

The Southern Services Reform Group (SSRG)

The SSRG is one of the collaborative projects funded by the Commonwealth HACC Program, Department of Social Services. The collaborative projects are regional structures located in metropolitan and rural South Australia.

The project aims to facilitate service reform and improve service cooperation and coordination at a regional level. The project engages with services that support older frail people and their carers. The goal of work completed by the project is to improve outcomes for the target group.

A Steering and Executive Committee oversee the project and is representative of the key service providers and agencies in the region.

Current Priorities of SSRG

- Carers
- Social inclusion
- Memory Hub – Dementia friendly communities
- Wellness and Enablement
- Partnerships to achieve regional goals

The Project goals include improving outcomes for older people by:

- Developing creative and innovative ways of providing services
- Identifying and promoting opportunities for service innovation and reform
- Increasing networks and the breadth of partnerships
- Encouraging efficient and effective use of resources
- Creating opportunities for service providers to work collaboratively together

Involvement with the SSRG aims to benefit both individuals and organisations in the Community Services network.

You are welcome to attend and be involved in any of the workgroups, forums or other activities delivered or supported by the SSRG.

Further information

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Project Activities

Website www.ssrorg.org.au

All information about the projects, activities, workgroups, forums and discussion papers can be accessed from the website.

Workgroups

Workgroups are comprised of representatives from service providers who offer services to the target group. Workgroups are established to focus on regionally specific projects. It is also an opportunity for collaboration and sharing.

Other activities include:

- Training
- Forums
- Discussion papers / reports
- Evaluation

Current SSRG Workgroups

Carer Issues Workgroup

The Carer Issues Workgroup meets monthly and has produced an on-line resource and film to assist post carers.

The resource link is:

<http://www.ssrq.org.au/content/post-caring>

The Life After Caring film can be found on the Southern Services Reform Group YouTube Channel.

What is post-caring? Many terms are used when a carers' role changes including relinquished carer, past carer and former carer. These terms refer to a time when a loved one has gone into permanent care or has passed away.

Dementia Workgroup

The Dementia Workgroup meets monthly and has been working on a project creating a Library Memory Hub. The project is a partnership between the SSRG, Noarlunga Library and Alzheimer's Australia SA. The Hub has suitable activities, books and items for reminiscence, resources to maintain memory and information about brain health and dementia. The Hub's official opening was held in October 2014.

Social Inclusion Workgroup

The Social Inclusion Workgroup meets monthly and is currently working on the 'Ignite your spark' campaign which comprises of a resource pack including a poster, post cards and an Ignite your spark film which is available on the Southern Services Reform Group YouTube Channel.

The positive images used in the resource aim to change attitudes and inspire older people to engage positively 'in life' – there are endless possibilities!

In Home Services Workgroup

The In Home Services Workgroup meets monthly to discuss issues affecting aged care services and identify strategies to support reform. Currently the group is exploring what reablement and wellness means for older people. This has included trialling an innovative workshop titled 'I Can(t)'. The workshop is designed to promote consumer independence, well-being, quality of life and capacity to remain living in their community of choice.



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