

DEEWR Progress Update September 2008

Since the release of the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) *National Action Plan on Mental Health*, the following measures have been implemented by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations:

- 2500 additional Personal Support Programme places were released by March 2007.
- Additional post placement support through the Disability Employment Network and Vocational Rehabilitation Services programs was fully implemented by 1 July 2007.
- Research and evaluation projects, which will be completed progressively between now and June 2011. These projects include the three year 'Evaluation of Best Practice' (EBP) employment assistance to people with mental illness' project. Work commenced on these projects in June 2007 and nine projects were completed as at July 2008.
- Significant progress has been made on the Evaluation of Best Practice project. Site level evaluations being completed as part of the Evaluation of Best Practice project have commenced for ten employment service provider sites.
- Additional information on mental health and employment assistance for employers, job seekers and employees, their co-workers and employment service providers was provided by June 2007 through the JobAccess website (www.jobaccess.gov.au).