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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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Did you know?

The Federal Government has released a [National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability](#). The ten-year plan is a positive development, highlighting specific areas for improvement, and will align with the forthcoming National Disability Strategy.

Six key objectives are mapped over the short, medium and long term. They include:

- Improving health literacy and advocacy among people with intellectual disability, their families and carers
- Developing better models of healthcare for people with intellectual disability – including better connection with, and health training for, disability providers
- Supporting health professionals to deliver better care for people with intellectual disability – including developing intellectual disability competencies and curricula content
- Improving oral health for people with intellectual disability
- Investing in research, data and measurement to support continuing improvement
- Improving emergency preparedness and response – including clarifying Commonwealth, state and territory agency roles

COVID-19

DAACCS has achieved 100% double vaccination for all active staff.

On 25/10/21, Canberra reached 88% double vaccination rates for 12 years and older.

In-home COVID-19 vaccination

If a person with disability feels they may need to be vaccinated in their home because they have significant barriers to accessing other vaccination options, they can contact the ACT vaccination booking line on 02 5124 7700 (choose option 3 for the dedicated disability line).

From 29 October 2021

Facemasks for indoors only

From 1 November - travel to all of NSW open and managed by restrictions in high risk LGAs only

- No more than 10 visitors at home
- 30 people can gather outdoors

**DAACCS office is now open again Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm.**



Fact: There are far more lefthanded men than women.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – Myplace NDIS Portal

22nd October 2021.

Participants have told NDIS the myplace participant portal is hard to use. We know it doesn't meet accessibility standards. NDIS have used those ideas to start building a new portal. It will be the new 'my NDIS participant portal'. The new portal will eventually replace the current myplace portal.

NDIS needs your help

We are looking for participants, nominees and child representatives interested in using and giving us feedback on an early version of new my NDIS participant portal we are building.

What NDIS would like you to do:

- use the new portal as we build it
- give us regular feedback and complete surveys about the portal
- talk to us about the portal by email or phone call, or participate in small focus groups.

To use the new portal, you must:

- be an NDIS participant with a current plan, or are a nominee or child representative for a current NDIS participant
- have a computer or tablet device and internet access
- have an active email address only you can access and mobile phone, are happy to give us this information and use it to log in to the new portal
- be able to use the new portal from late October for about six weeks.
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You can opt in by filling in this [online form](#) . We will use this information to check your eligibility and send you information on how to access the new portal.

We will use all the valuable feedback to finish building the portal before we release it next year.

More information is on the [my NDIS participant portal page](#).

NDIS Acronyms N to P

NAT – National Access Team
NDIA – National Disability Insurance Agency
NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme
NDS – National Disability Strategy
NGO – non-government organisation
NMHSRG – NDIA Mental Health Sector Reference Group
NPY (Women's Council) – Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara
OAIC – Office of Australian Information Commissioner
OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PBS – Portfolio Budget Statement
PGPA – Public governance performance and accountability
PMA – Plan Management Agreement (e.g., Hadrill Accounting or QDMS)

Next newsletter we will move onto more.

Meet our team

Esme Accommodation Manger



"Life's too short to be serious all the time"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

My home city Port Elizabeth is called "The friendly City" because everyone in the town is so friendly and welcoming ! And now you can understand why I am the way I am 😊!



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

A hammock to sleep of the ground.
A can of bug spray because I hate bugs and all sorts of creepy crawlies.
Box of matches to make a fire to keep the wild animals away.

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

One of our traditional South African dishes called Samp and Beans. You can wake me anytime for this meal. Samp is dried stamped corn kernels. At home it is also called the poor man's food, but it is utterly delicious and satisfying.



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

Put all these fraudsters who is making money out of the poor into jail. And I think that will solve the world problems

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

Hanging out with my 2 girlfriends ticking of our bucket list. Next on our list is the 35km 'Bloody Long Walk' in November. It is a fundraiser for Mitochondrial disease. I can assure you'll it will be a bloody long walk !



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

Girls Just want to have fun by Cindi Lauper

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

Esmeralda in The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Because she has a kind and generous heart just like me 😊



What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

The inclusiveness and the family feeling which gives me a sense of belonging. DAACCS is home away from home for me.