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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Productivity Commissions Public Inquiry into Disability Care and Support 2010

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support>

The Productivity Commission invites the public to register their interest in a forthcoming inquiry into a long-term care and support scheme for people with a disability in Australia. **The inquiry will begin in early 2010** and report by July 2011.

More information will be available once the inquiry has commenced. [Register your interest](#) in the inquiry and you will be kept informed of progress by email or post.

Consider having your individual input or collectively through one of the peak disability associations.

#### [About the public inquiry process](#)

The Terms of Reference can be viewed [here](#)

#### Scope of the review

The Productivity Commission is requested to undertake an inquiry into a National Disability Long-term Care and Support Scheme. The inquiry should assess the costs, cost effectiveness, benefits, and feasibility of an approach which:

- provides long-term essential care and support for eligible people with a severe or profound disability, on an entitlement basis and taking account the desired outcomes for each person over a lifetime
- is intended to cover people with disability not acquired as part of the natural process of ageing
- calculates and manages the costs of long-term care and support for people with severe and profound disability
- replaces the existing system funding for the eligible population
- ensures a range of support options is available, including individualised approaches
- includes a coordinated package of care services which could include accommodation support, aids and equipment, respite, transport and a range of community participation and day programs available for a person's lifetime
- assists the person with disability to make decisions about their support
- provides support for people to participate in employment where possible.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### Australian Government to Consider New Approaches to Disability

#### **Excerpts from the Joint Media Release**

*with The Hon Kevin Rudd MP Prime Minister and The Hon Jenny Macklin MP Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and The Hon Bill Shorten MP Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services*

The Productivity Commission will investigate the feasibility of new approaches for funding and delivering long-term disability care and support. The inquiry forms part of the Australian Government's ten year National Disability Strategy being developed with State and Territory Governments and in consultation with the National People with Disabilities and Carer Council. The Productivity Commission inquiry will examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of replacing the current system of disability services with a new approach which provides long-term essential care and support for people with severe or profound disabilities however acquired.

The inquiry will examine a range of options for long-term care and support including consideration of whether a no-fault social insurance approach to disability is appropriate in Australia. It will also examine if a scheme would fit with Australia's health, aged care, income support and injury insurance systems. These are complex issues that require rigorous analysis, design and costing. The feasibility study will assess whether a long-term care and support scheme would be appropriate, practical and economically responsible in the Australian context. The Productivity Commission will consult widely and will be assisted by an associate commissioner with specialist disability expertise. An independent panel of experts will also be established to advise the Productivity Commission and Government during the Inquiry.

The Productivity Commission will report to Government in July 2011.

The Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments have adopted a bold vision for the National Disability Strategy - an inclusive Australian society that enables people with disability to fulfil their potential as equal citizens.

This long-term agenda comes on top of an historic increase to Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment recipients of \$70.83 per fortnight for single pensioners on the maximum rate and \$29.93 per fortnight for couple pensioners combined on the maximum rate. The Government has also allocated substantial new funding under the new National Disability Agreement, with more than \$5 billion in funding over five years to the states for specialist disability services, including supported accommodation, respite and in-home care. This includes the highest ever level of indexation and means that in 2013 the Australian Government's contribution will exceed \$1.2 billion, compared to \$620 million in 2007 under the previous government.

[\(full media release \)](#)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED ORGANISATION

### **Chinese Parents Association - Children with Disabilities (CPA) Inc.**

Established in 1988 by a group of Chinese parents with children with disabilities in Australia.

It is a non-religious, non-political and non-profit making organization with the objective to provide a range of services specially needed by people with disabilities and their families.

<http://www.chineseparents.org.au/> (This site is in English and Chinese languages)

**See links to other key associations and organisations at**

[http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/community\\_information.html](http://www.globaladvantage.org/page/community_information.html)

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

for experienced overseas trained professionals in disability and nursing.

