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Disability Sector Development Project

The South Australian Government is pleased to inform you about a new project funded and commissioned by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI).

The Disability Sector Development Project aims to support the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Individualised Funding in South Australia. Through this project we will ensure people living with disability, their families and friends and disability service agencies are informed and ready.

National Disability Services, Dyson Consulting Group and JFA Purple Orange have been appointed to provide a range of activities over the next 18 months. The project has two elements tailored towards the distinct needs of people living with disability, their families and friends, and disability service agencies.

Forums, workshops and mentoring for disability service agencies

National Disability Services (NDS)

NDS will coordinate the project and provide forums for Boards, keynote speaker forums and roundtable conversations designed to address the outcomes of the Progress for Providers survey and poll conducted by NDS during 2012.

Dyson Consulting Group (DCG)

DCG will develop a self-assessment survey to ascertain readiness for the NDIS, provide interactive workshops, support and mentoring. To initiate the self-assessment survey, DCG will send a link to disability service agencies.

For more information regarding the forums please contact:

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Workshops for people living with disability, their families and friends

JFA Purple Orange – the social policy agency of the Julia Farr Association will deliver workshops to assist individuals, families and friends to build their skills and knowledge in readiness for the introduction of individualised funding. Participants interested in consumer led entities will have an additional opportunity to explore this option.

For more information regarding the workshops please contact:

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Further communication from the three organisations regarding this project will be sent in the near future. We are all looking forward to working closely with you over the next 18 months to ensure that the project meets your needs.