

Research

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In April 2006, UnitingCare lifeAssist (then UCCO) established a formal research partnership with Deakin University to facilitate research which improved the quality of life of care recipients and carers who received support through community care services. We've also been involved in a broad range of projects to support research in the fields of Ageing and Disability.

Through that partnership many projects were undertaken which have been fundamental to the delivery of services by lifeAssist and have influenced the approach to the way services are delivered by the entire sector.

lifeAssist's partnership with Deakin Research generated research that:

- led to improvements in the quality of practice and in the delivery of community support services
- generated new products to improve practice, governance, and quality standards
- informed lifeAssist's advocacy agenda and
- helped shape lifeAssist's contribution to the development of government policies and programs

CHOICES Training

The CHOICES in Aged Care project is a person centred, consumer directed care (CDC) approach to community aged care offering older people, and their carers, more choice, flexibility and transparency in directing their own unique care needs.

The research partnership between UnitingCare lifeAssist and the Deakin University School of Nursing that developed People at Centre Stage (PACS) continues with CHOICES.