

Workshop 3: New ways of working – Engaging with NDIS participants implementing their plan – practical aspects for allied health practice

Workshop Presenters:

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Lloyd is a professional rehabilitation engineer who has been working in Assistive Technology (AT) for over 25 years. As a user of AT, he has always had an interest in improvements in technology and its application to enhanced participation. He has been actively involved in most aspects of the AT sector nationally and internationally. Lloyd joined the National Disability Insurance Agency in August 2015 and in December that year was appointed the Director Assistive Technology.

The NDIA Market & Providers Assistive Technology team is responsible for ensuring innovative, participant centred and financially sustainable AT provision (including home modification) is available to NDIS participants across Australia.



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Julie joined the National Disability Insurance Agency in May 2016 as a Senior Planner within the NSW Sydney Region. More recently she has been working as Acting Assistant Director and Director within the Service Delivery Stream. Julie is also registered Occupational Therapist offering over 14 years of experience in the field of Occupational Rehabilitation (including the CTP, Comcare, and Workers Compensation Insurance Markets) and Disability Employment Services.



Workshop Summary

This workshop will enable you to explore how participants of the NDIS will engage with their community and services to implement their plans. Initially participant plans will be focused on ‘getting started’ with the NDIS and addressing their everyday needs. They will be seeking assistance from allied health and other providers in the community to address their capacity building requirements, in parallel to more mainstream needs (such as management of chronic health etc.). The workshop will enable you to work with others in small groups on the role for Allied Health practitioners (AHP) in assisting NDIS participants with an approved plan through:

- Engaging/understanding the participant, their network and building rapport
- Liaising with participant to understand goals, outcomes, expectations

- Work within the limits of the approved plan to achieve the outcomes
- Build regional/local capacity
- Evaluate to identify progress toward goals and inform plan review (scheduled or unscheduled)

Learning objectives

1. To understand the purpose of the NDIS and practical implications for providers in implementation of plans
2. To develop an understanding of the impact of the NDIS on the current clinical practice of Allied Health Professionals across multiple sectors
3. To identify new ways of working with NDIS participants and other support providers and services to achieve the goals and outcomes in a participant's plan