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

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

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## **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS**

Free telephone interpreting services will be extended to pharmacies across Australia on an ongoing basis. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship, through the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) and the assistance of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, recently conducted a pilot extension of free telephone interpreting services, which showed that pharmacies using the service found it to be a valuable tool when communicating with non-English speakers and would use it again. Registered pharmacies around Australia will be able to access the service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more info:

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/parlsec/media/media-releases/2008/lf08070.htm>

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## **GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS**

### **Commonwealth Scholarships Program**

The Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) Program commenced in 2004. As of 1 January 2008, the program is known as the Commonwealth Scholarships Program. The policy objectives of the program are to facilitate choice in higher education and to increase higher education participation by students from low socio-economic status backgrounds, particularly Indigenous students and students from regional and remote areas. Under the program, higher education providers assess applicants and approve scholarship recipients in accordance with broad guidelines as determined by the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). The scholarships are not treated as income for Social Security and Veterans Affairs pensions and allowances, or for ABSTUDY. Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Postal: GPO Box 9880 Canberra ACT 2601 Phone: 1300 363 079

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher\\_education/programmes\\_funding/programme\\_categories/scholarships\\_awards\\_prizes/commonwealth\\_learning\\_scholarships\\_programme.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/scholarships_awards_prizes/commonwealth_learning_scholarships_programme.htm)

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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### **North West Disability Service on the Radio at 2CCR FM 90.5**

The crew at North West Disability Service have been doing a radio show for a while now and it is growing in local popularity. Why not listen in locally or online if you can not pick up the station.

**2 CCR-FM 90.5** Wednesday 3PM - 4PM: **Community Views**

provided by the North West Disability Services. Streaming online at [www.2ccrfm.com](http://www.2ccrfm.com)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING NEWS

### 2010 is International Year of the Nurse!

2010 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of [Florence Nightingale](#), who is celebrated for pioneering the foundations of the nursing profession. To commemorate her life, and to celebrate the dedication and achievements of nurses who continue to improve the standards of health around the world today, we are delighted to announce that 2010 has been declared the International Year of the Nurse (IYN).

The IYN is a joint initiative of the [Nightingale Initiative for Global Health \(NIGH\)](#), [Sigma Theta Tau International](#) and the Florence Nightingale Museum, London. RCNA will be supporting the effort to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Australian nurses in promoting healthy lifestyles, providing world-class care and ensuring timely health care for all Australians.

[2010 International Year of the Nurse official website](#)  
[Nightingale Initiative for Global Health](#)  
[UN Millennium Development Goals \(MDGs\)](#)  
[Download the International Year of the Nurse flyer](#)

*[Information provided by Royal College of Nursing Australia.*

**Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA)** is the peak professional body for nurses. As a member you can influence a range of local and national issues by getting involved in the activities of RCNA. [Read more](#)

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see disability nurses conference item below.

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## Call for Papers

### 21<sup>st</sup> PANDDA CONFERENCE 2010 for NURSES in DISABILITIES in AUSTRALIA

Theme: Coming of Age: A Celebration of Intellectual/Developmental Disability Nursing

Friday August 27<sup>st</sup> Mercure Hotel, Parramatta. NSW

#### Invited Keynote Speakers

**Rosemary Bryant** Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Australia

**Professor Ron McCallum** Rapporteur to the United Nations

**Dr Helen Beange** Specialist Developmental Disability Doctor

#### Important Dates:

Abstract submissions due - 9 April 2010

Abstract authors notified – 26 April 2010

Final program developed – May 2010

Submit your abstract to: **Dr Chris Atkins** - [healthteam@disabilityenterprises.com.au](mailto:healthteam@disabilityenterprises.com.au)

