

Autism Victoria A Strategic Plan – Overview

Priority	Actions
<p>Priority 1</p> <p>To confirm and enhance the role of Autism Victoria as the Peak Body of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Victoria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a communication and marketing strategy • Review and refine the role of Professional Panel • Co-ordinate and facilitate Organisational members forums on a 6 monthly basis. • Develop a structured approach to meetings with key Politicians. • At least annually co-ordinate a research forum for families and professionals in Victoria. • Develop a comprehensive strategy to engage DHS and other interested parties in the implementation of the Autism State Plan and the Disability State Plan. • Actively engage and participate in a range of relevant working groups to promote awareness of ASD issues and needs. • Establish on-going and good working relationships with a wide variety of media outlets • Increase Spectrum magazine pages alongside planned membership expansion from 24 to 28 pages giving more scope for provision of information and to build the magazine as a primary source of information on ASD throughout Victoria • Continue to engage the community during Autism Awareness day/month by building on events such as the balloon release. • Continue to represent Autism Victoria at the DSQF (Disability Services Quality Framework) Advisory group meetings to promote awareness of ASD within the broader State Disability Framework. • Continue to represent Autism Victoria at working committee for the ECQF (Early Childhood Quality Framework) • Attend regional DHS Quality Network meetings and steering group for quality. Once a month, to ensure consistent understanding of quality within services and raise awareness of ASD within service. • Continue to co-ordinate working party meetings at Autism Victoria for the development of future Autism Specific Specialist Accreditation Standards.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide ASD specific information, advice and support to parents, families, individuals, and organizations, via means of information sessions, phone consultation and written material. ● Provide ASD specific counseling sessions to parents, families and individuals interested in ASD.
<p>Priority 2</p> <p>To ensure Autism Victoria is a robust and functional organisation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-ordinate and conduct the Annual General Meeting in accordance with legal rules. ● Develop and Implement an effective performance management system and recruitment and retention campaign for staff. ● Increase membership to 6,000 members ● Implement a secure and effective I.T management system including revision of databases systems and external I.T provider ● Monthly review of operational results against budget
<p>Priority 3</p> <p>To develop and adopt a number of diverse income streams to ensure the financial viability of the organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The preparation of at least 3 funding submissions annually. ● The preparation of 2 business proposals annually ● The preparation of at least 4 philanthropic submissions annually ● Identify and pursue a minimum of 2 funding options to underpin implementation of the Autism State Plan. ● Conduct 10 Early Days workshops per year ● Increase advertising in the Spectrum magazine from 3 to 4 pages ● To continue to promote and register at least 20 further services and individuals within the next 12 months for Accreditation. ● Open accreditation registration to other states to support goal for National consistency in practice and to broaden the scope of income streams. Apply for JAZ-ANZ certification body status for the DSQF. AV to tender to be auditors for Disability Services throughout Victoria ● To continue to promote Autism Accreditation for ECIS and Professionals

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-Monthly information Sessions for services and professionals to promote membership of Accreditation program • Conduct 2 professional development sessions per month on a fee-for-service basis to interested groups/ organisations. • Maximise investment return in accordance with policy
<p>Priority 4</p> <p>To provide the most comprehensive and current information and advice on all matters related to Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting annual Research Forum, Parent and individuals surveys. • Developing new I.T models for accessing information and advice • Grow the range of resources available in the library. • Review and update existing materials including the provision of information in languages other than English. • Investigate and prepare a comprehensive proposal for the development of web based information provision that is both comprehensive and easily accessed by individuals, families and professional service providers. • Develop and Implement a Quality Assurance program to evaluate and drive the future development of existing service delivery including the Accreditation and RTO businesses. • Develop the Spectrum magazine as an information source that provides information relevant across the Autism Spectrum, family groupings, age groups and professionals. • Organise review of existing standards to ensure relevance for ongoing use in measuring quality and practice. • Arrange annual network meeting for registered services, sharing best practice. • Establish an Ethics committee to oversee Ethical questions that arise within the organisation.
<p>Priority 5</p> <p>To engage in direct action and facilitation to improve the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement strategy to engage the broader disability sector in the issues of service provision to people with a dual diagnosis • Subject to survey review outcomes develop a comprehensive campaign strategy to address priority areas.

<p>provision of service and standards to people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Establish an election campaign committee and develop a comprehensive campaign strategy plan● Identify and recruit a number of “Champions” to act as the public voice for ASD● Ongoing – To deliver 13 x 3 Day Course Sessions● Develop additional specialist standards to increase quality and best practice across services and professionals in the ASD and disability field incl.:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Education Standards,2. Adult day services,3. Adult residential services,4. Residential Services,5. Assessment and Diagnosis● Market the 1300 Information line for parents, individuals & organizations as well as market the 1300 Advice line for professionals.● Provide training & professional development to all interested (schools, support groups, etc)
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