

MEDIA RELEASE

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Marsden Respite Expanded

Multicap has expanded the operating hours of its Marsden respite facility, providing relief for up to twenty six families each year.

The facility will provide overnight respite for up to 21 nights per year for younger adults (18 to 40) with intellectual disabilities and medium to high support needs.

Multicap chief executive officer Joanne Jessop said the service would provide many families with a well earned break.

"This service provides care for people over 18 years old with complex disabilities, giving their families some extra support," Ms Jessop said.

"The Marsden service will ensure carers receive a much-needed break every once in a while and some time to themselves. "

"Across all our Multicap services our staff adopt a person centred approach to develop individualised program plans that focus on physical, emotional, and cognitive needs, ensuring clients have access to the best care.

"We thank Disability Services Queensland for their funding support, without which this facility could not expand its operation."

Families who are seeking centre-based respite in southern suburbs of Brisbane should contact Janice on 0437 348 573 for further details.

Multicap also has centre-based respite facilities in Rockhampton, Carseldine, south and west Brisbane, and Gold Coast.

Multicap is a non profit organisation that supports local people with complex and multiple disabilities, enhancing capabilities, and possibilities.

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