

IMPACT STATEMENT:

Self-directed support: perspectives of service users, families and the disability workforce

AT A GLANCE:

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AIM AND DESIGN:

To identify perspectives of service users and their families, including current experiences; aspirations to self-direct; and core skills required to self-direct. To develop an evidence based resource for families and people with a disability

OUTCOMES TO DATE:

Publications arising from this study

Crozier, M., and Muenchberger, H (2013). 'It's your problem, not mine': does competence have anything to do with desire and aspiration to self-direct? Australian Health Review, 37(5), 621-623.

Crozier, M., Muenchberger, H., Colley, J., and Ehrlich, C (2013). The disability self-direction movement: Considering the benefits and challenges for an Australian response. Australian Journal of Social Issues, 48(4), 455-471.

Crozier, M., Muenchberger, H., and Ehrlich, C. (in press). Breaking traditions of practice: Workforce challenges in implementing disability service standards within purpose built accommodation for young adults. Contemporary Nurse.

Created and disseminated over 100 copies of a self-direction pre-planning decision making tree for families and clients. This tool is being trialled by NDS throughout Queensland.

Developed and published an organisational and government policy decision process map as well as a staff self-reflection assessment tool.