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING BOOKS GUIDE

### Getting to Grips with Asperger Syndrome: Understanding Adults on the Autism Spectrum

By Carol Hagland  
Getting to Grips with Asperger Syndrome is a practical, problem-solving guide for those caring for or supporting an adult with Asperger Syndrome (AS). It will help them understand the condition and the difficulties it may cause, so that they can offer support in the most beneficial way. The book explains what AS is and why certain behaviours frequently occur: such as anxiety, fear of change and unusual sensitivities. Once behaviours and reactions are understood, many of the apparent problems become less troublesome, and difficulties can be avoided or easily-resolved. Practical strategies are offered to combat problems that may arise, and common issues that specifically occur with individuals diagnosed later in life are addressed. Easy-to-read and accessible, this book is a useful reference for friends and family of individuals with AS, as well as health and social care staff and students, whatever the level of training and experience. Paperback: £12.99 / \$19.95 2009, 234mm x 156mm / 9.25in x 6in, 224pp ISBN: 978-1-84310-977-8, BIC 2: VFJD JFFG YQV <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781843109778>

### Therapeutic Relationships with Offenders: An Introduction to the Psychodynamics of Forensic Mental Health Nursing.

Edited by Anne Aiyegbusi and Jenifer Clarke-Moore.

<http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843109495>

## **The Adolescent and Adult Neuro-diversity Handbook: Asperger Syndrome, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Related Conditions**

Sarah Hendrickx With a contribution from Claire Salter Increasing numbers of adults are realising that they have been living with an undiagnosed developmental condition, yet most information and support focuses on children. This leaves many adults confused and in the dark. December 2009, Paperback: £13.99/ \$19.95 ISBN: 978-1-84310-980-8, 216mm x 138mm / 8.5in x 5.5in, 192pp <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781843109808>

## **A Guide to Developmental, Neurobiological and Psychological Disorders for Parents and Professionals**

Robbie Woliver "This is a glimpse into our 21st century parenting reality for millions of families. Alphabet Kids offers expert advice with a dose of compassion to empower parents and professionals with information aimed at helping children with special needs reach their highest potential." 2008, Hardback: £22.50/ \$29.95 ISBN: 978-1-84310-880-1, 246mm x 173mm / 10in x 7in, 480pp <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781843108801>

### **Aggression and Violence**

Turnball J/Paterson B | ISBN13: 9780333622513 RRP: \$80.00 Paperback Publication date: 03/1999 Palgrave Macmillan UK Aggression and violence directed towards staff in the caring services is a growing problem, and one that is receiving increasing attention. Despite the interest and concern, few successful approaches to the subject have been devised, leaving the majority of staff feeling vulnerable.

### **Dementia Care Nursing**

Adams T. | ISBN13: 9781403916518 RRP: \$64.00 Paperback Publication date: 12/2007 Palgrave Macmillan UK This book looks at the role nurses play when working with people who have dementia and their relatives..

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

### **New NSW ADHC - Lifestyle Planning Policy and Practice Guidelines out for consultation**

The 2005 ADHC Individual Planning Policy has been reviewed and is released for consultation as the draft Lifestyle Planning Policy and Practice Guidelines. **Closing date for feedback 16 April.**

- [Introduction to a Consultation for the draft Lifestyle Planning Policy](#)
- [Draft Lifestyle Planning policy and Practice Guidelines](#)
- [Consultation feedback form](#)

### ***Draft ADHD guidelines released***

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) have made available updated draft Australian guidelines on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other useful information to assist parents and medical professionals to recognise and appropriately treat ADHD.

[Click here to read the full media release](#)

[Click here to access the guidelines](#)

## Victorian DHS, DS, Policy and Funding Plan 2009-2012

The Policy and funding plan 2009-12 describes the policy and budget environment in which the Disability Services Division operates. It outlines the divisions aims and provides information about Disability Services funded activities.

Information on this page:

- [Policy and Funding Plan 2009-12](#)
- [Policy and Funding Plan key documents](#)
- [Policy and Funding Plan 2009-2012 \(PDF 2.2 mb\)](#)

New **Consumer & Carer Clinical Practice Guidelines**, developed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, in consultation with consumers, researchers and medical professionals provide consumers and carers with clear, accurate and evidence based information about mental health issues to assist consumers and carers to make informed decisions about treatment. This free resource is available from <http://www.ranzcp.org/resources/clinical-practice-guidelines.html>

