



The Working Carers Program offers respite and support that is –

- Culturally Sensitive
- Professional and Responsive
- Confidential and Respectful
- Flexible and Individualized

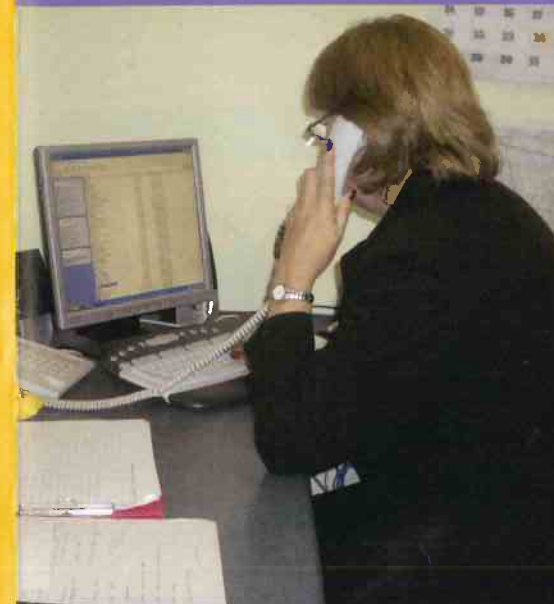
For more information about the Working Carers Program or other services provided through Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centres contact the Working Carers Project Officer or a Carer Support Officer at your local centre on:

Freecall TM

1800 059 059*

*except from mobiles

The Working Carers Program



Supporting carers to balance their working and caring roles



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The Working Carers Program has three core components:

- Individual Respite Packages
- Education / Training
- Emergency Assistance

Individual Respite Packages

- Tailored to meet individual needs including:
 - In-home respite
 - Community based respite
 - Transport options
 - Personal care supports
 - Cottage & residential respite
 - Home drop-in or telephone contact services

Education / Training

- Assists carers to build skills and supports so they can remain in the workforce or become 'work-ready' by:
 - Subsidizing costs of individual courses, training or associated costs

- Linking carers to existing education or training courses or providers
- Supporting carers with respite options whilst studying
- Career counselling and case management services



Emergency Assistance

- Access to 24 hour emergency respite for situations that impact on work / study (sick leave coverage, unexpected work events, family crises)

Eligibility

- Primary carer who provides a significant amount of care to someone who is over 65 years and / or has dementia

How to access the program

- Referrals to the Working Carers Program can be made by carers or service providers
- Telephone Freecall™ 1800 059 059
(except from mobiles)

How much does the program cost?

- Costs are negotiated with carer
- No carer will be denied service if unable to contribute

Confidentiality

- We will ensure any personal information entrusted to us is kept confidential and secure
- Only relevant information is discussed with other service providers

