

S03E03 Bonus - Rural Remote Episode Show notes

When the NDIS was originally envisaged in its early kind of pilots and design phases, the idea was that it would operate in much the same way across Australia. A central feature of the design was that it would be nationally consistent. Has this been the experience of NDIS participants and providers in rural and remote areas of Australia? How has COVID-19 changed access to services in these areas?

In this bonus episode, we hear from Julie Cullenward, the Practice Lead for Disability and Workforce Development at [Marathon Health](https://www.marathonhealth.com.au/). Julie has over 25 years' experience in service delivery in rural and remote areas in occupational therapy, education and the disability sector. We talk to Julie about her experiences of transitioning to working under the NDIS, the strategies that her organisation has used to recruit and retain allied health professionals in rural and remote areas and the innovative practices used to continue delivering services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read the [transcript](#) of this interview on the ASID website.

Read more about Marathon Health <https://www.marathonhealth.com.au/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/marathonhealthaustralia/>

Read Julie's article for OTA Connections https://issuu.com/occupational-therapy-australia/docs/ota_connections_summer_2020

Explore this Allied Health Rural Generalist Pathway program – a new program aimed at rural practitioners <https://sarrah.org.au/ahrgp>

We want to hear from you!

We would like to hear from NDIS participants, people with intellectual disability and their families, who are living in rural and remote areas. What have your experiences been like accessing NDIS services?

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