailto:acmhn9@astmanagement.com.au)  
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**APA Conference Week** Sydney NSW Australian Physiotherapy Association.

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**Australian International Education Conference 2009** Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, NSW International Education Association of Australia. <http://www.aiec.idp.com>

15 - 17 October 2009

**1st International Congress on Nursing Education, Research & Practice** Thessaloniki, Greece

<http://www.globalevents.gr>

21 -23 October 2009

**NADD 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibit Show 2009**

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed, Advancing Mental Wellness Through Excellence in Mental Health Care in Persons with Intellectual Disability. Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

<http://www.thenadd.org/pages/conferences/26th/index.shtml>

27 - 29 October 2009.

**National Respite Conference 2009** preliminary notice "Respite is a Necessity Not a Luxury". Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg Beach. ADELAIDE. SA. For more information contact: Interchange Respite Care (NSW) Inc, Phone: 02 9789 1348, Visit: [www.interchangensw.com.au](http://www.interchangensw.com.au)

27-30 October 2009

**A Life to be Lived** 4th World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness. Brisbane QLD. Deaf Services Australia.

28 Oct – 1 Nov 2009

**Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) Section of Psychotherapy "Trauma, Mentalization and Dissociative Processes: Translating Theory into Practice" Bi-national Conference: Gold Coast.**

29 October 2008

**ASSID NSW AGM & Guest Speaker.** 10am – 12.30 pm Ashbury Senior Citizen's Centre. Inquiries Linda Ward [lindaw@ucsl.nsw.uca.org.au](mailto:lindaw@ucsl.nsw.uca.org.au)

29 – 30 October 2008

**Challenges in Developmental Disability Health Conference.** John Loewenthal Auditorium, Westmead Hospital, Westmead, NSW, Australia. Organised by the Association of Doctors in Developmental Disabilities. Email: [rachelg2@chw.edu.au](mailto:rachelg2@chw.edu.au)

4 -6 November 2009

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