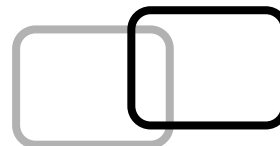


DisAbility Network NEWS



A NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL WESTERN ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

Network to lead the way..

The Central Western ACE Disability Network recently received great news from the Education Department . The Network was successful in gaining funding to undertake a much needed Statewide Disability ACE project beginning this Year. The **Statewide Disability project** has two major aims that complement one another and will lay the foundation for major improvements to the way ACE services and programs are delivered to people with Disabilities across the sector. The project will involve information gathering,, analysis and reporting on the one hand and resource building, sharing and free specialised disability training to ACE providers on the other.

This is good news for ACE providers who will be able to access extra support and information that will flow from this project, aside from the Disability Network Website that should become available by the end of the year.

Your agency will be contacted via the project workers sometime during the second half of 2004 to begin the information gathering process. Please help the project workers with this task as much as possible.

Gawith Villa In Focus...

Each issue we'll feature at least one provider that offers specialised or integrated courses for learners with a Disability. This issue we introduce Gawith Villa- Armadale.

Who is Gawith Villa?

For over fifty years, Gawith Villa has been educating and supporting people who have an intellectual disability. Since 1998 we have been running a number of accredited and non-accredited courses for people with mild to severe Intellectual Disability. Currently we are taking students for the nationally accredited *Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy* course.

About the Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy & Numeracy.

It's the first nationally accredited course specifically designed for students with initial or no literacy, communication and numeracy skills. Gawith Villa offers a supportive, individually tailored learning environment. The class is kept small, to a maximum of six students, and each student has their own volunteer tutor. A special education teacher with many years of experience runs the class.

Where is the course held?

Gawith Villa offers the Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy & Numeracy at respected university and TAFE settings. Currently these classes are held at Deakin University in Burwood.

For more information contact Carmine Laghi on: 9509 4266

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UPCOMING free WORKSHOPS

Put these dates in your diary!!!

Topic	Date	Location
Working with learners with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) .	June Thurs 24 10-1.00	Yooralla Flinders St, Melbourne
Disability Resources and Information and how to get them cheap.	August Tues 23 10-1.00	DEAC 55 Swanston St, City
Tutors Wisdom What has worked with students with a variety of disabilities.	October 21 Thurs 10-1.00	Yooralla Flinders St, Melbourne

FOR WORKSHOP DETAILS OR TO RSVP CONTACT JUDITH PRICE OR OLYMPIA ON: 9916 5800.

Assessment Tool available

Yooralla received funding in 2003 and designed and developed an assessment tool for educators to use to assess learners' literacy and numeracy abilities.

The tool has a comprehensive assortment of assessment tools and guides to determine the best learning and teaching strategies to use with people who **have Acquired Brain Injury or other sensory or physical disabilities**. The assessment tool can be borrowed and copies are available for a small administrative cost.

If you wish to know more about the assessment tool, please contact Judith Price on: 9916 5812

Invitation to attend
A FORUM
ABOUT THE DHS
DISABILITY STANDARDS

DATE: FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 2004

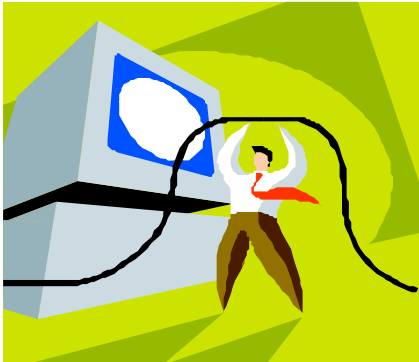
WHERE: MARIBYRNONG TOWN HALL HYDE STREET, FOOTSCRAY

TIME: 10 AM to 2PM
 (Registration from 9.30 am)

To rsvp PLEASE RING JENNY DODDS ON 9616 6113 Jenny.dodds@dhs.vic.gov.au

Have your centre and courses included in our upcoming web site "free".

Contact Olympia on: 99165800 or olympiat@yooralla.com.au



USEFUL LINKS FOR DISABILITY INFORMATION:
 Western Region Disability Network- A Disability Network in the DHS Western Region that provides useful information, training, networking, discussion forums and support to Disability service providers, friends and families of people with Disabilities. Most things that are provided are free.
<http://www.disabilityconnections.org.au>