

## Western Sydney National Disability Coordination Officer





## Strategic Plan Summary 2013-2018

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♣ Program Outcomes		<b>↓</b> Goals	<b>↓</b> Strategies
1	Services that facilitate transitions and participation in tertiary education and subsequent employment for people with disability are coordinated.	Relationships with relevant stakeholders are established and maintained for the duration of the program.	<ul> <li>Establish and maintain relationships with relevant stakeholder groups</li> <li>Populate and maintain a regional contacts database of key stakeholders</li> </ul>
		Services demonstrate cross sectoral awareness and have opportunities to collaborate, share information and share resources.	<ul> <li>Support regional networks to make space for disability</li> <li>Support disability networks within the region</li> <li>Facilitate information exchange within and beyond the region</li> <li>Participate and/or deliver activities to enhance cross-sectoral awareness and strengthen working relationships between stakeholders</li> </ul>
2	Local networks collaborate to identify and overcome barriers in transitions & participation in tertiary education and subsequent employment for people with disability.	Systemic barriers to transition and participation are identified and addressed.	<ul> <li>Collaborate with stakeholders to identify systemic barriers to transitions and participation</li> <li>Contribute to submissions and provide feedback to appropriate stakeholders around arising systemic issues and encourage stakeholder and network involvement</li> <li>Host and facilitate meetings, seminars, focus groups, projects and/or workshops to generate regional solutions</li> </ul>
3	Stakeholders have the knowledge and capability to support transitions and participation in Tertiary Education and subsequent employment for people with disability.	Stakeholders have the knowledge and capability to support transitions and participation for people with disability.	<ul> <li>Host, facilitate and attend events to provide information and resources to stakeholders</li> <li>Provide professional development to stakeholders to raise awareness around disability, relevant legislation, policy, procedures and supports available and showcase success stories</li> <li>Utilise a range of media to disseminate information, resources, and sector updates</li> <li>Target stakeholders who work with people with disability who experience additional disadvantage within the region</li> </ul>
		Stakeholders are aware of the scope of the NDCO program.	<ul> <li>Attend relevant meetings and conferences as presenter and/or exhibitor to raise stakeholder awareness of the NDCO Program objectives.</li> <li>Partner with NDCO network to strategically ensure NDCO Program receives wide exposure</li> </ul>
4	People with disability make decisions about their education and employment based on an improved knowledge of their rights and entitlements, supports available, educational options and pathways to employment.	People with disability aspire to participate in tertiary education and qualified employment.	<ul> <li>Promote opportunities that are available to people with disability that facilitate personal achievement and access to tertiary education and employment</li> <li>Showcase success stories of people with disability in tertiary education and employment</li> </ul>
		People with disability make informed decisions about post-school pathways and are aware of their rights and support available.	<ul> <li>Respond to enquiries and participate in local expos and other events where people with disability and families are likely to be seeking information</li> <li>Directly inform people with disability and their families about education and employment pathways, support available, and their rights</li> <li>Ensure that people with a disability, their families, and other stakeholders have access to current information about post school options, supports and rights</li> <li>Target communities &amp; people with disability who experience added disadvantage within region</li> <li>Ensure that information and resources developed, hosted and/or promoted by NDCO is current</li> </ul>