

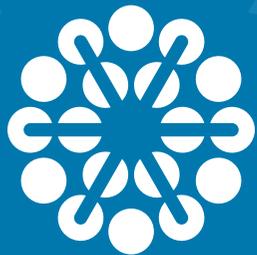
THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED DISABILITY RESEARCH

Major reforms are underway in the disability sector. Research-backed evidence about what works must be applied in practice and utilised to support informed choices about quality services and supports.

The Centre for Applied Disability Research (CADR) is an initiative of NDS. CADR aims to improve the wellbeing of people living with disability by gathering insights, building understanding and sharing knowledge.

Projects

CADR is involved with a range of partners creating new knowledge and reliable data to support the social and economic inclusion of people living with disability in our community.



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THE DISABILITY KNOWLEDGE CLEARING HOUSE

CADR maintains an online collection of disability research and translational resources for the Australian context. The CADR Disability Knowledge Clearing House is the 'go to' place for the latest and most reliable evidence of 'what works' in disability. Visit www.cadr.org.au

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Bridging the gap between what we know and what we do.

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THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED DISABILITY RESEARCH – RESEARCH PROJECTS

PROJECT	PARTNERS	APPROACH TO THE RESEARCH	IMPACT AND OUTPUTS
CURRENT PROJECTS			
NDS State of the Disability Sector Report	NDS, academic partners and disability service providers	Identification and analysis of key trends occurring in the disability sector, including business confidence, workforce development, employment services and NDIS implementation.	An annual report that provides a unique perspective about the Australian disability sector during this period of rapid change.
The financial sustainability of the disability sector	Disability service providers and the University of Western Australia	A longitudinal survey of nearly 200 disability service providers with a focus on their financial performance and strategic responses to the NDIS environment.	Policy and market development that fosters a strong, competitive, efficient and diverse supply of disability services. The first ever data set about the financial performance of a representative sample of disability service providers.
Improving employment outcomes for Australians living with disability	University of Melbourne, industry and academic partners, with ARC funding	The characteristics of effective employment services, workplaces and service users. The research will quantify how employment contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of people with disability.	An evidence-base that informs new models of employment support service delivery with a focus on sustainable and meaningful employment.
Supporting disability Entrepreneurship	University of Technology Sydney, people living with disability and disability employment service providers	Surveys and case studies to achieve a better understanding of people living with disability into entrepreneurship.	Evidence-based policy initiatives that increase the number and success of disability entrepreneurs, including a two-year pilot program facilitating new social enterprise formation by people with disability.
Better Mental Health Outcomes for People with Intellectual Disability (ID)	Lead by UNSW, disability service providers and mainstream government services and partners	Linking cross-sector administrative datasets to enable a detailed examination of mental health profiles and service utilisation patterns, and the impact of service initiatives for people with ID.	A detailed picture of cross-sector service provision including specific gaps to enable comprehensive development of ID mental health services. A range of 'Research to Action Guides', toolkits and other materials.

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Understanding Participant Choice in the NDIS	University of South Australia Institute for Choice and NDS	A research program combining a national survey and focus groups that aims to reveal, geographically and by client group, how current (and prospective) NDIS participants, their families and carers make choices about service providers and why they make the choices they do.	Ensuring the views and experiences of NDIS participants, their families and carers inform better support for choice and control, including NDIS planning. New data and information about how NDIS participants' goals and preferences inform choices about services and supports.
COMPLETED PROJECTS			
Audit of Disability Research in Australia	University of Sydney Centre for Disability Research and Policy and NDS	The Disability Research Audits (2014, 2018) were comprehensive literature reviews categorising all published disability research from 2000– mid 2017. As well as identifying key gaps the results are included in the Disability Knowledge Clearing House.	The Audit reports provide a point-in-time and definitive record of Australian disability research, and a commentary on whether it is of sufficient depth and quality to support the Australian disability reform agenda. The 2018 Audit report proposes a hierarchy of evidence to categorise material contained in the Disability Knowledge Clearing House.
Organisational models that promote community participation of adults with a cognitive disability	La Trobe University Living with Disability Research Centre and disability service providers	International literature review, organisational case studies and other methods to discover the most promising forms of support that lead to good community participation outcomes.	Greater conceptual clarity about what makes for good community participation, and the features of organisations that enable enhanced community participation outcomes for adults with cognitive disability. The project will produce detailed case studies and Research to Action Guides.
Independent Supported Living (ISL) arrangements and outcomes for adults with intellectual disability (ID)	Curtin University, people living with disability and disability service providers.	An examination of the pathways followed by 150 Australian people with ID/DD and their families as they set up ISL arrangements, and an assessment of the quality and outcomes of these arrangements.	In a context of increasing use of ISL, this research provides an empirical evidence base for ISL outcomes and an ISL manual and scoring tool.

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Blindness, Low Vision and Rehabilitation Services in Australia	Australian Blindness Forum, Vision 2020 and NDS	A national longitudinal profile of (un-met) demand, service responses (client profiles), and issues relating to equitable and appropriate funding of blindness, low vision and rehabilitation services.	Policy, sector and workforce development that supports a sustainable network of services to respond to growing demand for blindness and low vision supports. Reports were published in 2015 & 2017.
Economic gains from the NDIS	NDS, people living with disability and their carers	Economic modelling using the ABS Survey of Disability and Carers (SDAC)	A detailed account of the economic gains to the Australian economy that arise from supporting people living with disability and their carers to increase their workforce participation.

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