



Aged & Community
Services NSW & ACT

CHSP & CDC: Making our tracks into the future

Finding the opportunities that exist among the change –
Overview of opportunities –
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**From change comes
opportunity**



Opportunities

Sometimes we miss them
because we are too busy running
our organisations and working
with our clients, communities and
various people

Know your business

Before making business decisions about the opportunities that present themselves you really need to know your business

This includes

Knowing what you currently do
and how much it costs?

What you want to do in 5 years
time and does this opportunity fit
in with your plans & business
models

**Opportunities to
think about
include...**

Aged Care Approval Rounds – ACAR

- Make a business decision – do you want to deliver HCPs?
- Do you want more packages? How many?
- What level/s are you wanting?
- Are you registered as “An Approved Provider of Aged Care Packages”
- Opportunities in 2017

Partnerships

- With mainstream
- With other Aboriginal organisations
- With Universities, TAFE etc

Never underestimate the power in partnering

- Greater area coverage
- Stronger links to community
- Stronger networks
- Greater client access
- New opportunities and expansion

Sub-contracting

- ▶ Know your niche
- ▶ Subcontract to big organisations for services to Aboriginal clients
- ▶ Opportunities for providing Cultural Awareness and other specialised services

THINK
OUTSIDE
THE BOX



Other funding sources

Just some examples:

- ▶ Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA)
- ▶ Dept. of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs (FACCSIA)
- ▶ Prime Minister & Cabinet IAS Grants
- ▶ The Healing Foundation
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Disability
- ▶ Dept. of Social Services – grants (DSS)
- ▶ Consider sponsorship eg Elders Olympics

Support for sector

- ▶ Aboriginal HACCC Development Officers
- ▶ Peak bodies, eg ACS, ADN
- ▶ ACS ACSIHAG Project
- ▶ Resources – use anything available eg NDS Industry Development Fund resources & tools, Jawun mentoring support eg for annual reports, budgets & tenders
- ▶ Interagencies and forums
- ▶ Networking

ACS Capacity Building Project

Assistance for regional & rural organisations.

Delivered through mentoring & coaching to improve capacity eg

- ▶ Governance
- ▶ Planning,
- ▶ Operations,
- ▶ Workforce development
- ▶ Wellness & reablement service delivery models
- ▶ Targeted networking & partnerships in aged care system

Wellness/reablement & Restorative approaches

A potential growth area as this is the focus of all aged care programs

- ▶ Allied Health Service
- ▶ University of Sydney placements

**Walking together – University of
Sydney, Faculty of Health Sciences
Allied Health - Student placements**

The types of services include:

Occupational therapy

Physiotherapy

Speech pathology

Exercise physiology

● **Shift Happens!**



You are the
KEY to change

THANK YOU

**ANY QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS?**

**THAT'S THE LAST SLIDE
MICHELLE – I AM NOT USING THE
NEXT ONES...**

**Ok – maybe use the last one and
change to your own words..**

The purpose:

1. To provide students with opportunities to integrate knowledge and skills in the workplace.
2. One approach to help address the heightened level of unmet demand for therapy services.



Placements:

- ▶ Managed by the Faculty of Health – University of Sydney
- ▶ Dates are organised around university calendar, with some flexibility
- ▶ All students must be supervised, depending on type of vocation

Requirements:

- ▶ Must be supervised by a registered occupational therapist – but this person doesn't need to be on site
- ▶ Can be provided 1-2 weekly depending on the students level and experiences offered in placement
- ▶ Ideally students allocated in pairs or small groups 3-4, allowing for peer and learning support

Benefits

Community benefits

- ▶ Expanded service targeted to meeting identified ongoing needs
- ▶ Allows time to develop relationships essential to ensuring good health & well-being
- ▶ Opportunity to influence learning of future allied health practitioners to develop cultural competence

Student benefits

- ▶ Students to have a placement in an Aboriginal community based organisation
- ▶ Learn how to work safely and appropriately with local Aboriginal community members
- ▶ Develop knowledge & skills not often afforded in the traditional westernised models of health and disability care
- ▶ Future employment possibilities

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- **Don't stand still**
- **Know your business & your Strengths**
- **Grow (mature) & Innovate**