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Our History

Timeline 1977-2020

Since its original founding as the Independent Living Centre WA (ILC) in 1977, Indigo has been characterised by growth, adaptation and innovation. These are our key milestones:

2020
North Metro Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre (CRCC) ceases following the transition to the Australian Government's Integrated Carer Support Services Scheme (ICSS)

2020
ILC changed its structure and name to Indigo. As part of the restructure, a new organisation called Independent Living Assessment was established

2019
The Niche building was renovated and the assistive technology display floor was completely rejuvenated and reopened

2018
ILC turned 40 years old

2017
ILC's Founder, Ms Freda Jacob AM, passed away

2017
AT Chat launched

2016
HACC Allied Health Service established

2016
- The 'Equip Myself' App and NED update launch
- Noah's Ark WA 40th anniversary

2015
Busselton base established to provide a better service for people living in the lower south west region of WA

2015
Community Allied Health Services introduced

2015
ILC Cockburn opens, incorporating WA's first integrated Smart Home Display Centre (closed 2018)

2015
Launch of Noah's Ark Online Toy Library (closed 2018)

2014
Launch of ILC Training Services

2013
Welcomed Noah's Ark WA as a new program area of the organisation (closed 2017)

2012
- Launch of National Equipment Database and WA becomes lead agency
- EFL grant shifts to a rolling grant for first year

2011
Streamlined process for CAEP funded communication devices commences

2011
- Regional Assessment Service established for north metro
- Opening of second office at Westminster

2011
North metro Carelink Centre becomes access point for HACC reform

2010
Commencement of ILC Multicultural Aged Care Service (closed 2015)

2008
Addition of mental health carer respite funding to CRCC

2008
Opening of the ILC assistive technology satellite service in Rockingham (closed 2010)

2007
Opening of 'Northsite' to accommodate the growing Respite and Carelink Centre

2005
First Equipment for living (EFL) Grant

2005
Addition of North Metro Carer Respite Centre

2004
Administration of the Lotterywest Disability Equipment Grants

2002
Move to "The Niche" building on the QEII Medical Centre site

2000
The beginning of North Metro Commonwealth Carelink Program

1997
The commencement of Education and Training Services

1995
The launch of the ILC lending library (ILC Hire) and the launch of Access and Design

1990
The launch of ILC Technology department

1989
The launch of the Mobile Unit and Country Services

1989
The computerisation of the Equipment Database (ROVER)

1982
The ILC relocates its premises to Lemnos Street, Shenton Park

1977
The Independent Living Centre of WA (ILC) was founded by Miss Freda Jacob in 1977 and officially opened by Lady Kyle in March 1978

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