

Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Special Issue: Regional, Rural and Remote Service Access and Delivery
Call for Papers

Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD) is a journal of the Australasian Society for Intellectual and Developmental Disability, published twice yearly by Taylor and Francis. It is indexed in Scopus. The Journal aims to inform thinking about disability and mainstream services that facilitate social inclusion and enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities and generate informed debate on contemporary issues that matter to their lives. The Journal publishes new empirical research, policy or practice commentaries, evaluations and conceptual discussion pieces. Papers are usually between 4000-6000 words.

A special issue on regional, rural and remote service access and delivery will be published in July 2021. People with intellectual disabilities and their family members from regional, rural and remote geographic areas experience specific challenges in accessing services to support their participation in communities and live the lives they want. People with intellectual disabilities from Indigenous backgrounds, and particularly those living in remote communities, experience significant additional barriers to inclusion and self-determination associated not only with geographic isolation, but also with lack of cultural understanding. Similarly, organisations delivering services in regional, rural and remote geographic areas, face challenges to the scope, delivery mode and cost of services. At a policy level, the geographic challenges experienced by people with intellectual disabilities, family members and service providers are often underestimated or unacknowledged.

This special issue of RAPIDD will focus on the broad range of issues associated with ensuring people with intellectual disabilities in regional, remote or rural communities access quality support services to meet their needs. Papers may focus on lived experience of people with intellectual disabilities, the design and delivery of services, staff training or retention, and policy or practice issues. We invite submission of original research, as well as commentary or conceptual papers that address key issues for people with intellectual disabilities in regional, remote or rural communities.

Papers should not exceed 6000 words and be submitted by 31 August 2020 via the Journal's website [<https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rpid20>]. For further details please contact Associate Professor Angela Dew angela.dew@deakin.edu.au or Professor Christine Bigby c.bigby@latrobe.edu.au.