

## Media Release

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### **New workforce resources for the aged and community care sector**

Aged & Community Services SA & NT (ACS), with funding from the Home and Community Care Project, have developed two innovative new workforce resources for potential employees and current employers in the aged and community care sector.

*Working and Learning in Aged & Community Care* provides information about the type of paid and volunteer work available. This resource is for anyone looking for flexible work which benefits others, in a sector that provides a good chance of job security. It lists some of the reasons people love working in aged and community care, valuable training courses and how to access help with study costs.

*Taking Care of Workforce Business* provides aged and community care employers with a wide range of initiatives to make their workplace more attractive to potential and existing staff. It comprises a package of 28 Information Sheets covering topics such as Work-Life Balance, Career Development, Workplace Flexibility, Valuing Workers and Managing Initiatives. Each topic provides information on *Why would you want to do it? How would you go about it? Initiatives you could consider; Initiatives other organisations have successfully implemented; and Where you can get more information.*

The resources were developed in consultation with the sector and many of the best practice examples and case studies were contributed by individual organisations.

ACS commissioned Chris Ellis from ADIT Communications to produce the resources in response to the Home and Community Care (HACC) South Australia 2006 Workforce Planning Project Report. Although HACC-funded, the resources showcase the entire aged and community care sector.

Both resources will be available electronically and a limited number of hard copies will also be available. *Working and Learning in Aged & Community Care* will be available on CD and will be distributed to learning institutions, job networks and brokers and displayed at career events.

The Hon Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Ageing, will launch the new resources on Wednesday 22 April at 9.30 am at The Monastery, Glen Osmond.

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