INDIVIDUAL FUNDING: BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY THROUGH ACTION RESEARCH

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Financial support for people with disabilities in Australia is undergoing substantial change. New systems allocate funding packages to individuals, giving them autonomy and control over how they purchase their disability support needs. However, little is known about how people with disability are managing the transition towards individualised disability support.

This project is a national comparative study of the impact of individual funding policies at Commonwealth, state and territory levels, using a mixed-method approach. It involves research partnerships with disability community organisations in each state and territory to support data collection and build research capacity among the organisations, people with disability and their supporters. These partnerships will help to facilitate the action research nature of this project – building capacity within the disability community, strengthening peer support around individual funding, and developing research competence.

The findings will inform the development of government individual funding policies, the responsiveness of disability support providers to the new policy landscape, and the capacity of the disability community to use the opportunities presented by individual funding.

PROJECT TIMEFRAME

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PROJECT PARTNER

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