

# Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Families Dealing with Dementia: An Examination of the Experiences and Perceptions of Multicultural Community Link Workers

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**Key Words:**

dementia, family care giving, informal care

**Research aim:**

To undertake an empirical investigation of multicultural workers' perspectives with regard to the cultural traditions informing CALD family care-giving, CALD families' understandings of the term 'carer' and family arrangements regarding care.

**Results/Conclusion:**

The central finding of this study is that multicultural workers perceive and experience many different influences on decisions made about family care-giving.

**Implications:**

few CALD families understand the term 'carer' or the implications of the term. This is an extremely important finding, considering the complex emotions and burdens many carers experience along with reports that CALD carers are reluctant to use services

**Cultural Group(s):**

Italian, Arabic, Spanish-speaking, Chinese

**Location of study:**

New South Wales (West Sydney)

**Age group:**

**Number included in study:**

24

**Type of participants:**

multicultural care workers

**Research approach:**

Qualitative

**Type of data:**

Primary

**Secondary data sources used:**

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**