

Case study template

Date of the project	January 2007 to December 2007
Title of the project	Disability Employment and Training Project
Organisation managing the project (including Web link)	Finding Workable Solutions inc www.fws.org.au
Description of the project	<p>The Disability Training and Employment Program operating from our Mt. Barker and Murray Bridge service outlets will promote the Project, interview all potential project participants and provide a holistic, goal orientated training and employment program for each registered participant.</p> <p>In both regions the project expects to engage 10 participants with a minimum of five employment outcomes & delivery of 650 training hours.</p> <p>The established FWS Case Management model will be used to achieve the project objective of supporting individuals with a disability into training and employment. In summary this model includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of project to potential participants, via community networks • Selection of participants according to target group criteria • Comprehensive initial assessment of participants to determine training and support requirements • Development of an Employment Assistance Plan (EAP) outlining training and employment goals, as well as support to be provided by FWS. • Implementation of employment and training activities contained in the EAP, with individualised support provided by FWS Job Support Officers • Liaison with Employers, job placement services (e.g. Disability Works Australia) and training providers by the Case Manager & service team to identify & secure employment /training opportunities for participants, according to stated vocational goals. • Job placement & ongoing job maintenance support provided by Job Support Officers & coordinated by the Case Manager.

<p>Outcome to Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With FWS support Colin has put his application into TAFE for the Language, Literacy and Numeracy program • He is waiting to hear when training begins • FWS will support Colin at TAFE on site until he becomes comfortable with the program • FWS will support Colin with any assessment study required of campus • Colin was referred to Disability Works Australia with regard to employment at T&R Meatworks • FWS attended meeting with Colin and assisted with his application • Unfortunately Colin was unsuccessful in his application • Colin's long term goal is to be able to obtain a drivers license • Colin has asked that FWS assist him obtain a car license • FWS are providing "L" permit training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin has just begun part time employment with a local gardener • It is delightful to see Colin grinning as he works • Colin has not re-offended since he has been on SA Works Program
<p>Testimonials / quotes from participant (s)</p>	<p>"Would've been locked up by now if hadn't found these things to do"</p> <p>"I don't want to ever go back there" (Adelaide Remand)</p> <p>"I want to keep working and get a drivers license"</p> <p>"Thanks" (mumbled)</p>