

Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC)

Systems Coordinator Program



Program features

Individualised services to meet young person goals

We take an individualised approach to understanding the younger person's needs and identifying age-appropriate services.

Single point of contact

Each Systems Coordinator remains the single point of contact with the younger person throughout their time in the program. You can call your Systems Coordinator directly to speak with them regularly.

Easy and simple referral

Eligibility for the NDIS is not a requirement to be part of the program. Involvement in the program is voluntary and access is free.

No wrong door experience

We will help you contact the right people and services if we are unable to assist.

National reach

Experienced Systems Coordinators with expertise in understanding complex needs are available in each state and territory.

The Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) System Coordinator Program is a national initiative funded by the Commonwealth Government and operated by Ability First Australia.

It aims to give younger people (under 65 years) greater choice and control in understanding their options where they would like to live and what age-appropriate supports they need. With the consent of the younger person and/or their guardian, our team works collaboratively with government, local community and welfare organisations and service providers to help explore alternate home and support options.

Who do we work with?

The program works with people under 65 living in residential aged care as well as those in hospital or in the community who are at risk of entering permanent residential aged care.

To make a referral for those at risk:

The My Aged Care Contact Centre is responsible for referring younger people at risk of entering residential aged care to our program if they are not an NDIS participant or they have not yet tested their eligibility.

With consent, the Systems Coordinator will assist the person to test their NDIS eligibility, if appropriate, whilst they continue to explore age-appropriate home and support options to avoid entry to permanent residential aged care.

For those under 65 years living in residential aged care:

Our team will make direct contact with residential aged care facilities who have been identified with having a younger person as a resident.

With consent, the Systems Coordinator will assist the person to test their NDIS eligibility, if appropriate, and if the person would like to transition out of care, provide assistance to find alternative age-appropriate home and support options.

If the person is happy with their current situation and make the choice to stay, our team can then assist to explore additional supports, further enabling them to live their best life.