

BARRIERS TO EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Feedback from the trainers: part 2



Professional development for trainers to support their engagement with disadvantaged learners

- Cross Cultural training
- Gender Training
- Knowledge of support services: health, legal, family support, mental health etc
- Training on how to deal with people who may have multiple barriers and often experience crisis
- Availability of service directory and information kits that can be handed out to learners

The adult education trainers from Learn Local / training organisations, who deal with women adult learners at risk with multiple barriers, were consulted through multiple forums. Feedback was collected from 30 trainers through this process on the following topics.

Suggestions for pre-accredited courses to encourage disadvantaged learners to enrol into training

- A course about the digital media including Facebook, online search and other digital tools
- A course focussing on job search skills like resume writing, interview practice, personal grooming and presentation, confidence building
- A course about how to become a volunteer
- A course about improving study skills and efficiency
- A course focussing on social skills like appropriate behavior in social situations, building confidence and self esteem
- A Basic life skills course including topics like cooking, housekeeping, time management, household budgeting and organisational skills
- A stress management course like Tai chi, stretching or meditation
- A course about how to run a small business
- A course about basic legal issues in Australia