**ADHC Demonstration Support Network Program Evaluation Plan** (DSRC with SPRC)  
[http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/File/FINAL\\_evaluation\\_plan.pdf](http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/File/FINAL_evaluation_plan.pdf)

## Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*

Productivity Commission Inquiry Report (released in July 2004) <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/dda/report>

## [A Best Practice Guide to Assessment and Intervention for Autism and Asperger Syndrome in Schools](#)

Lee A. Wilkinson. With a focus on best practice and the importance of early diagnosis, this book provides a practical and scientifically-based approach to the assessment and diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome and autism spectrum conditions. March 2010, Paperback: £15.99/ \$24.95 ISBN: 978-1-84905-811-7, 234mm x 156mm / 9.25in x 6in, 208pp <http://www.jkp.com/catalogue/book/9781849058117>

## [Preventive Care for Adults With Down Syndrome](#)

A handy resource for primary health care providers who have patients with Down syndrome. Leigh Wilson, DO, MPH. Medscape Article.

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## GLOBAL ONLINE DIRECTORIES GUIDE

### Website for Teens in Families Affected by Mental Illness

SANE Australia has a website to support the 500,000 Australian teenagers affected by mental illness in their family. The website contains facts, an email helpline, stories of several teenagers and photo gallery. Visit [www.itsallright.org](http://www.itsallright.org)

**Mental Health Links for Lawyers** is a website that provides information to assist lawyers in representing clients with mental health issues. A project of the Criminal Justice Research Network, the site has links to organisations that provide mental health crisis care and referrals, information on mental illnesses, references for further reading and advice for legal professionals who may be experiencing their own mental health issues. For more info visit: [www.mhl.org.au](http://www.mhl.org.au)

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

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING GRANT NEWS

### NSW Rural Fire Service – AIDER Programme; *Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents*

The [AIDER Programme](#) is designed to reduce bush fire hazards on bush fire prone property of infirm, disabled and elderly residents. The programme is a one off free service designed to support residents to live confidently on their bush fire prone properties. Residents can receive assistance with many services, including; Clearing gutters, Thinning vegetation, Removing leaf or tree debris, Trimming branches and Mowing long grass.

To find out more information about the AIDER Programme or to have an assessment of your property contact the AIDER Programme Coordinator on (02) 8741 4955.

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING RESEARCH NEWS

### Disability workers sought for research about behaviours of concern

Disability workers and their managers/supervisors are sought for participation in a research project about the management of behaviours of concern.

Participation is open to anyone who works with people who have an intellectual disability (e.g., support worker, house supervisor, case manager).

The research comprises two parts. Disability workers may choose to participate in Part A and/or Part B, or neither part. Part A involves an interview and observations, and Part B involves the anonymous completion of questionnaires. Given the time commitment required for participation, funds for backfill can be provided so that disability workers can participate in the research during work time. A \$30 Chadstone/Myer voucher will be given to disability workers who cannot participate in Part B during work time.

To participate, or for further information, please contact:

- Sheridan Forster 8575 2296, [Sheridan.forster@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:Sheridan.forster@med.monash.edu.au)

or - Stella Koritsas 8575 2260, [Stella.koritsas@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:Stella.koritsas@med.monash.edu.au)

### Handbook for allied health researchers

The Menzies Foundation has recently published a Handbook for Allied Health Researchers. The Handbook, designed to promote research in clinical practice and to assist new researchers to get started, is the result of a multidisciplinary collaboration across allied health disciplines including psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists and social workers. Copies can be purchased for \$33 (incl GST) plus postage. [Click here to order a copy of the handbook](#)

### Trends in Aged Care Services: some implications

Productivity Commission research paper. Released Sept 2008.

<http://www.pc.gov.au/research/commissionresearch/aged-care-trends> Downloadable copy of the report  
[http://www.pc.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/83380/aged-care-trends.pdf](http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/83380/aged-care-trends.pdf)



## **Australian hospital statistics 2007-08**

Australian hospital statistics 2007-08 presents a broad range of information on Australian public and private hospitals. In 2007-08 there were: 7.9 million hospitalisations, 60% of these were in public acute hospitals; 566,000 admissions from public hospital elective surgery waiting lists with a median waiting time of 34 days; 7.1 million presentations to public hospital emergency departments, with 69% of patients seen within recommended times for their triage categories; and 1,314 public and private hospitals. Public hospital expenditure was \$29 billion.

