

Fact Sheet

Younger People in Residential Aged Care Program

Disability and Community Services (DCS) funds a range of services that aim to improve outcomes for younger people with disability who live in residential aged care settings or who are at risk of entering residential aged care.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Younger People in Residential Aged Care program you need to be living in Tasmania and meet the criteria outlined in the *Eligibility Policy for Access to Specialist Disability Services Funded or Provided by Disability Child Youth and Family Services* (July 2010).

Additional to the above for Younger People in Residential Aged Care program, you must also be:

- under 50 years of age
- living in a residential aged care setting or at risk of entering residential aged care.

What does the Program provide and fund?

The Younger People in Residential Aged Care program assists people by:

- enhancing the delivery of specialist disability services to younger people with disability who choose to remain in residential aged care or for whom residential aged care remains the only available and suitable option
- diverting younger people with disability who are at risk of entering residential aged care to more appropriate accommodation
- assisting younger people with disability living in residential aged care to move to more appropriate accommodation where available.

How can support be provided?

Support is provided through a range of different highly individualised approaches. These include:

- support to access the community
- recreation and leisure programs
- health professional assessments and therapy
- assistance with transport to access the community, family, day support or to attend volunteer work placements

- access to structured specialist disability support day services
- specialised equipment including electric and manual wheelchairs and specialised seating.

How to apply for support?

Applications for support through the program are received all year round. All applications are coordinated through Gateway Services in your local area.

For more information about the program please contact Gateway Services in your local area.

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