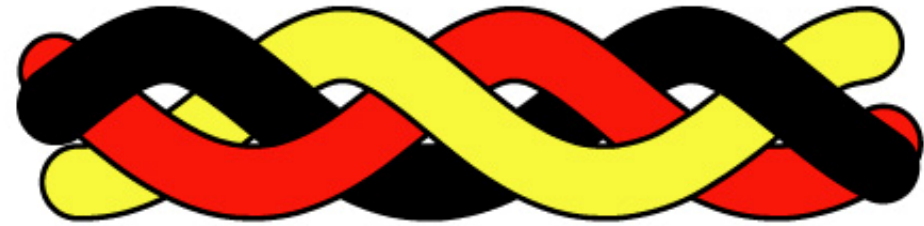




National Disability Services



Aboriginal Resources & Pathways

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Key challenges in service delivery to Aboriginal people

- Inclusive community services are a priority for Government.
- Government is increasing pressure on community service providers to be more inclusive of Aboriginal people.

Key challenges in service delivery to Aboriginal people

- In 2006 4.2% of people with disability were from an Aboriginal cultural background.
- In 2002 the most common disability types were sensory, physical, intellectual and psychiatric.

- Cultural awareness training provides:
 - 1) Details of current and historical local political events
 - 2) Details of community services.
 - 3) Help to connect with the right people.
 - 4) Help to build family resilience.
 - 5) Details of cultural taboos
 - 6) Details of Men's and Women's business

- Service providers must be involved in the Aboriginal community on a formal and informal basis.
- This includes being involved in political events such as NAIDOC Week and Day of Mourning.

Key challenges in service delivery to Aboriginal people

- Having an Aboriginal staff member does not necessarily make your organisation culturally competent.
- The Aboriginal staff member needs to be connected with the Aboriginal community and Aboriginal community services sector.

NDS Aboriginal Resources and Pathways Project

Project aims to identify and promote effective and suitable ways for disability service providers to improve inclusive service delivery for Aboriginal people with disability and their families.



Objectives of the project

1. Improve access to services for Aboriginal people with disability and their families.
2. Link disability service providers and Aboriginal communities
3. Increase numbers of Aboriginal people using disability services.

This project will benefit disability service providers by helping them to

- Meet government funding requirements.
- Engage with the local Aboriginal community.
- Improve local service networks.
- Enhance cultural competence.
- Improve knowledge of local Aboriginal communities.

This project will benefit Aboriginal people with disability through

- Greater awareness and understanding of disability.
- Enhancing access to disability services.
- Better referral pathways to appropriate services.
- Helping to bridge the inequality gap
- Improved quality of life.
- Greater awareness of job opportunities in the disability services sector.

How you can get involved

- Participate in consultations.
- Create networks in your local area.
- Promote the project within your networks.

Thank you for your time.