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(Inq into better support for carers)

Appendix A:

Forum Results

What are your challenges?

Financial -

Means testing of carers payments.

Superannuation limited due to part time work

High expenses – medication and equipment no tax relief, payments do not reflect true costs of providing these essentials.

Financial constraints, lack of control of finances

Respite/accommodation-

No local respite house for overnight and day long term care

Mental health clients fall thru gaps

Lack of supported accommodation

Lack of data for planning/policies for long term for

respite/accommodation/support for people with disabilities at varying levels of disability by local services and government

Disabled persons with challenging behaviors who require care

Large portions of respite funding used for administration/brokerage costs

More daytime activities for teenagers

Access issues for rental accommodation through Department of Housing

Conflict between family home and intrusions by providers and their

OH&S requirements

No recurrent funding

Lack of vacation care for workers

Medical/therapy services-

Shrinking medical services/support services in regional areas –

therapy not available for all ages and varying degrees of disability

No central entry point for services, much chopping and changing of service providers for planning of long term future.

Conflict between family home and intrusions by providers and their OH&S requirements. Family home vs services workplace

Living skills support needed.

Recurrent funding for support needed.

Eligibility for IPTAS (travel support) should be widened.

Transport-

Unable to utilise Community transport as not in wheelchair but has mobility problems

Transport for disabled and carers in outlying areas.

Rising fuel prices

No quality in medical service trips

Education –

options limited

information from schools to parents

post school planning/ recreational – work

Lack of support in mainstream sporting programs

Promises made but never kept

Lack of information on available services

Isolation

Guilt

Expectation of carers

What would you like to change?

More options – levels of respite
Supported accommodation
Group homes
Level of control
Having a say
Funding guidelines need to be less restrictive

Respite

Flexibility in respite services
Availability of transport to access respite
Beds opened at Glenray hostel for respite – long term and short term care, available for all ages
Availability of respite house
Respite age appropriate
Existing respite services extra funding
Staff training
Collaborative case management
More facilities

Different funding arrangements -

Family broker
Have choice about level and kind of care
e.g. Canada Model
More funding and or change in tax support
Government needs to consult carers

Permanent Accommodation-

Permanent for all ages especially young people
Suitable, age appropriate and secure

Superannuation provisions for carers who do not work

Different levels of supported accommodation

More group homes

Public housing-

Department of Housing review on assistance for persons
with mobility issues

Discrimination issues

Recognition by government of role of carers, more care for the carer

Carer expectations

Service Directory

IPTAS guidelines need to be reviewed

Carers to unite with local and state lobbying

Support groups for carers/sibling network

More options for education of children with disabilities

More therapy services available in home

Access to public buildings

Mainstream recreational activities for disabled – especially teenagers

Access to buses to outlying areas

Reassess means testing on carer payments