



Community Participation programs for school leavers

Leaving school is a significant time for most young people. For people with a disability and their families it can pose real challenges especially if the young person is not going to continue with study or commence employment. JewishCare is happy to discuss with school leavers how it can access Community Participation funding from DADHC and design a specific program for the school leaver.

Supported Employment at Print 35

Print 35 is a dynamic printing business that provides employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Print 35 provides training and support to develop a wide range of employees' skills, contributing to their personal development and sense of self worth. The supported employment offered by Print 35 maximizes employees' wages and is tailored to the achievement of employment outcomes.

Print 35 employs a team of professional support staff to assist in this support.



Who do you contact?

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or email

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JewishCare provides

- Community aged care for older people living in their homes
- Services for people with disabilities
- Services for children and families
- Mental health services
- Information about community services, referral and case work

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**Supporting people
with a disability
and their families**





Disability Services

People with a disability and their families can require a range of assistance. At times JewishCare may be able to provide this assistance and at other times JewishCare staff may need to refer people to other agencies or services that can assist. JewishCare works closely with these other agencies and Access Ezer which is a support group for Jewish parents who have a family member with a disability.

JewishCare aims to assist people with a disability and their families to plan what is needed and to identify what supports or services may be available to make this happen.

Type of help that may be needed

A person with a disability may need a range of services that can change over time. The type of help may include:

- Information about what is available and where to go to find it
- Someone to talk to about how you are feeling
- A chance to meet with other people including those with a disability or other families affected by disability
- Support services to help with daily living skills
- Living arrangement options
- Planning for the future
- Work options
- Advocacy

What JewishCare can provide

Circles of Support

Circles of Support is a joint project of Access Ezer and JewishCare which has been funded for three years through the Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA).

A 'circle of support' brings together people who care and have the same interests as a person with a disability. The project provides a skilled facilitator to develop the circle.

Flexible Respite

JewishCare provides a respite program to support Jewish families and children with a disability. The different ways that the respite funds can be spent is tailored to the families' needs in the most flexible and creative ways. This could include:

- Weekend respite
- Over night stay
- School holidays
- Parents going away
- Parents going to a conference
- In an emergency
- Parents/family members are sick
- After school hours
- Skill development
- Assisting the family to achieve particular goals

Connexions

Life happens in community - whether it is friends, work, school, leisure or home. Connexions encourages Jewish young people with a disability and their families to imagine, plan and make a 'good life' happen. While support services are an important ingredient, Connexions also helps build other important aspects such as relationships, networks and connections to ordinary community activities and places.

JewishCare receives a donation from The Becher Foundation to employ someone to carry out this work with individuals and families.

Casework Services

Jewish families who have a family member with a disability can access services from a qualified social worker.

The social worker works together with the family to set realistic and achievable goals, determine what they need to manage and work out how to access supports and other resources in order to build a meaningful and independent life for a person with a disability.

Beit Chaim

Many people with a disability are extremely independent and only require a small amount of support. Jewish Care provides flexible support for Jewish adults who live independently in the community. This support focuses on building skills in areas such as budgeting, banking, and shopping with a view to promoting increasing autonomy and independence.

Supported Accommodation

JewishCare is funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) to run a number of houses which provide 24 hour 7 day a week accommodation and support services for people with moderate to high support needs. Access to this accommodation is through DADHC. The aim of the service is to develop independent living skills in a caring and supportive environment.

