Fundamentals of Assistive Technology Training

Background

Assistive Technologies (AT) are one of the key strategies under the NDIS and My Aged Care reforms, to support wellness, reablement and participation for clients with disabilities and aged care needs.

Your clients may be already be seeking and accessing a wide range of assistive technologies. Service providers may often be asked to provide information, support and advice about what AT options are available and what may best suit the person's goals.

It is critical that consumers be provided with accurate information about their assistive technology options, and the right level of support in accessing AT. This skills training package has been developed for the valued role that community care workers provide in supporting the AT journey for people with disabilities.

The Fundamentals of Assistive Technology (AT) is an interactive skills training workshop designed for practicing community workers, those working in support or care roles, and their supervisors.

The workshop provides an introduction to assistive technology for support workers, to equip them with knowledge and skills to facilitate good AT practice within their work role. Our vision is to equip support workers with a sound understanding of AT, so that they will be better positioned to support clients with non-complex AT needs. They will also be well-positioned to facilitate clients in accessing the best possible pathways of AT referral and support.

To ensure that front-line staff are well-supported in meeting these goals, the workshop is aimed at clarifying the role support workers play in the AT process, and how to recognise when clients have complex AT needs. We also highlight the potential risks to clients when they access the wrong AT, or utilise incorrect advice about AT.

Learning Objectives

This workshop will enable participants to:

1. Understand how AT can enable people to remain safe and independent, and remain active participants in their community

2. Be familiar with a range of basic (level 1) AT, and be aware of more complex technologies available to support people in everyday activities

3. Be more aware of the different levels of AT, and of the risks and limitations in responsibilities in relation to these

4. Follow a safe and client centred process in addressing AT needs, and know when and how to refer clients for additional support

5. Be aware of tailoring information to the needs of individual clients, and offer AT information within a timely and client-centred approach

6. Support clients by demonstrating ways of accessing good sources of information about AT

"What was most interesting about this workshop? ... Seeing AT in action ... The new technology ..."

Workshop Participant

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