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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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Did you know?



The International Day of People with Disability

(IDPwD or **I-Day**) is held on 3 December each year. I-Day is a United Nations-sanctioned day that aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disability.

I-Day aims to bring together people with disability, community organisations, businesses, individuals, and all levels of government to celebrate and promote inclusion.

COVID-19

COVID-19 booster doses What you need to know

People with disability who have completed their primary course of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months ago are eligible for a booster dose. Booster doses will be available through Commonwealth vaccination providers, either through in-reach or a dedicated disability hub.

People with disability can also receive a booster dose through other channels. Channels such as a GP, pharmacy, Commonwealth Vaccination Clinic, or state or territory vaccination clinic.

Commonwealth vaccination providers will also continue to give direct in-reach support to disability-specific hubs for dose 1 and dose 2 visits. DAACCS has reached out to Aspen Medical, we will run another vaccination hub for our participants in early 2022. We will let you know when a date is confirmed.

Message from the Director

I am very delighted to have you all as part of our DAACCS family and appreciative for the trust you have put in our services. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and wishes to DAACCS's devoted team members and their families.

2021 presented us all with many challenges including the ACT lockdown period and continual restrictions and changes due to COVID-19 across Australia. With such a high vaccination rate in ACT, now we all can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

This is the time to reflect on our achievements for the year 2021 and be proud that by working together we were able to keep our DAACCS community COVID safe. I would like to reaffirm DAACCS's commitment to you, our team members, and the community.

May 2022 fill your life with bliss, joy, and happiness.

Avneesh Gupta



Fact: Many feet' bones don't harden until you're an adult.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – Care and Support Sector Code of Conduct Consultation Paper

Have your say: Care and support sector consultations
The Department of Health is seeking feedback on aligning regulation and developing a common code of conduct, across the care and support sectors.

Based on the existing NDIS Code, this Code will apply to providers and workers across the aged care, veterans' care, and disability support sectors. It will strengthen the oversight of aged care and veterans' care workers and help protect consumers from abuse and neglect.

Aligning Regulation

The Australian Government is taking a staged approach to align regulation across the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), disability services, aged care, and veterans' care.

Aligning regulation will strengthen quality and safety for participants and consumers.

It will also be easier for service providers and workers to deliver services across sectors.

There are various ways to provide input, including written submissions, online surveys, and online workshop participation.

They invite consumers, families, carers, workers, providers, and the broader community to have their say.

You can view and respond to the Consultation Paper or register for an upcoming workshop, via the [Ageing and Aged Care Engagement Hub](#).

Submissions are open until Friday 17 December 2021.

Find out more on the [department's website](#) or email RegulatoryAlignmentTaskforce@health.gov.au

NDIS Acronyms R to W

RMR – Risk Management Rules

RoC – Roster of Care (SIL funding document)

SDF – Sector Development Fund

SDOM – Service Delivery Operating Model

SES – Senior Executive Service

SIL – Supported Independent Living

SPN – Staff Participant Network

SPOC – single point of contact

STA – Short Term Accommodation (respite)

TAFE – technical and further education

UN – United Nations

VALID – Victorian Advocacy League for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

VCBS – values, capabilities and behaviors statement

VCE – Victorian Certificate of Education

WHODAS – World Health Organisation Disability Assessment Schedule

WHS – work health and safety

Notice: DAACCS Staff Unavailable

As you can all appreciate it has been a challenging 2021 for everyone, in recognition of our staff's dedication, we are hosting our staff Christmas Party on **Saturday 4th December from 6pm to 10 pm**

Therefore, many of our staff will not be available during this time. We apologise in advance if this affects you, we ask for your support and understanding in acknowledging our staff's hard work.

Meet our team

Mohit Support Worker



"Train, sleep, repeat" A man of few words

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

Sri Ganganagar – people mostly speak Punjabi language rather than Rajasthani language – even though the city is in Rajasthan



What are three items you'd take with you to a deserted island?

Food, clothing and my mobile phone so I'm always available



If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Rice and kidney beans

If you could change something in the world, what would it be?

Stop corruption and segregation, promote equality for all.



What is your favourite thing to do when you're not working?

Go to the gym and sleeping. Cooking and meeting up with friends

What is your favourite song from your teenage years that you still rock out to when nobody else is listening?

I love all the songs by Diljit Dosanjh (Punjabi Singer)

If you were a Disney character, who would you be?

Nick Wilde from Zootopia (He's the suave, smart, and sneaky fox)



What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

Friendly environment, staff are really cooperative and always give a helping hand.