AIHW catalogue number ( **HSE 71** ). Available from CanPrint for **\$44** (1300 889 873). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and free downloadable [report](#).

## **Headspace Evaluation Report** (DSRC with SPRC)

[http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/File/Final\\_Independent\\_evaluation\\_of\\_headspace\\_report.pdf](http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/media/File/Final_Independent_evaluation_of_headspace_report.pdf)

## **State of Australia's Young People Report** (DSRC with SPRC)

<http://www.youth.gov.au/Documents/YoungPeopleReport.pdf>

## **Counting the homeless 2006: New South Wales**

Across Australia, 20% of the homeless were in boarding houses on census night in 2006, but in New South Wales the figure was 28%--the highest proportion in any state. Forty-five per cent of the homeless in New South Wales were aged 35 or older, compared with the national figure of 42%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 204). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

## **Counting the homeless 2006: Victoria**

Nationally, 19% of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation on census night in 2006, but in Victoria it was 31%. Sixty-three per cent of the homeless in Victoria were aged 34 or younger, compared with the national figure of 58%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 203). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

## **Counting the homeless 2006: Australian Capital Territory**

On census night in 2006, 76% of the homeless in the Australian Capital Territory were aged 34 or younger, significantly above the national figure of 58%. Nationally, 19% of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation, but in the Australian Capital Territory it was 39%. AIHW catalogue number (HOU 207). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

## **Counting the homeless 2006: Western Australia**

Across Australia, 19% of the homeless were in SAAP accommodation on census night in 2006, but in Western Australia the figure was 11%. There were significantly more people staying temporarily with other households in Western Australia (59% compared with 45% nationally). AIHW catalogue number (HOU 209). Click on the link to view the [media release](#) and [report](#).

## **Oral health behaviours in the Australian population 2004-06**

AIHW catalogue number (**DEN 197**) This is an Internet Only publication. Click on the link to view the free [report](#).

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# **GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING FEATURED COURSE**

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[web site](#)

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- [Bachelor of Inclusive Education and Disability Studies](#) (Strathfield):

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### GLOBAL now on the radio – at 2 CCR FM 90.5

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## GLOBAL DISABILITY & AGEING EDUCATION RESOURCES GUIDE

### BUILDING BELONGING – CELEBRATING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES DVD

The Building Belonging DVD is designed to assist groups of workers, congregations and community members to discover what is life-giving for older people. Ted Smeaton introduces ideas of Asset Based Community Development and starts a conversation about how to include older people in community. Asset Based Community Development, or ABCD, is a powerful set of ideas for helping communities to grow strong and create a place for everyone. This DVD looks at the ABCD framework, and explores how older people can have meaningful, healthy lives that benefit all the community. This interactive DVD is divided into five easy to use sessions and an introductory session. Each session should take around an hour to complete. Ted will ask questions throughout the workshop and participants are invited to take time for conversation within the group. These questions are also included in this booklet for further reflection. The Building Belonging resource can be used as a catalyst for conversations and sharing of community wisdom. A workbook accompanies this DVD and gives an opportunity to reflect on what these ideas mean for participants and their community. Email [ted@inspiringcommunities.com](mailto:ted@inspiringcommunities.com) to arrange order forms, payment and deliveries. (It is funded by the commonwealth government however there is a modest \$20 postage and handling fee for up to four copies.) Distributed by Uniting Care Australia [training@ucco.org.au](mailto:training@ucco.org.au) .

### Competency Matrix - Website Launch

The Competency Matrix is an online tool developed by the CS&H ISC which assists users to connect the dots between qualifications, skill sets, job roles and more than 300 units of competency from across both the CHC08 and HLT07 Training Packages. And perhaps best of all, these are available as downloadable PDF documents.

