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Employment Support

Employment Support is required with specialist staff involved in training for employment, matching jobs to applicants, providing education to employers and staff, providing 1:1 support to the employee for as long as is required as well as behaviour support for other staff. Travel training is also likely to be necessary. This is in addition to marketing the skills of people with autism to prospective employers. Putting in adequate support will allow people with autism to be a productive part of the community and reduce dependence on government payments. The amount of support can be reduced over time after the initial 1:1 intensive support required.

Accommodation

Accommodation Options need to include models which aim to increase independence. We recently visited Israel, where an organisation called Shekel, provides support staff as required to young people who live independently in the community, sharing an apartment. As the residents become more independent, they take on more of the day to day tasks and the support worker visits less often and provides less assistance. Some apartments have the support worker as a co-resident, in others the support worker visits daily, and in others the support workers visit less often. The amount of support given is gradually reduced as the residents become more independent. Accommodation costs are subsidised by the Israeli government.

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