

DisAbility Network NEWS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE STATEWIDE ACE DISABILITY NETWORK

Research Report sheds light on the way forward..

By Toni Bentley Research Worker.

The Research Report "Learning & Participation for people with Disabilities in the ACE sector" is about to be launched. The report outlines the current status of service delivery to people with disabilities in ACE within Victoria. Information was gathered from ACE providers statewide, people with disabilities and "experts" in the field as a way of mapping service delivery to people with disabilities across Victoria. The research revealed a mixed standard of service delivery in ACE with key barriers to good service delivery to people with disabilities identified. These barriers included: lack of appropriate resources, need for staff training & the lack of understanding of disability, to name some.

The report outlined key recommendations to address this and improve overall service delivery to people with Disabilities across ACE. In summary, the recommendations include the need for further funds for specialized supports, further training & education for tutors and the development of a system of co-operation between the disability sector & ACE sector to maximise resource and expertise sharing.

Further work is being undertaken to identify key partnerships and successful models of operation, for dissemination to ACE providers as a strategy to move forward on this.

Copies of the full report or a summary sheet are available free only to ACE providers by contacting Toni Bentley ACE Disability Network Research Worker on: 9916 5829 or toni.bentley@yooralla.com.au

GET YOUR FREE DISABILITY RESOURCE LIST AVAILABLE NOW!!!



Get your free *Disability Education* Resources booklet now. This contains invaluable information on a range of resources, tools, software and web lists available on Disability Education.

Easy to use, the list is divided into resources tailored to meet the educational needs of specific disability types. e.g Physical disability, visual impairment, intellectual disability to name some.

Many of the resources listed are free or low cost.

***Free Training in the use of these resources
available upon request.***

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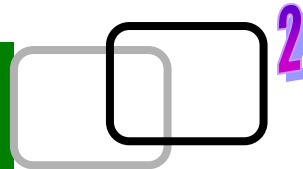
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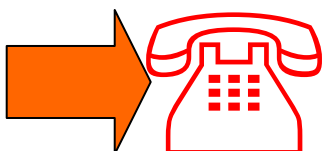
Have you heard of Toolboxes?

Flexible Learning Toolboxes are a low cost, quality e-learning product that can be installed on a server or used on a stand-alone computer.

Toolboxes can be used to support online delivery of vocational education and training qualifications from Certificate 1 to Diploma level.

A range of **Equity Toolboxes** can provide adult learners with a disability the opportunity of developing basic literacy and numeracy skills and work Education.

Go to the toolbox web page <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/toolbox/index.htm> and explore the possibilities. If you want to know more about the toolboxes please call us on the helpline below..



help line reminder!!!

"More than 80% of Survey respondents from the VET System say Flexible Learning Toolboxes assist the Delivery of E-learning"

Don't forget that help is available for any ACE Disability related problem or query 9916 5821.

Free Workshop

At the YOORALLA Society of Victoria

On Tuesday May 24 2005 1pm – 3pm

" COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE - IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL JUSTICE "

Social justice has been a cornerstone of the neighbourhood house ethos and part of this has been the inclusion in governance and decision making of all members of the community. This raises issues when the community may be from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, or may have cognitive and other disabilities, but who nevertheless have the right to contribute to matters that concern them. In this workshop, **Judy Buckingham** talks about inclusion as a concept and takes participants through a role playing process based on her experiences of working and meeting with people with a disability, using the participative learning package that was the end product of three years of research.

Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

ACE providers are eligible to receive a Professional Development subsidy of \$20.00 per hour for attending this workshop. A limit of one staff member per provider applies.

RSVP: Louise Oswald by 18 May

For more information: Contact Louise Oswald on (03) 9916 5832

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(By registering for this workshop you will also receive a FREE copy of our Disability Education Information Kit & CD)