The [Competency Matrix](#) website is now live.

### Disability in Australia: Intellectual Disability

**AIHW Bulletin No. 67.** People with an intellectual disability represent a very significant client group of disability services in Australia, reflecting the priority given to this group and the origins of many disability services in Australia. This bulletin presents an overview of prevalence of intellectual disability and its related impairments, health conditions and activity limitations. The analyses focus on outcomes of participation in major life areas in children and young adults with intellectual disability as well as people ageing with intellectual disability. Authored by AIHW. Published **12 November 2008**; ISSN 1446-9820; ISBN-13 978 1 74024 850 1; AIHW cat. no. AUS 110; 40pp.; **\$10.00 FREE Download at [Disability in Australia: intellectual disability \(1.3MB PDF\)](#)**

### [Braille Flashcards](#)

These Web sites provide fun, interactive, automated feedback for reading braille. They are like games to supplement practice in reading uncontracted and contracted braille.

### [Braille Numbers](#)

Offers suggestions for reading and writing braille numbers, including memory tips.

### [Reading Braille Words Checklist](#)

This checklist can help you learn to read braille with more ease, speed, and enjoyment. Use it to identify unskillful reading habits and get pointers that can help you improve your technique.

### [Tips on Erasing Dots](#)

Basic directions and instructions on how to erase braille dots, with either a braille eraser or stylus, are given.

## **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 – Manual Handling**

[Manual Handling part of your OHSMS \(pdf 59kb\)](#)

[Checklist for Manual Handling of People](#)

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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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### PANDDA 2010 Conference 27 August 2010

Mercure Hotel, Parramatta, NSW. [www.pandda.net](http://www.pandda.net)

The major national professional development conference for nurses in the disability sector.

#### Important Dates:

Abstract submissions due - 9 April 2010

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#### 25 – 26 March 2010 - *Registration Open Now.*

**Arts Activated Conference.** Sydney, Powerhouse Museum, Accessible Arts, A range of national and international speakers from the arts and disability sectors will come together to explore the themes of Arts – Access – Excellence through a series of workshops, panels and performances. [www.aarts.net.au/arts-activated-conference-2010](http://www.aarts.net.au/arts-activated-conference-2010) Inquiries Jane Pollard, [ipollard@aarts.net.au](mailto:ipollard@aarts.net.au) 02 9251 6499 [Media Release](#)

#### 1 -3 March 2010

**Counselling People With Cancer, Including Family Members.** University of Technology Sydney. AusMed Conferences. [http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/counselling\\_cancer\\_NSW\\_01\\_Mar\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/counselling_cancer_NSW_01_Mar_2010.pdf)

#### 2-3 March 2010

**Inaugural NDS / DPV Conference.** National Disability Services Victoria. Disability Professionals Victoria. The Sebel, Albert park. Victoria. [amanda.chan@dpv.org.au](mailto:amanda.chan@dpv.org.au) 03 8637 1238 [http://www.dpv.org.au/html/s02\\_article/default.asp?nav\\_top\\_id=55&nav\\_cat\\_id=187](http://www.dpv.org.au/html/s02_article/default.asp?nav_top_id=55&nav_cat_id=187)

#### 3 March 2010

**Nutrition for the Elderly.** University of Technology Sydney. AusMed Conferences. <http://www.ausmed.com.au/conferences/Nutrition-for-the-Elderly-details-2010489.html>

#### 3 – 5 March 2010

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Conference.** Sydney Harbour Marriott. Informa healthcare. <http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/healthcare/12th-annual-health-congress>

#### 8 – 9 March 2010

**Preventing & Managing Childhood Obesity.** University of Technology Sydney. AusMed Conferences. <http://www.ausmed.com.au/conferences/Preventing-and-Managing-Childhood-Obesity-details-2010439.html>

#### 8, 15,22 & 29 March 2010

**Housing Economics for non-economists.** Shelter NSW Lecture Series. Training Room 1, Sydney Trades Hall, Sussex St Sydney. [Click here for more information and registration details.](#)

**10 – 13 March 2010**

**26<sup>th</sup> International Seating Symposium.** The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

[www.interprofessional.ubc.ca](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca)

**10-13 March 2010**

**25th International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International.** Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece.

