

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder Case Consultant Practitioner (ASDCCP)?

The Autism Case Consultant Practitioner (ASDCCP) role is a statewide project funded by the Department of Human Services.

This exciting and innovative project to strengthen local awareness and skills in working with people with ASD, is being managed in partnership by Gateways Support Services in the Barwon area, and by Mpower in the South West area. Both these not-for-profit community organisations have strong reputations in the disability field, and strive to empower and support children and adults with ASD and their families.

What does this project do?

This program is aimed at providing information and developing the skills of staff who work with individuals with autism, through:

- secondary case consultation,
- developing communities of practice, and
- building networks across different service areas.

This role can also include providing training about autism to staff who work with people with ASD. Any disability

agency or other organisations in the Barwon South West region who support an individual with autism, or support a family with a child with autism can access this service.

What does it cost?

There are no charges for this service.

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

Autism spectrum disorder is a neurological developmental disability, and its causes are unknown.

The features linking all Autism Spectrum Disorders are difficulties with:

- Social Interaction
- Communication (verbal, and non-verbal)
- Imagination

This is often referred to as “The Triad of Impairments”.

There is a great deal of variation between individual people who have a diagnosis of ASD, just as there is between individuals in general.

Autism Spectrum Disorder includes:

- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger Syndrome
- Pervasive Developmental Disorders – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)

What assistance is available through this project?

Our ASDCCPs can provide you with secondary case consultation, information about autism and information about other services and resources that may be available in the autism field.

Both ASDCCPs have a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of autism.

Training opportunities, seminars, case discussions, resource sharing, film nights and guest speakers about ASD, for people working in this area can also be organised.

An individual ASD training program to suit the particular needs of your staff can be developed.

By professionals sharing their skills and knowledge, everyone benefits - especially people with ASD. We are keen to work with both experienced and new staff to develop mutually supportive “communities of practice”.

The networks and the connections formed can continue long after this project is completed.