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National Disability Coordination Officer Program

What this session will cover:

- policy drivers
- overview of the program and the role of NDCOs
- how DES providers and NDCOs can work together
- a practitioner's perspective



Policy drivers

Around 5% of Vocational Education and Training participants are identified as having a disability.

Around 3% of Higher Education participants identify as having a disability.

The recent (2007) OECD report, *Sickness, Disability and Work: Breaking the Barriers* found that employment levels of people with a disability in Australia were at around 40%, lower than the 2002 levels.



What is the National Disability Coordination Officer Program

The NDCO Program works towards the Australia wide coordination and delivery of support services for people with a disability who are at, or who will be, undertaking post secondary education with the aim of obtaining meaningful employment.



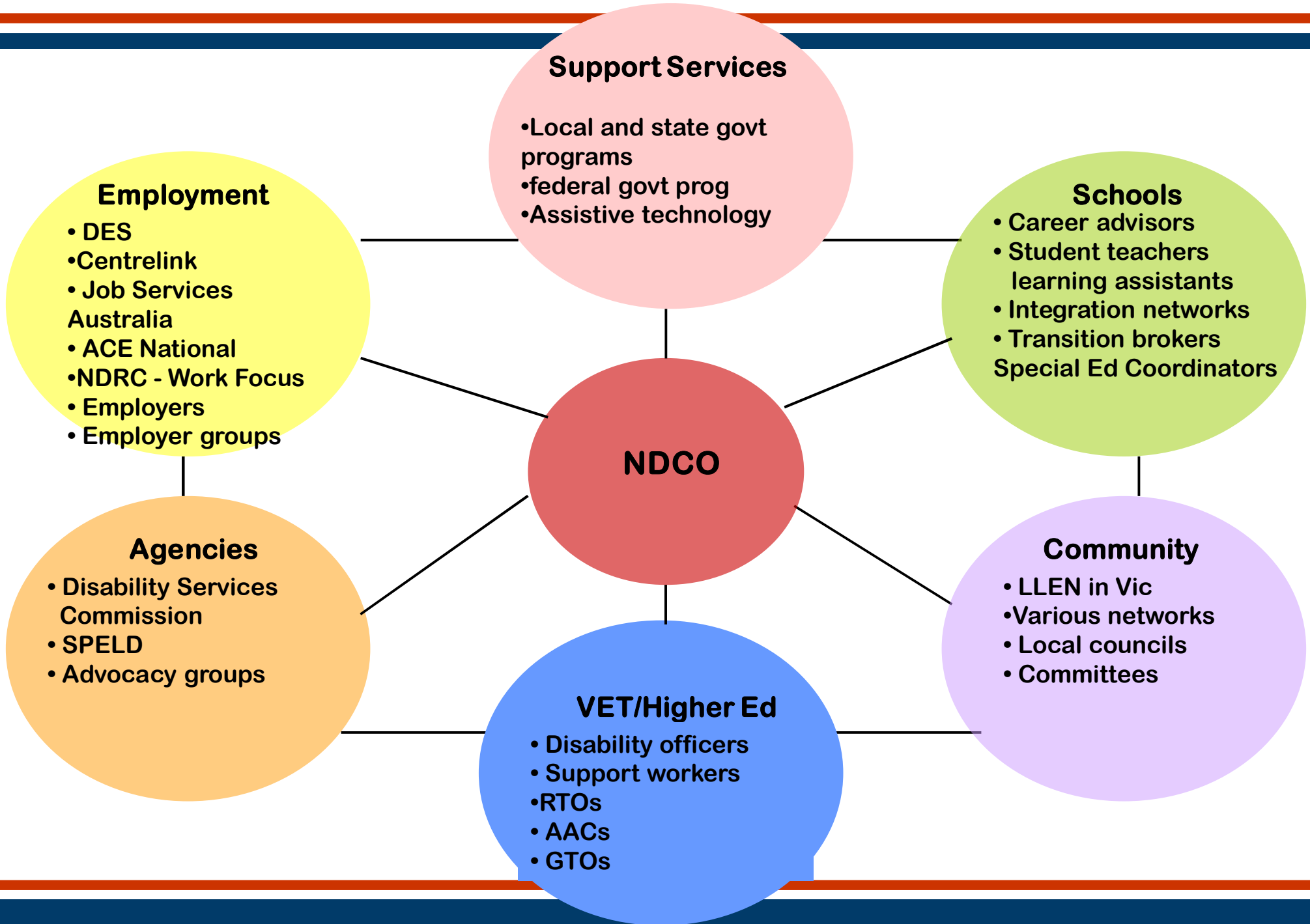
What do we want to achieve through the NDCO Program?

- 1. Improved transitions** for people with a disability between school and/or the community and Higher Education and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET), and then on to subsequent employment
- 2. Improved participation** by people with a disability in higher education, VET and employment
- 3. Improved linkages** between schools, higher education, VET providers and providers of disability programs and assistance



What do NDCOs do?

- **Link support services across the education and employment sectors**
- **Work in partnership with organisations to improve education and employment outcomes for people with a disability**
- **Provide information, coordination and referral services for people with a disability to assist in transitions**





How can NDCOs help you?

- **School sector**
 - Eligible School Leavers
- **Tertiary sector**
 - Employment Pathway Plans
 - Good, Better, Best Project
 - New technology marketing of job candidates
- **Employment sector**



More information?

List of NDCOs across Australia:

- www.deewr.gov.au/ndco
- email us on ndco@deewr.gov.au



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