LOCAL PALLIATIVE CARE GRANTS PROGRAM - ROUND 1

Name of project: Better Palliative Care for People with Dementia.

Organisation: Aged Care and Housing Group Incorporated

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Duration of the Project: February 2006 - December 2008

Project Summary

The project developed a framework for palliative care for people with dementia, and a training module for staff and volunteers.

The training module was trialled, evaluated and reviewed before publication and distribution.

Purpose of the Project:

- to provide better palliative care for people with dementia, the focus being on the development of a staff and volunteer training program that would support their staying at home; and,
- to increase access to palliative care services for people with dementia.

Activities

- development of a framework for better palliative care for people with dementia;
- development of a training module for staff and volunteers;
- trialling and review of the training module with staff and volunteers;
- evaluation of staff knowledge of palliative care and their attitudes toward people with dementia before and after the trial; and
- publication and distribution of the training module.

Results

- production of "The Better Practice Framework" document and its acceptance by stakeholders.
- development of a training module for staff and volunteers and successful trials of the module including an evaluation of the knowledge, attitude and skills of 13 ACH staff and volunteers who took part at two sites.
- the module was subsequently reviewed and the final product disseminated through a series of workshops in South Australia and via the ACH intranet and is now part of the organisation's staff development program.

Resources produced

- Better Practice Framework
- Workshop Participant Workbook

- Facilitator’s Handbook
- Training module