

SERVICE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT for YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA

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RESEARCH

Service and Support Requirements of People with Younger Onset Dementia and their Families

For the NSW Dept. of Family and Community Services,
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YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA

- Tends to advance more quickly
- Physically active and healthy
- Still working at time of diagnosis
- Primary carer still working
- Children living at home
- Life stages are more diverse

KEY CONCERNS ABOUT SERVICES

- Family needs not taken into account
- Changing needs and transitions aren't supported well
- Problems accessing Commonwealth funded programs
- Poor coordination & collaboration between sectors – aged, disability, health, mental health

KEY CONCERNS ABOUT SERVICES

- Not knowing what, where and how
- Supports not early enough
- Not one person who knows me
- Programs don't suit my interests and age
- Staff don't understand
- Cost and transport barriers

THE GOAL:

**A SERVICES SECTOR THAT IS
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5 FEATURES

- Service and Funding approaches
- Integrated Service Delivery
- Collaboration between Sectors and Capacity Building
- Workforce Skills
- Evidence Based Practice

SERVICE AND FUNDING APPROACHES

Approaches:

- Person-centred services
- Enablement, wellness & restorative models
- Early intervention
- Key Worker models
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Whole of family
- Consumer directed care

INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY

Within and between sectors & jurisdictions– health, aged care, disability, national, state, local:

- Simplified referral processes
- Integrated care: assessment, planning, delivery, monitoring and review – specialist & mainstream services
- Support for transitions
- Continuity of care

COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- Pathways - timely services and supports
- Partnerships – increase service & support options
- Interagency collaborations on service improvements
- Sharing good practice across sectors
- Increasing community awareness

WORKFORCE SKILLS

- Education and training in YOD specific knowledge & skills – social context for younger onset dementia; key differences & considerations
- Ongoing support for staff
- Reflective Practice to improve quality and continuity of care
- Cross sector sharing of experience and skills

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

- Promote innovation and development of new evidence based & responsive models of support
- Evaluate!! – improvement, accountability, generalised good practice
- Replicate good practice services
- Cross sector opportunities
- Consumers active in collaborations
- Quality standards

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