“New Idea and No Idea”
A resource to help front-line workers and managers in aged and dementia care plan Knowledge Translation (KT) activities

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About this project

Some typical features of the Australian dementia/aged care workforce are:
• keen to try new ideas
• time poor and resource stretched
• lack knowledge about Knowledge Translation (KT) principles
• low confidence in skills to plan, implement and evaluate

How does this project help?
This is a capacity building project. Without assuming a background in science or evaluation, it aims to increase understanding and skills in knowledge translation in two ways:

(A) Providing a TOOL
A KT planning tool, adapted from a Canadian prototype, has been developed, using specific examples for the aged and dementia care setting in Australia. Titled “Innovation to Implementation - Australia (I2I-A)”, the tool is a 7-step workbook that helps with planning and information capture, with three additional reading topics.

The Seven Steps:
1. State the purpose of the KT Plan
2. Select an innovation
3. Specify key players and actions
4. Identify agents of change
5. Design the KT Plan
6. Implement the KT Plan
7. Evaluate success of the KT Plan

Three additional topics:
✓ Is this Innovation KT ready
✓ Readiness for change
✓ Disseminating new knowledge

(B) Providing EDUCATION
A 2-hour workshop titled “New Idea and No Idea”, teaching background principles in KT, exploring change management, and practical issues in using the I2I-A.

Where is this project up to?
The "New Idea and No Idea" workshop featuring the I2I-A is being rolled out nationally as part of the Dementia Training and Studies Centres (DTSC) Knowledge Transfer workshop program, in partnership with the Dementia Collaborative Research Centres (DCRC), Australia.

To date, more than 120 direct care staff and managers in dementia and aged care have participated in six workshops across three locations (Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane).

Thank you to our Partners

Reference:

How to get this resource
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