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## Roundup of projects undertaken by LDC Group in 2007

### This Issue

In 2007 LDC Group undertook a range of consulting assignments ranging in size and complexity. Some of our more recent projects are briefly described.



#### **EMR Integrated Early Childhood Health Intervention Services**

LDC Group was engaged by the Department of Human Services Eastern Metropolitan Region to determine and implement a Service Access Model and an Initial Service Response and Support Model for the Community Health, Child Health system and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) system.

The purpose of the project which is continuing in 2008 is to improve service pathways for families and their children.

#### **City of Yarra Review of Services for Children with Additional Needs**

The City of Yarra recently engaged LDC Group to conduct a review of services for children with additional needs. The review aims to improve



outcomes for children and their families, and address the fact that only a very small number of families have been using HACC respite care service.

As part of the review, LDC Group will consult local families to find out about local links, barriers and opportunities for families to access the service system.



### **Footscray Community Arts Centre Changing Days Evaluation**

LDC Group conducted an evaluation of the Footscray Community Arts Centre with the aim of finding out how people with disabilities were taking part in projects provided by the centre.



### **Evaluation of funded projects for Year 3 of the Victorian State Disability Plan Innovation Grants Program**

The Innovation Grants Program was established in 2003 as one of several Victorian State Disability Plan initiatives. The specific goal was to fund projects that assist disability day supports to focus on:

- Improving and increasing opportunities for individuals to participate and be included in all areas of community life; and

- Developing stronger and ongoing connections between disability day supports and the community.

LDC Group conducted an evaluation of the two projects selected for funding in the current round.

The E.W. Tipping Just Lifestyle Project was established in the SMR as an innovative initiative for the provision of an individualised and person centred approach to day support options for people who are aging and have a disability. The project adopted a partnership approach to planning and delivering flexible alternate day program options to 5 Mornington Peninsula residents with a disability aged 50 years plus or who have accelerated aging issues.

The Marriot Support Services Everyone's Community Project is a partner project with Marriot Support Services and Glen Eira Council. The project provides training in two ways: by including presentations by people with a disability who have been trained in the program, and through the development of information kits for groups to use as a resource.



### **Australian Greek Welfare Society Evaluation of Planned Activity Group Program**

LDC Group evaluated the AGWS Planned Activity Group (PAG) Program operating across four



Melbourne metropolitan regions:  
Brunswick, Sunshine, North Balwyn  
and Clayton.

The evaluation identified individual  
outcomes for Greek background  
participants who include younger  
people with a disability and people  
with dementia and Alzheimer's  
Disease.

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