

Working in Community Services

Community Services

Community services are about helping people the right way.

Community services in your community:

- Child care
- Aged care
- Disability care
- Night patrol
- Rubbish collection
- Schools
- Health Clinic
- Youth activities



Aged Care in your community

The Australian Government and Northern Territory Government provide money to run aged care and disability programs. This money is used to keep people healthy, stay active and stay in community.

Older people, people with disabilities and their families need to be looked after. In your community the client is at the centre of the care.

Clients get the help they need and want.

Family and carers are important in helping clients.



Jobs in Community Services

JOBS NOW
Community services and health employs **1 in 8** of the total Australian workforce.



DEMAND IS GROWING - 1 in 4 new jobs between 2011-18 will be in community services and health as the demand for aged care, disability and mental health services grow and this is expected to continue.

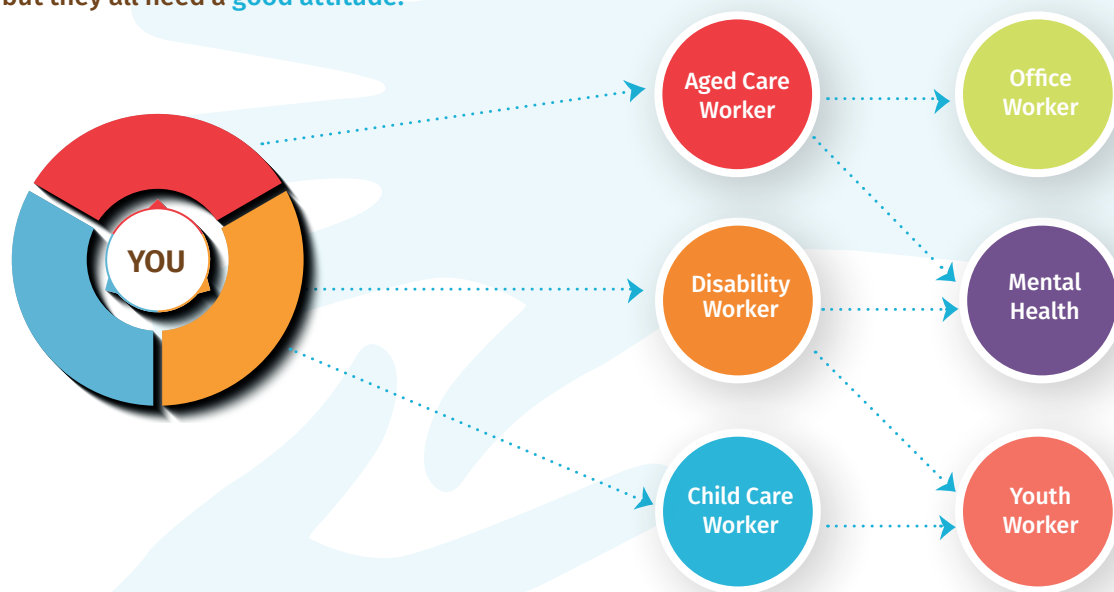


Lots of different jobs

- Health workers
- Education Officer
- Disability support workers
- Child care workers
- Mental health workers
- Aged care workers
- Youth workers
- Alcohol and Drugs Worker
- Professionals like doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists

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Lots of pathways lead to different jobs that need training but they all need a **good attitude**.



Skills you need to work in aged care

Jobs in community services are about **helping people** (clients).

care	patience	communication
reading	writing	numeracy
teamwork	attention to detail	following instructions

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Top Tips



- Community services is about helping people
- Training can lead to jobs now and in the future
- Different jobs and skills available in aged and disability care

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Help available from aged and disability services

What this looks like	Service	What this might mean
	Meals good diet is important to good health	Breakfast and lunch is prepared at the centre and delivered to clients or clients can eat at the centre. Ration packs
	Personal care keeping clean is important to good health	Showering Continance aids Oral hygiene
	Bedding and washing a clean dry bed is important to good health	Turning mattresses. Collecting and washing blankets and clothes at the centre.
	Transport to and from services to live well	Clients can be picked up to spend time at the centre. Clients can be picked up and dropped off at the clinic, to go shopping, Centrelink etc.
	Activities to keep mind and body working properly	Activities can be in the centre – music, painting, weaving, craft, puzzles, watching television. Other activities might be on country – hunting, fishing, collecting
	Equipment	Equipment that may need to be provided to support the client could include walking frames, shower chairs, wheel chairs.
	Advocacy	Speaking up to people about problems with aged and disability services, safety and wellbeing.