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Eligibility Policy

Definition

A person is eligible for membership and participation in all Carer support activities if he/she provides substantial care and support for a family member or friend who has a disability, chronic mental or physical illness or is frail aged in the community.

Young people: 5-25 years of age are eligible for membership and participation if they provide informal support to a sibling with a disability or chronic illness and young people (Young Carers) who are the primary carer of a parent, grandparent or other family member with a disability or chronic illness.

Relinquished Carers: are carers who have been actively caring until the person they cared for died or the person they cared for went into full time residential care.

If relinquished carers were members of the organisation when they were an active carer they will be supported to make the transition back into the community for to two years and are eligible to participate in activities for up to 12months. After this period they will need to meet the criteria for priority of access to activities.

Situations Where A Person is Eligible

Receipt of the Commonwealth Government's Carer Payment and /or Carer Allowance does not preclude membership.

Situations Where A Person is not Eligible

Volunteers who provide care to a person outside the terms of the above definition are not eligible.

Persons who are under a contract of employment (or similar arrangements such as individually contracted services), for all the people for whom they provide care are not eligible.

Priority of Access

Respite: Active carers only can be recipients of respite services.

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Carer Social Activities

Introduction

NCN is committed to providing well organised social activities for carers in acknowledgement of their caring role. Support will be required to facilitate carer's ability to attend social activities on offer to overcome barriers.

NCN social activities will provide Carers with the opportunity to meet other carers in a positive non-threatening environment where they may choose their own level of involvement. By attending activities they can gain a sense of belonging and make new friends.

Procedure

NCN will offer a mix of social activities which include Carer Day Out, Retreats, Pampering Days & special functions and events. These activities will incorporate fun, relaxation and provide carers with time out from their caring role. Social activities are promoted through the Pulse of the North'.

Eligibility Criteria: Social Activities

- First priority : Active carers
- Second Priority: Relinquished carers
- Third Priority : Volunteers

Family Events: These activities are designed for the siblings and young carer program.

Carer and the Peron you care for: These activities are targeted for adult's carers and adult caree with low level needs': Husband and wife caring situation.

Waiting List: Names will be placed on waiting list when activity reaches full capacity.

Carers that missed out on the activity will be given first opportunity to go on the next one. They have the right to refuse the offer. (Eligibility applies as above)

Cancellation: Carers are expected to notify the NCN as soon as possible to cancel their attendance for an activity so carers on the waiting list can be contacted to take that place.

Relinquished Carers: Can access social activities for up to twelve 12 months after this period. They will need to mention that they are a relinquished carer when making a booking & they will automatically go on the waiting list. They can only attend the activity if it has not reached full capacity or a cancellation occurs.

Volunteers: will automatically go on the waiting list unless they are volunteering for the activity. Please note
*Volunteers do have their own social activities through out the year.

Bookings: When making a booking for a social activity you will be asked the following:

- Your name and contact details, this will apply also if booking for a fellow carer.
- Pick up point as per itinerary
- If you require respite
- If you need transport to the pick up points or venue.

It is the responsibility of carers to advise the NCN of any dietary requirements at time of booking.

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