

CHOICES Newsletter

YOUR CHOICES-YOUR WAY



NDIA Quarterly Report

As of December 2014 there were 11,029 people with disability who have received an approved plan in all the NDIS trial sites nationally. There were 434 participants with approved NDIA plans at that time in the ACT. Of the 1,261 participants surveyed for their satisfaction, the majority were highly satisfied with the Agency.

We have heard, however, that some participants are unsure of how to activate their plans and choose supports once their NDIA plan is approved. If you need further assistance please contact your NDIA Planner or contact your CatholicCare case manager.

Welcome to the second edition of 2015

It has been almost a year already since the NDIS started in the ACT and we had the first Choice & Control Expo. A lot has happened since then and many NDIS participants are now able to consider their options and choose their services. The Expo will take place again on 21 May. We look forward to seeing you there.

The ACT has announced the availability of the NDIS Community Participation Grants Program. NDIS participants or people who are likely to be NDIS participants, their families and carers may apply for a Participant Grant (maximum \$1,000) to:

- participate in conferences, seminars, learning or training events related to the NDIS or which would assist people to get maximum benefit from the NDIS; or
- a grant of \$500 (maximum) towards the cost of participating in conferences, seminars or training events related to the NDIS. For example, for costs like registration, travel to attend and accommodation once you're there; or
- a grant of \$500 (maximum) toward the cost of support services you need to attend, like respite or personal support services; or
- a grant of \$1,000 (maximum) to engage a facilitator to help you to develop or work towards your life goals.

For further information Phone: 13 34 27 or go to:

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/disability_act/national_disability_insurance_scheme/grants

control & choice expo

advocacy for inclusion

When: **Thursday 21 May 10am - 4pm**

Where: Exhibition Park

Budawang Pavilion

Canberra

Cost: **FREE**



The **Control & Choice Expo** is for you to decide the products and services that are right for you and your disability.

- What would you like your life to look like?
- What can the **NDIS** do for you?
- What equipment do you need?
- Who do you want supporting you?

You are in control. It's your choice

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Lots of free accessible parking on site

Catch the ACTION Bus Red Rapid 200



www.advocacyforinclusion.org

If you would like assistance to participate at this year's Expo from CatholicCare, please contact your support worker or case manager.

www.catholiccarechoices.org.au