

Media Release

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SydWest delivering National Community Connector Program (NCCP) across Western Sydney

SydWest Multicultural Services is pleased to announce that they have been successfully sub-contracted to deliver the new National Community Connector Program (NCCP), an initiative of the NDIS through National Ethnic Disabilities Alliance (NEDA).

SydWest has three (3) **Community Connectors** based in Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Penrith who will work with people with a disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds who are not currently accessing the NDIS.

The Program is an important government initiative because it addresses the barriers to NDIS access that CALD people with a disability face. The data shows that more than half of eligible people with a disability from CALD backgrounds are not accessing the NDIS and we are excited to start improving the participation rate, said Elfa Moraitakis, CEO of SydWest.

The role that multicultural organisations like SydWest play because of our expertise in the area of disability and our strong connection to the community guarantees the success of the program.

The SydWest **Community Connectors** will be responsible for engaging and connecting with CALD communities, providing information and advice on the NDIS and supporting clients and their families into the NDIS.

SydWest is also an NDIS Approved Provider and has been working closely with diverse people with a disability and their families to ensure participation rates of CALD communities since the roll out of the program, said Elfa Moraitakis, CEO of SydWest.

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For further information or to arrange an interview with a Community Connector, please contact Vikki Hine, Public Affairs & Communications on vikki.hine@sydneywestms.org.au or 9621 6633.

SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities. Established more than 35 years ago, SydWest provides a range of services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) individuals and communities to assist with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community.

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We offer flexible and integrated service models across the life course of refugees and migrants, supporting the self-determination and empowerment of our diverse communities. SydWest is an innovative employer of choice, with passionate, qualified and experienced bilingual and bicultural staff who are sensitive to the languages and cultures of the communities we represent. With locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Rouse Hill, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.