

# DEAFBLIND COMMUNICATION GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM



18 – 22 February 2019

Adelaide, South Australia



## ABOUT ABLE AUSTRALIA

Able Australia is one of Australia's leading nor-for-profit organisations, delivering high quality, person-centered services to people living with multiple disabilities, including deafblindness and those in need of community support.

From its humble beginnings, in 1967 as the Victorian Deaf Blind and Rubella Children's Association, Able Australia has grown into a diverse and dynamic organisation that supports more than 4000 people throughout Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland and Victoria.

## ABOUT THE COMMUNICATION GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

Able Australia is looking for enthusiastic individuals who have a passion for supporting people to achieve their best to take part in a FREE\* Deafblind Communication Guide Training Program. Communication Guides provide direct one to one support to people who are deafblind. They assist individuals with a range of needs including communication, social, mobility, daily living and advocacy so that they can maintain their independence and remain connected with their communities.

The Training Program will cover a range of topics on deafblindness including;

- What it means to be deafblind
- Deafblind communication methods
- Adaptive and assistive technology
- Sighted guide training
- What makes a good Communication Guide

Training is FREE\* to all participants and will commence in **February 2019**.

After successful completion of the Training Program you can opt to have your details added to a Deafblind Communication Guide Database. Disability support providers will have access to this database to source Communication Guides for clients who are deafblind.

Are you interested?

If you are interested in joining the Communication Guide Training Program, complete the following application form and return it by: **WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER** to:

1. Email to: [alisha.hill@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:alisha.hill@ableaustralia.org.au)
2. Mail to: Able Australia  
PO Box 1005  
Gilles Plains SA 5086

Any questions?

For further information or inquiries please contact:

Alisha Hill – Community Development Worker on 0424 372 846 (SMS only) or email [alisha.hill@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:alisha.hill@ableaustralia.org.au). OR

Carla Anderson – **National Director - Centre of Excellence Deafblind** on 1300 225 369 or email [carla.anderson@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:carla.anderson@ableaustralia.org.au).

The Deafblind Communication Guide Training Program has been made possible through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Jurisdictional Based Grants program. The Training Program outlined in this application package is the first of three Programs Able Australia is aiming to deliver before 30 June 2020.

\* A \$150 deposit is required. This will be fully refunded within 30 days of successful completion of the Communication Guide Training Program.

## COMMUNICATION GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

### 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ SMS only? Yes  No

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility:

Do you identify as...?  Deaf  Hard of hearing  Hearing

Do you use ...?  Auslan  Spoken English  Both

Emergency contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ SMS only? Yes  No

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Why are you interested in applying for the Communication Guide Training Program?

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Do you have any relevant skills, training and/or work experience?

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Please self-assess your skill level in the following communication methods:

	No Skill	Beginner	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Auslan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finger spelling on palm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tactile – hand over hand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual frame	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you hold an unrestricted South Australian driver’s licence? Yes  No

Do you have access to a car? Yes  No

Do you have a current Senior First Aid certificate (less than 12 months old)? Yes  No

*(Please note that participants must hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate BEFORE commencing the training program)*

Do you have a current National Police Clearance (less than 12 months old)? Yes  No

*Please note that participants must present a current National Police Clearance BEFORE commencing the training program. Confirmation of an offence will not automatically lead to refusal by Able Australia. Only police records which are deemed relevant to the Communication Guide Training Program shall be considered when assessing an applicant's suitability.*

### 3. REFERENCE CHECK

Please supply the name and contact details of two (2) referees:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give Able Australia permission to contact your referees? Yes  No

### 4. PAYMENT & REFUND DETAILS

Acceptance into the Communication Guide Training Program requires a \$150 deposit. This deposit will be refunded to you within thirty (30) days of successful completion of the Training Program.

Once you have received a Letter of Invitation to attend the Training Program, please transfer your payment to:

BANK: BENDIGO BANK

ACCOUNT NAME: ABLE AUSTRALIA SERVICES

BSB: 633-000 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 115599839

REFERENCE: *(your surname)* CGTP

Please provide your bank details to allow Able Australia to process your refund:

BANK: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BSB: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. DECLARATION

I understand that:

1. The information that I have provided on this form will be entered into Able Australia's HR database.
2. Acceptance into the Communication Guide Training Program requires:
  - Attending an interview and information session on 10/12/2018 and 11/12/2018
  - Submitting a current National Police Clearance and Senior First Aid Certificate
  - Paying a \$150 deposit which will be refunded to me within thirty (30) of successfully completing the Training Program
3. The Training Program consists of five (5) full days of training from 9.00am to 3.00pm from Monday 18 February to Friday 23 February and a twenty (20) hour practicum supporting deafblind representatives in their communities.
4. Successful completion of the Communication Training Guide Program requires:-
  - attendance and participation of classroom based learning activities and site visits
  - successful completion of assignments and log book
  - completion of a 20 hour practicum
4. Completion of the Communication Guide Training Program does not result in an offer of employment from Able Australia or any other affiliated organisation.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



Please submit your completed application form together with a copy of your resume, national police check and first aid certificate (if already obtained) by

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