



## GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

### Adult Respite Services



#### **What changes will there be to Adult Respite Services?**

Respite Services will no longer be run by the Government but instead will be run by a Community Sector Organisation. Community Sector Organisations are services that provide support and are funded by the State Government, but are not run by the Government.

Disability Services is working with the community sector to find different ways of providing respite to adults and children.

Children's Respite and Adult Respite have been split to provide a service that works with children up to 18 years and a different service that works with Adults over 18 years. For more information on Children's Respite see the Children's Respite Information Sheet.



#### **What is happening to the Adult Respite Centres?**

Adult Respite centres will stay the same until October 2010, this includes Lutana Unit 2, Rocherlea and Burnie adult respite centres.

**What does this mean for you?**

Adult respite will continue to be run by Disability Services until October 2010. People who have regular bookings can continue to use respite after it is managed by a Community Sector Organisation.

If you need to make a respite booking you will continue to contact the respite service at Disability Services.

**What if I need emergency respite?**

The new service will provide emergency respite if required.

**What if I have high support needs – will the new community organisation continue to provide respite?**

Yes, the new organisation will provide respite to adults with a range of disabilities and support needs.

**Will I be expected to pay for respite?**

Respite will continue to be provided for families who need it. The new Community Sector Organisation will be funded by the Government, so family members will not have to pay for centre based respite. Sometimes you may need to pay for some recreation activities or programs while you are at respite.



## Who can I talk to if I want help now?



You can contact **Advocacy Tasmania**

Hobart 6224 2240      Launceston 6331 0740

Devonport 6441 0201



You can contact **Speak Out Advocacy**

Hobart 6231 2344      Launceston 6343 2022

Burnie 6431 9333



**Your Disability Area Office**

Hobart 6230 7600      Launceston 6336 4130

Burnie 6434 4103

**You can find information on the Internet at**

[http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future\\_communities/reform\\_implementation\\_unit](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_communities/reform_implementation_unit)