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YDAS research project

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) received funding through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Practical Design Fund to carry out an independent living options research project. The research is being carried out by Adegget Consulting. The research team includes David Craig, Cath McNamara (field), Mark Brown and Sarah Forbes. The team brings together lived experience of disability and extensive experience in supporting people with disabilities to live and participate in their own communities.

The research will be looking at practical housing and support options that make it possible for young people with disabilities to move to more independent living situations. The research team will look at creative things that are happening in Australia and overseas and talk to young people (and their families) about what they want and need to feel confident about more independent living situations. These ideas and advice will be included in recommendations to the people designing the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Consultations

During March and April the researchers will hear from younger people with a disability, parents and carers through:

- face-to-face or phone interviews
- focus groups across several states
- on-line survey (accessible at www.ydas.org.au)
- interview with key peak bodies and advocacy organisations

Every effort will be made so that people who are consulted feel they can be candid and frank in expressing their opinions, concerns and fears. Information will be treated in a confidential manner.

Young adults and family members who are selected for interviews and focus groups will receive a \$50 gift voucher in recognition of their valuable input and time.

The research team will also speak with people in the disability and community sector who are working on creative initiatives that support younger people with a disability

into a variety of independent living situations.

The researchers would like to hear from you if:

- you'd like to be involved with the consultations or know people who would
- you want to let us know about interesting initiatives that have relevance for this project, or
- you'd like further information to decide whether you want to be involved.

Please contact as soon as possible:

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Please encourage young adults and their family members to support our research by asking them to complete the online survey at:

- If you have a disability, click here:
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9Q2FKDR>
- If you are the parent or guardian of someone with a disability, click here:
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9RKJZW3>

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Regards

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