

IS THE IN-VOC PILOT PROGRAM BEING EVALUATED?

Yes. The Rehabilitation Studies Unit of the University of Sydney will be evaluating the outcomes of this pilot program.

This is an exciting new initiative and it is important to conduct research to review the outcomes of the In-Voc Pilot Program. Your involvement in the research will help improve services for people with a spinal cord injury.

INFORMATION

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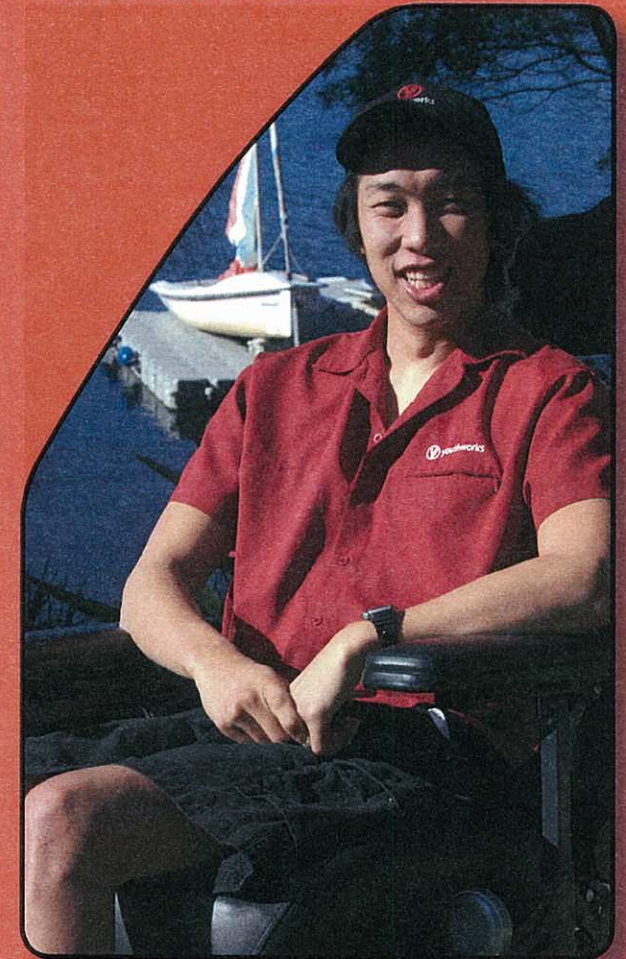
The In-Voc Pilot Program is overseen by a Steering Committee including representatives from:

- Moorong Spinal Unit
- Prince of Wales Spinal Cord Injury Unit
- Royal North Shore Spinal Cord injury Unit
- The Rehabilitation Studies Unit, University of Sydney
- Lifetime Care and Support Authority
- CRS Australia
- Kaleidoscope Consulting International
- WorkCover NSW
- People with a spinal cord injury



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IN-VOC PILOT PROGRAM



*Providing early access to
vocational rehabilitation services*

WHAT IS THE IN-VOC PILOT?

The In-Voc Pilot Program is a new initiative by the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and the NSW Spinal Cord Injury Units. In-Voc provides vocational rehabilitation services to people with a spinal cord injury admitted to one of the 3 specialist units in New South Wales. The services will be facilitated by CRS Australia's In-Voc Team during your inpatient stay.

In-Voc aims to:

1. Deliver vocational services that are driven by you.
2. Work collaboratively with you and with your current or a new employer.
3. Assist you to investigate and explore different work or study opportunities.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

In-Voc can:

- Provide services that are specific to your needs to support you to plan your employment future.
- Assist you to investigate and identify meaningful work & study opportunities.
- Assist you to develop skills necessary to return to work

The In-Voc service is provided at no cost to you and in addition to the other services you are already receiving as part of your rehabilitation.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You need an interest in exploring work or training options

To find out more talk to your Occupational Therapist and they can arrange a referral to the In-Voc team.

The In-Voc Team can begin working with you as soon as you indicate you'd like to be involved in this Pilot Program.

The In-Voc Team is based at each of the spinal units. You will be able to see them at a time that suits you. You do not have to attend appointments outside the spinal unit.

CAN I WITHDRAW FROM THE IN-VOC PILOT PROJECT?

Yes, you can withdraw from the In-Voc Pilot Program at any time. This will not affect the treatment and therapy you get from the Spinal Unit in any way. If you change your mind in the future whilst still an in-patient you can re-enter the pilot program and be eligible for In-Voc Pilot Program services.

WHY HAVE IN-VOC?

Traditionally vocational rehabilitation services have not been readily available to in-patients in the NSW Spinal Cord Injury Units. Services like In-Voc exist in other states and countries.

- It is never too early to start to plan your future.
- The sooner you start investigating work, study or training possibilities the better.
- Work is good for you and supports a healthy lifestyle.

