

The launch of two professional frameworks for supporting people with intellectual disability

Two outstanding resources from the Statewide Behaviour Intervention Service of the Clinical Innovation and Governance directorate, Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Family and Community Services (FACS) were launched at the State Library of New South Wales on Thursday November 26, 2015. These were the Taking Time Framework and the Practice Improvement Framework. Both resources aim to assist the disability sector to deliver high quality support to people with disabilities, their families and those in their support networks. A variety of interesting speakers addressed the attendees including the Deputy Secretary of FACS - Jim Longley; Psychiatrist - Dr Bruce Chenoweth; Berry Street's Take Two Director Annette Jackson and Manager of Take Two's Practice Development and Training Team, Sarah Waters. Doug Payne presented on behalf of Daryl Neal, State Clinical Services Practitioner for Life Without Barriers, as did the Director of Clinical Innovation and Governance, ADHC, David Coyne.

The Taking Time - Framework: A trauma-informed framework for supporting people with intellectual disability.

Deputy Secretary Jim Longley (pictured right), spoke at the launch about how the FACS recognises the potential for trauma to impact on the lives of people with intellectual disability and the need for a trauma-informed approach to promote healing and recovery and prevent re-traumatisation. Annette Jackson and Sarah Waters from Berry Street's Take Two Program in Victoria who were the lead authors of the resources spoke about the importance of thinking about trauma informed practice through a holistic lens.

The Framework and its accompanying literature review can be downloaded here:

http://dadhcintranet.nsw.gov.au/client_services/clinical_innovation/statewide_behaviour_intervention_service/sbis_publications

The Practice Improvement Framework for behaviour support

The Practice Improvement Framework is a guide for the delivery and evaluation of training, work practice support, supervision, knowledge and skills acquisition and professional development for staff across behaviour support services in the disability sector. Deputy Secretary Jim Longley noted the importance of this resource given there are no tertiary qualifications or peak professional bodies in behaviour support.

The Practice Improvement Framework is a multi-modal learning experience utilising e-Learning modules, web based resources, videos, face to face workshops and work practice support/ supervision. The resource targets professionals in the disability sector at the entry level right through to the advanced practitioner.

The Practice Improvement Framework is available to government and non-government staff and can be accessed online at <http://pif.learnflex.com.au/>. Over 900 people have registered since its release in June 2015.



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