



WACHS DSC TA Training Initiative

MODULE DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS IT?

The WACHS DSC TA training initiative is now in phase 2. Phase 1 included the development and delivery of 6 videoconference training modules for therapy assistants. Modules for development were selected through feedback from WACHS therapists and therapy assistants as being the highest priority. In phase 1 each videoconference had an average of 19 sites with at least 70 participants linked in. The feedback has been fantastic.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The modules are developed and delivered by WACHS allied health therapists. The videoconferences are open to therapy assistants across the state. Small groups of therapists work together to develop the modules.

BEING INVOLVED IN A MODULE WORKING GROUP

What is required:

- Approximately 4 Teleconference meetings
- Develop learning objectives for the module
- Develop presenter's notes and participants handouts
- Develop a take home assessment related to the module content.
- The module will be presented by one or more of the module developers.
- Review of the module following presentation and changes where required.

How much time will it take?

- In phase 2 modules will be developed and delivered between November 2004 and July 2005.
- The videoconference runs for 1½ hours.
- The time taken will depend on the material that is already available.
- The minimum amount of time for development is 5 hours.
- Additional time is needed for preparing for presenting a videoconference.

What are the benefits?

For the therapist:

- Learn & enhance your skills in training and education
- Network with other therapists across WACHS
- Improve your skills in making training "videoconference friendly"
- Improve your skills and experience in facilitating training via videoconference.

For the service:

- Improve the bank of "ready to go" therapy assistant training
- Up skill therapy assistants
- Regular training for therapy assistants
- Sharing the load for training across therapists and areas.