[www.adi2010.org](http://www.adi2010.org)

**10 – 14 March 2010**

**8th World Congress on Brain Injury.** Washington, DC. USA.

<http://www.internationalbrain.org/?q=node/16>

**13 & 14 March 2010**

**Education Expo.** Ridley Centre Adelaide Showground. 9 am to 4 pm. Free entry. <http://www.edexpo.info>

**16 & 17 March 2010**

**UK National Autistic Association Conference: Addressing The Challenges Together.** The Renaissance Manchester Hotel, Blackfriars Street, Manchester M3 2EQ. NAS Conferences and Events, 6th floor, Castle Heights, 72, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6BJ, tel: 0115 911 3367, fax: 0115 911 3362

<http://www.nas.org.uk/conferences>

**18 - 19 March 2010**

**Melbourne Carex 2010.** Health & Aged Care Expo. Caulfield Racecourse. Free admission.

[www.totalagedservices.com.au](http://www.totalagedservices.com.au) email Wayne at [office@totalagedservices.com.au](mailto:office@totalagedservices.com.au)

**18 - 20 March 2010**

**World Congress for Psychiatric Nurses.** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada. <http://www.worldcongress.ca/>

**19 March 2010**

**PEG Feeding Course.** Sydney . Global Education Centre. Strathfield. 1800 009 292

[GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com](mailto:GlobalAdvantage.Education@gmail.com) web site [brochure](#)

**19 March 2010**

**Leadership & Practice Development in Health Conference.** Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, TAS. Anna Boyes, (03) 6231 2999, [anna@cdesign.com.au](mailto:anna@cdesign.com.au)

**20 – 27 March 2010**

**Autism, ADHD and Other Paediatric Disorders.** 7-Night Cruise Conference from Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

[http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program\\_number=783](http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program_number=783)

**22 March 2010.**

**In Control – Self Directed Planning, Funding and Support for people with high and complex needs.** Family Advocacy. In Control Australia. Burwood RSL, Shaftsbury Rd, Burwood. \$30 professionals \$10 people with disabilities and family. Inquiries 02 9869 0722 Email [philippa@family-advocacy.com](mailto:philippa@family-advocacy.com). PO Box 502 Epping 1710

**22 - 23 March 2010.**

**Consumer-Centred Health Care: Policy, Innovation & Empowerment.** Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne.

<http://www.partnerships.org.au/NationalConference2010.htm>

**22 – 27 March 2010**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference.** Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego, CA, USA. <http://www.csunconference.org/index.cfm?EID=80000218>

**25 March 2010**

**Middle Nurse Managers Workshop.** Best Western Wollongong. AusMed Conferences.  
<http://www.ausmed.com.au/conferences/Special-Tutorial-and-Workshop-for-Middle-Nurse-Managers-details-2010475.html>

**25 – 26 March 2010**

**Arts Activated Conference.** Sydney, Powerhouse Museum, Accessible Arts, [www.aarts.net.au/arts-activated-conference-2010](http://www.aarts.net.au/arts-activated-conference-2010) Inquiries Jane Pollard, [ipollard@aarts.net.au](mailto:ipollard@aarts.net.au) 02 9251 6499

**26 March 2010**

**The Association of Developmental Disabilities Annual Expo.** Worcester, MA, United States.  
<http://www.addp.org>

**26 March 2010**

**Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association NSW/ACT Chapter Study Day.** 8 am – 4 pm. Epping Club, Amanda Buzio 02 9808 9687 [Amanda.Buzio@royalrehab.com.au](mailto:Amanda.Buzio@royalrehab.com.au)

**28 March 2010**

**SA Nursing and Health Expo.** Adelaide Convention Centre. [http://www.rcna.org.au/development/sa\\_expo](http://www.rcna.org.au/development/sa_expo)

