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LATEST NEWS
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Did you know?

The funding in your core support budget is flexible, so you can use the overall funding in this budget to purchase the disability-related supports you need. You can decide how to use this funding for day-to-day assistance, to pay support workers to help with everyday tasks like grocery shopping, or daily living tasks. If your Core support funding is low, NDIS will move the funding in your capacity budget to your Core support budget, so that you can use it flexibly for day-to-day assistance.

Call NDIS on 1800 800 110 if you need to change your plan management arrangements.

COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses

If you've had 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, a booster dose will provide you with even more protection against falling seriously ill from COVID-19. A booster dose may also reduce the potential of infected individuals to transmit the virus to others. ATAGI has recommended the Pfizer (Comirnaty) and Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccines as the approved vaccines for COVID-19 booster vaccinations. Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?

You can get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose if:

- you are aged 18 years and over
- you've had 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and
- your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine was 4 months ago.

This includes people who received another COVID-19 vaccine brand (AstraZeneca) for their first 2 doses.

Severely immunocompromised individuals who have received 3 doses are recommended a booster dose (fourth dose) 4 months after their third dose.

Welcome to 2022

I hope you all had a peaceful, healthy holiday period, and took some time to reconnect with family and friends.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."— Albert Einstein

Thank you to everyone who has provided input and encouraging messages of support of our newsletter and email updates, I really appreciate the fact that people are valuing the information we send out. If you have any ideas or want other topics included in our newsletter, please get in contact – Communication is incomplete without feedback 😊

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Fact: January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – \$35 Million investment to reduce the number of younger people in residential aged care.

The Australian Government is investing an additional \$35 million to continue delivering on its commitment to reduce the number of younger people entering, and living in, residential aged care. Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Linda Reynolds CSC and Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services Richard Colbeck said the investment will ensure younger people currently living in residential aged care receive the tailored support necessary to ensure that where they have a goal to leave aged care they can do so.

The funding provided as part of the 2021-22 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO), will reduce the number of people entering aged care and support a greater number of people to leave residential aged care between 2022 and the end of 2025.

The funding includes: \$16 million for the Department of Health to extend the current Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) System Coordinator Program to engage with younger people who are not NDIS participants. This is on top of \$10.1 million announced in the 2020-21 Budget for Health to establish a national network of up to 40 YPIRAC System Coordinators to help younger people find appropriate accommodation and supports.

Around \$18.9 million for additional National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) staff to help younger NDIS participants, their families, carers and support coordinators to explore reasonable and necessary supports to meet their home and living goals. The new team will complement the NDIA's existing 80 YPIRAC Planners who work with NDIS participants to ensure their plans reflect their housing goals as well as all other supports.

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What Happens if a Support Worker with COVID attends my home?

If you have a support worker attend your home who later tests positive to COVID-19, you can pay for a one-off professional deep clean of your house through your NDIS funds.

If this happens, your providers may contact you to organise a one-off professional deep clean of your house using NDIS funds.

You may be required to self-isolate due to being a close contact, you must follow government or medical advice.

If you need more assistance or your NDIS funds are low, you can call us on 1800 800 110.

Due to the high number of COVID cases in Canberra:

DAACCS support workers have been directed to wear both facemasks and face shields indoors. This decision has not been mandated by ACT Health, it is a decision we at DAACCS have implemented as an additional precaution to protect both participants and staff.

DAACCS office will be open by appointment only. Please call the office on 02 8004 8412 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm to arrange an appointment.

Meet our team

Joy Community Nurse, Coordinator



"You do not find a happy life, you make it"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

My home city is Manila Philippines, it's a cultural food bowl, you can get any type of food you want!



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

My sons, I couldn't live without them. My phone and food.

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

Ice Cream!!!!



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

Change people's negative opinions on adoption. All children deserve a loving family no matter where you come from.

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

Hanging out with my kids watching Netflix eating ice cream in bed.



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

Donna Lewis: I Love You Always Forever

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

Sleeping Beauty



What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

Family oriented, everyone is really helpful and kind.