## Staying Safe and Understanding Abuse Forums

NDS and VALID are holding **free** forums about human rights, safety and preventing abuse and neglect of people with disability to continue to spread the message that abuse and neglect is NOT OK!

The forums are designed to assist people with disability and their support staff to identify abuse and neglect, know about good practice in services, and understand how to prevent abuse and neglect.

**Session 1: 9.15am - 11.00am – ‘Staying Safe’ - VALID**

This engaging and accessible workshop draws on VALID’s Staying Safe training program for people with disability: ‘Speak Up, Reach Out and Get Help’. It explains different types of abuse. People with disability and support staff are encouraged to attend.

**Light morning tea: 11.00am - 11.30am**

**Session 2: 11.30am – 12.45pm – ‘Understanding Abuse’ - NDS**

This interactive session, based on NDS’s Understanding Abuse e-learning, is aimed at frontline workers, supervisors and team leaders. Using video stories and group reflection, participants encouraged to will engage in a conversation about why abuse happens and using the Zero Tolerance resources to support the empowerment of people they support.

**Who should attend?**

The forums are for people with disability and staff from disability services, including direct support staff, managers and supervisors. Attendees are welcome to attend the whole forum, or choose the session most relevant to them.

**Light Lunch provided: 12.45 – 1.30pm**

**Session 3: 1.30pm – 3.30 - Restrictive Practices Panel Discussion / Q&A**

This session will investigate current legislation and practices around Restrictive practices, followed by a panel discussion with representatives from the government, disability organisations and from persons with lived experience.

**Dates and Locations**

* Alice Springs - Double Tree by Hilton  (82 Barrett Drive), Tuesday 29 August 2017 9.00am – 4.00pm
* Tennant Creek – Tennant Creek Training Centre (65 Staunton St), Thursday 31August 2017, 9.00am – 4.00pm
* Nhulunbuy – Nhulunbuy Training Centre (Chesterfield Circuit, Nhulunbuy), Tuesday 5 September 2017, 8.30am – 2.00pm
* Darwin – Michael Long Centre (70 Abala Rd, Marrara), Wednesday 6 September 2017, 9.00am – 4.00pm
* Katherine – Knotts Crossing Resort (Corner of Giles Street & Cameron Street), Friday 8 September 2017, 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Register at <https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/zero-tolerance-forums>**

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