

DAPA February 2019 Newsletter

NDIS–Disability and Employment

We mentioned in our November 2018 Newsletter that studies for service providers, carers, participants and support workers need to be analysed. From 626 service providers surveyed, over 50% of them reporting worse operating environment, and 80% showed sign of uncertainty (<https://www.nds.org.au/news/state-of-the-disability-sector-report-2018>).

The federal government announced a \$33m Boosting the Local Care Workforce (BLWC) program in December last year. It is intended to build disability sector capacity and service provider readiness in the lead up to full National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) implementation, and for aged care employers and workers. The Department of Health estimated that there would be a shortage of care workforce by 2020 and this program would add 60,000 new jobs for the disability and aging services.

NDIS also announced the grant for ILC project that will enhance the capacity of workplace and also build pathways which increase employability for people with disability. Federal government pours in \$19.8m in total for this grant.

NDIS–Where DAPA can help

DAPA, through our Stronger Forever Program, is a registered provider of NDIS funded support. We provide day care and training in all aspects of independent living skills. We have stressed the importance of care workers with empathy to assist our members to enabling them to have employment skills in IT areas as part of requirement in our program. This will double the employment force in the future. Already we have had success in two of our members being employed full time in Canberra now. Last week we had our member Gokul Shanker coming all the way from Canberra to visit us and telling our members in our office proudly about his experiences.

Do you have spare time to share and you want to contribute back to the community? Come to share our experience by volunteering. The experience is fulfilling and rewarding.

If you want to find out any service providers near your residence especially people with language problems, you can also download our MMLink smart phone application which contains all the carer groups from different cultural background.

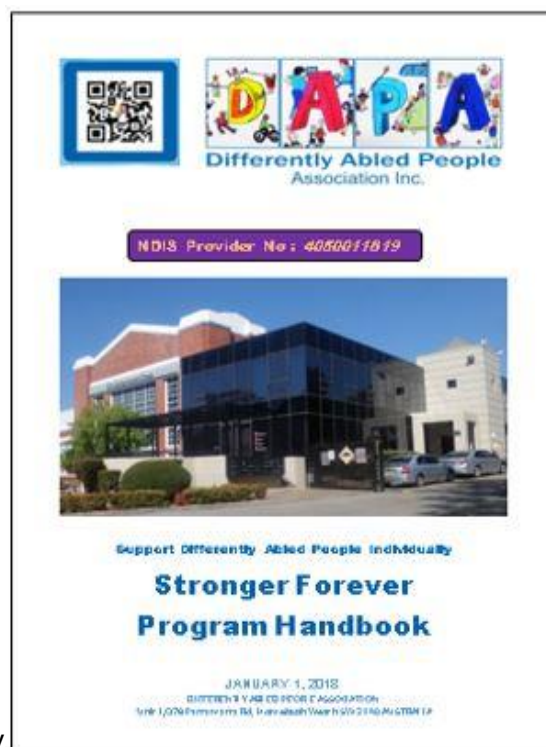
If you want to find out more about NDIS and how to access the scheme, please look at our website www.dap.asn.au or directly talk to us on 02-97635702. We are happy to help.

Stronger Forever Program

DAPA has upgraded the Stronger Forever Program Handbook in line with NDIS services. It now shows all the services we can provide under different categories such as Core Support, Capacity Building Support and Transportation.

We often have participants who need more suitable Accommodations for various reasons. Just recently, we had one participant who has been evicted from his temporary home and required emergency place to stay. We managed to apply for a place in a community housing provider. We also have other participants looking to improve their current accommodation arrangements.

Currently we are assisting one member with emergency housing requirement.



Living Skills Training

Making Shanghai Shallot Pancake

In Shanghai China, we have its own version of making pancake like Indian Chipati. On Friday on anticipation of a visit from Prashangth, who was one of our first member now working and living in Canberra, and his wife enroute to China, Hong brought in all the material as her donation to DAPA from time to time.



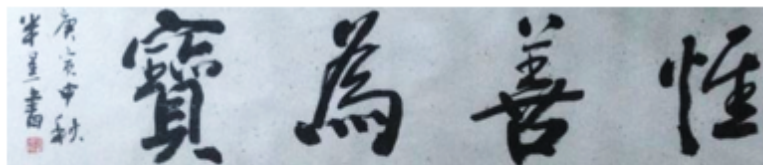
In the left photo above, Savitha explained to us how to nead the flour while adding hot water the way they do in India in making Chipati. On the right photo, Hong was making the shallot pancake to serve everyone. Savitha also brought some noodle made in Indian way.



Participation in the Community:

Memory of Mr. Albert Fan who dedicated his whole life to the Community

Mr. Albert Fan spent his lifetime on social services for the ageing and disability both in Hong Kong and Australia after he finished his university degree.



I came to know Chun Wing at CPA in 2009. His kind face always carried an easy to approach smile and yet he was passionate about his work.



In the meetings with dads at CPA, he talked about his experiences with similar organisations in Hong Kong. We found our match in our interest and personality that we chat a lot at every opportunity. In the first couple of dad to dad evenings, we voiced our concerns about our kids had little job prospects and vowed to do something in this area in the future. In the following few years, he spent most of his spare time to compile and edit CPA annual books with us. His words and spirit of love would live forever in my memory of Chun Wing. His encouragement after I formed Differently Abled People Association 協能自生會 in several meetings to create jobs and housing for the people with disabilities, was treasured so much in my mind.

Vincent Yu

Fund Raising for Special Olympics – Fun Run

DAPA always plays an active role in fund raising events for Special Olympics especially that our President, Vincent Yu, is in the committee of the major Fun Run event in the middle of March every year (Over 500 people join the Fun Run thru link: www.kuringgaichase.com.au –see below).

Please Register to support Special Olympics

