Aged Care for a Multicultural Society

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Research aim: The development of aged policy which is appropriate to our multicultural society involves the removal of a number of barriers restricting the access of the ethnic aged to available programs and services, together with the implementation of a number of measures designed to promote equitable aged care provision.

Results/Conclusion: As part of a combined ethno-specific and modified generalist approach, support needs to be directed to promoting the option of 'joint ventures' or partnerships' between 'mainstream' providers and ethnic community organisations. It is clear that certain programs and services are enhanced by an ethno-specific approach (for example, food services) and others by a combination of each (for example, respite care). Others, such as, senior citizens’ centres, can be made more effective by targeting resources to individual ethnic groups, or to a number of ethnic groups, or to the Australian born and the ethnic aged on a shared basis.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Location of study:

Age group:

Number included in study: N/A

Type of participants:

Research approach:

Type of data:

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/Recommendations:

Notes: Not primary research - discussion paper about meeting the care needs of CALD aged