**29 – 30 March 2010**

**The Inaugural Australian Obesity Summit.** Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour, Sydney.  
<http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/healthcare/the-inaugural-australian-obesity-summit>

**30 – 31 March 2010**

**NDS Regional Support Worker Conference 2010.** Port Macquarie. Contact Emily Caska 02 9256 3112 [emily.caska@nds.org.au](mailto:emily.caska@nds.org.au) Call for Papers  
[http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/Resources/links/RSWC\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_Jan10.pdf](http://www.nds.org.au/nsw/Resources/links/RSWC_Call_for_Papers_Jan10.pdf)

**8 – 9 April 2010**

**Preventing & Managing Childhood Obesity.** University of technology Sydney. AusMed Conferences.  
[http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/Childhood\\_Obesity\\_NSW\\_8\\_Mar\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/Childhood_Obesity_NSW_8_Mar_2010.pdf)

**9 April 2010**

**Legal and Professional Issues for Nurses and Midwives.** Shellharbour Resort & Confernece Centre, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**12 – 13 April 2010**

**Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities.**  
Hawaii Convention Centre. Honolulu, Hawaii. <http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/>

**14 - 17 April 2010**

**4th Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education.  
<http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca>

**17 April 2010**

**World Health Day** [www.who.int/en](http://www.who.int/en)

**18 April 2010**

**VIC Nursing and Health Expo.** Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. [http://www.rcna.org.au/development/vic\\_expo](http://www.rcna.org.au/development/vic_expo)

**21 – 22 April 2010**

**AITD National Conference.** Australian Institute of Training and Development. Australian Technology Park, Sydney.  
<http://www.aitd.com.au/conference>

**22 – 23 April 2010**

**Conversations, Connections, Communities Seminar with John O'Brien, Connie Lyle- O'Brien, Jack Pearpoint & Lynda Kahn.** Stamford Grand North Ryde, Epping Rd Macquarie Park NSW. Sunnyfield Association. [www.sunnyfield.org.au](http://www.sunnyfield.org.au) Sunnyfield, PO Box 886, Brookvale NSW 2100. Email Colette Palmisano at [c.palmisano@sunnyfield.org.au](mailto:c.palmisano@sunnyfield.org.au) or fax: 02 8977 2943

**27 April 2010**

**Computer Essentials for Nurses and Midwives.** Concord Hospital, NSW. NSW Nurses Association. PO Box 40 Camperdown NSW 1450 Fax: 02 9550 3667 Phone 02 8595 1234

**27- 28 April 2010**

**Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion and Disability Annual Conference:** Future History. Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio, USA. <http://ada.osu.edu/conferences/2010Conf/main10.html>

**28 April 2010**

**Critical Disability Studies Conference.** Manchester Metropolitan University. Lecture Theatre 5, Geoffrey Manton Building. 10 am – 4 pm. Email Katherine Runswick-Cole: [k.runswick-cole@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:k.runswick-cole@mmu.ac.uk)

**28– 30 April 2010**

**8<sup>th</sup> National Deaf Blind Conference.** Jasper Hotel, Melbourne. Able Australia Services, [patricia.karagiorgos@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:patricia.karagiorgos@ableaustralia.org.au) Ph 1300 225 369, <http://www.ableaustralia.org.au/>

**29-30 April 2010**

**Understanding Mental Illness for Nurses.** University of Technology Sydney. AusMed Conferences. [http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/MENTAL\\_ILLNESS\\_NSW\\_29\\_Oct\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ausmed.com.au/conference-booking/downloads/programs/2010/MENTAL_ILLNESS_NSW_29_Oct_2009.pdf)

**29 April – 2 May 2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Oceanian Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.** <http://www.aocprm2010.com>

**6 – 7 May 2010**

**Accommodation & Social Participation Conference 2010.** Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast. NDS National Disability Services. Call for papers <http://www.nds.org.au/conferences/ASP2010/CallForPapers.pdf>

**27 August 2010**

**21<sup>st</sup> PANDDA 2010 Conference**

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