

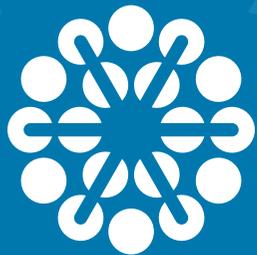
THE CENTRE FOR APPLIED DISABILITY RESEARCH

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.

Current 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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CADR: GATHERING INSIGHTS, BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

PROJECT	PARTNERS	APPROACH TO THE RESEARCH	IMPACT AND OUTPUTS
NDS State of the Disability Sector Report	NDS 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	Curtin University, and disability service providers	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.
Quality of employment outcome measurement for employment services	Australian National University, people living with disability and disability employment service providers	Identifying quality of employment outcome measures that complement the employment sustainability (duration) measures used to assess DES provider performance.	A more balanced performance management framework that accommodates the experience of people living with disability seeking employment, informing the employment services framework so that it is based on principles that align with the NDIS.
Improving employment outcomes for Australians living with disability	University of Melbourne, people living with disability and disability service providers	Mixed methods that increase our understanding of how employment contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of people living with disability.	An improved evidence-base informing more holistic models of employment support with a greater 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 the pathways 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 living with disability.

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Relationships and paid support for young people with cognitive disability	Southern Cross University, young people living with disability and disability service providers	Interviews and case studies with young people and their support workers – exploring the role of paid support relationships in facilitating the rights and wellbeing of young people with cognitive disability.	The generation of new knowledge and improved policy and practice, including service models and workforce development that foster authentic citizenship and reduce persistent social exclusion.
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.
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 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 will provide the first empirical evidence base for ISL outcomes. A quality of life assessment tool for ISL arrangements will be developed.
Better Mental Health Outcomes for People with Intellectual Disability (ID)	University of NSW, disability service providers and mainstream government services 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.
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.

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NDS Disability Sector Business Confidence Survey	NDS and disability service providers	Measurement and tracking of the confidence within the disability service sector, and identification of the factors impacting upon confidence.	An annual report on the business confidence of disability sector leaders to inform policy, market, workforce and sector development.
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.
Priorities for Australian Disability Research a) Update of Audit of Disability Research in Australia b) Research to Action priorities	NDS and University of Sydney Centre for Disability Research and Policy	a) Literature review and development of a system to categorise research quality b) Engagement with end users of research to determine research to action priorities and the barriers and enablers to knowledge dissemination and translation.	a) An update of the 2014 Audit of Disability Research. b) A detailed view on the research to action priorities of end users and the access and utilisation issues they face, and a series of Research to Action Guides.

FEEDBACK AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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