


## About Ability Care



Ability Care is an organisation that really understands the importance of accommodation, respite and support services that help people with disabilities reach their potential.

We are committed to enhancing the quality of life of adults and children with an intellectual, physical and/or sensory disability through individualised services and programs.

### Our approach

Innovative, responsive and flexible in our approach, we understand that every person is unique and we work with individuals and their families to provide support in a way that gives but never gives up.

### Our people

If there was one word to describe our people it would undoubtedly be 'passionate.' When you have hundreds of staff and volunteers collectively living and breathing our values, vision and mission; what you get is something truly special.

### Our family of organisations



Ability Care, is a part of a family of international organisations (Community Services Group) collectively committed to supporting and enhancing the quality of life of the most vulnerable.



## Our Locations

Please visit [www.abilitycare.org.au](http://www.abilitycare.org.au) to find the nearest centre to you.

## Eligibility

18 to 65yrs, meets Disability Services eligibility criteria.

## Referrals

Received through:


- Department of Communities – Disability Services and Child Safety
- Individuals / Families / Carers
- Service Providers

## Funding

Ability Care, receives funding from the Department of Communities - Disability Services and the Department of Communities - Child Safety Services.



## Accommodation Services



Accommodation services that enhance the independence and quality of life of people with a disability and their carers.





Our focus is on the empowerment of the individual through respecting decisions and choice making, promoting dignity, developing skills, encouraging independence, integration into the community and respecting the rights and roles of all human beings.


## Accommodation Services

### Transitional Accommodation

Assists young people to transition from out-of-home care to disability supported accommodation. The aim of the program is to support our clients to access community life and develop and maintain community living arrangements.

Some young people may receive a combination of ongoing and one-off support, while others may only require time-limited support to help them transition to adult independent community life.

Ability Care support our clients to:

- Live at home and manage the household.
  - Participate in recreation and leisure activities.
  - Live within an accommodation co-tenancy arrangement.
  - Strengthen personal and family relationships and networks.
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### Adult Accommodation

Accommodation houses have been set up with the purpose of providing support and services to adult individuals to allow them to live as independently as possible within a home of their own.

Accommodation services are based on holistic 24/7 support models.

Each house consists of 2 to 4 clients within a co-tenancy arrangement. Staff are provided accommodation & office space within each co-tenancy arrangement.

The supports within each home vary depending on the needs of each individual. Individual personal plans and specific management plans are developed to ensure all support offered is designed specifically for each person.

Supports and services offered by Ability Care will promote the inclusion of each individual in the life of their local community. Inclusion is not just about living in the community – it is about being included and taking part in everyday life in meaningful ways.

Individuals contribute to their home environment (to the best of their ability) both physically & financially through their income/pension.

#### What we do:

- Maintain and/or build on the skill-set of each individual & improve their ability to live a rich & meaningful life.
- Encourage clients to be self-reliant in all aspects of their lives, as much as possible.
- Take a holistic approach within each home and assist and support all aspects of each person's life.
- Support individuals to make informed decisions.
- Ensure the personal dignity of each individual is upheld by ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of all who reside within the home.
- Ensure that all client voices are heard and rights upheld.
- Empower individuals by ensuring they have the appropriate skills to undertake chosen tasks, the development of clients self-esteem and sense of self-worth is a primary goal.
- Staff interaction with clients will promote equal participation, rather than dependency.



### Emergency Accommodation

**Emergency and Crisis Program** - This program is specifically designed for individuals in crisis and require emergency accommodation situations until permanent accommodation solutions can be sought. Disability Services Qld liaise with the service providers to find temporary accommodation (up to 12 weeks) until permanent accommodation can be sought.

Emergency support is strictly time-limited and does not represent a commitment to recurrent funds for ongoing support being made available.

Criteria for acceptance within this program are based on individuals needs but include:

- 18-65 years
- Disability Service Qld recognized disability
- Meet Disability Services Qld criteria for this service
- Unable to acquire assistance from any other source

**Host Family** - This program provides individuals with accommodation with an alternative family placement.

The Host Family are responsible for meeting the individual's daily care needs, as well as facilitating access to social and recreational activities within the community.

Criteria for acceptance within this program include:

- 6 to 65 years of age
- Have a recognized disability
- In receipt of an individualized recurrent funding package from Disability Service Queensland.