



Language and Community Services

Co.As.It. Sydney has over 40 years experience in delivering Italian language and cultural services and in assisting the Italian Australian migrant community.

We are a progressive community focussed organisation. In serving our community, we aim to be at the forefront of service delivery. We have a solid reputation in the provision of language and community programs that are true to our mission and values.

Co.As.It. is a registered charity managed by a voluntary Board of Directors which is both visionary and strategic in its leadership.

Our team of over 200 staff are committed to delivering quality care and education. Our 180 volunteers provide an integral role in meeting the mission of Co.As.It. and are involved in all areas of the organisation.

We are proud of our rich history in serving and responding to the needs of our community. In doing so, we are innovative in our expansion and program delivery.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Aged Project Officers
- Centre Based Daycare
- Community Aged Care Packages
- Community Partners Program
- Community Visitors Scheme
- Companionship Program
- Drug and Alcohol Program
- Extended Aged Care at Home Packages
- Gambling Program
- Home Help
- Mental Health Program
- Youth and Family Program
- Insertion Program
- Out of School Hours Program
- Story time per bambini
- Vacanze per bambini
- Italian courses for adults
- Corporate Language training
- Language training for health and aged care professionals
- Computer courses for seniors
- Translating services
- Editing & Proofreading services
- Italian Multimedia Resource Centre
- Italian Heritage



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clients

Building on our traditional offer of services to individuals who identify as Italian, we have broadened our service delivery to include individuals from other culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups. We pride ourselves in remaining attuned to the needs of our client group, adapting and expanding our services accordingly. True to our aim of remaining responsive to the needs of our clients, we are able to support individuals and families through events, stages and crises in their lives.

Aged Project Officer (APOs)

The APOs provide a generalist support service to older Italians in the Inner West and South of Sydney. The services include ongoing case management, counselling, information and referral.

Centre Based Daycare (CBDC)

CBDC is a structured weekly program of both socialisation and activity for older people. Co.As.It. manages 12 groups in the Inner West, South and North of Sydney both for the frail aged as well as those living with dementia. The participants are provided with socialisation, transport, activities, outings and meals whilst at the centre.

Community Aged Care Packages (CACP)

CACP is a government subsidised in-home support program for older people which enables independent living in the community. CACP provides a range of direct services including personal care, transport, meal preparation, shopping respite and cleaning. The services are tailored to meet individual needs.

Community Partners Program (CPP)

The CPP is a way of educating, supporting and resourcing the aged care sector on the Italian culture. The program also provides information to the community at large about aged care options. Ultimately the CPP officers work to develop sustaining partnerships with the aged care sector.

Community Visitors Scheme (CVS)

CVS is a structured volunteer based program which matches community visitors with residents of nursing homes. The matches are monitored and supported by a Coordinator who ensures that the residents receive adequate support and friendship from the volunteer visitor.

Companionship Program (CP)

CP provides a volunteer visitor to older people living in the community. Individuals benefit from increased socialisation and the opportunity to go on local outings with their volunteer. The matches are monitored and supported by a Coordinator who ensures that the program meets individual needs and that volunteers are adequately supported.

Drug and Alcohol Program (D&A)

The D&A service is targeted to those members of the community who are dependent on drugs and/or alcohol. As well as providing case management to these individuals, the program is also focussed on preventative campaigns aimed at both older and younger members of the community. These campaigns focus on substance abuse.

Extended Aged Care at Home Packages (EACH)

EACH packages are individually planned and coordinated packages of care, to help older people to remain in their own homes. The program provides for the complex care needs of older people, who require high level care. EACH provides a range of direct services including personal care, transport, shopping, respite and cleaning. Clinical services include: nutrition, hydration and meal preparation; management of skin integrity; medication administration and continence management

Gambling Program

This program provides support and counselling to individuals with a problem gambling issue. The service is offered across Sydney and the Illawara. Community awareness and education campaigns are delivered to ensure that the community has knowledge of the risks associated with problem gambling.

Home Help

Home help is a user-pay flexible low level care service. The program offers a wide range of service including personal care, transport, meal preparation, shopping, respite and cleaning. The services are tailored to meet individual needs.

Mental Health Program

This program provides on-going therapeutic support to those living with a mental illness as well as their carers. Psychologists provide ongoing case management, counselling and education to both individuals and the community at large. Interventions are often collaborative with mainstream providers, general practitioners and other mental health specialists.

Youth and Family Program

This program is targeted to younger members of the community through local events and specifically targeted projects. The worker also provides direct counselling and education to young people and families.

Dignity

Pride

ITALIAN BILINGUAL SCHOOL (IBS)

IBS is a primary school that caters for children pre-kindergarten to Year 6. At IBS the NSW curriculum is delivered both in English and in Italian offering students a bilingual and bicultural education.

The teaching methodology is based on the "one face, one language" model, where

one teacher delivers the curriculum in English and another delivers it only in Italian.

IBS is a non-denominational independent school offering students of all backgrounds excellence in bilingualism.



LANGUAGE SERVICES

Co.As.It provides timely and effective language services for all sectors, from schools through to large corporations. A dedicated team of language training specialists deliver a comprehensive range of programs and services which cater for the specific learning needs of all age groups.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Insertion Program

Co.As.It. teaches Italian to over 16,000 students in NSW via the Insertion Program in State, Catholic and Independent primary schools. In this program Co.As.It. teachers are integrated in schools to provide weekly lessons of Italian throughout the school year.

Out of School Hours Program (OSH)

The OSH program is designed for children to study Italian between the ages of 5 and 18. Students are provided with the opportunity to learn about Italian language and culture for two hours a week for the duration of the school year. OSH centres cover the majority of the Sydney Metropolitan Area and some regional centres.

Story time per bambini

'Story time per bambini' is a weekly bilingual program that offers children aged 2 to 7 a range of activities including stories, songs, games and crafts designed to enhance and promote language acquisition. Children improve their reading, listening and speaking skills in a friendly and fun environment.

Vacanze per bambini

'Vacanze per bambini' is a program for primary school students run during the school holidays. Daily activities are theme-based and incorporate drama, music, technology, art and sport. Children enjoy the benefits of learning in a relaxed environment which encourages them to participate in a wide range of stimulating activities.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Italian courses for adults

Co.As.It.'s Italian courses for adults are designed for all language levels and allow participants to progress from a basic understanding of Italian to a much higher level. Teachers use a communicative teaching approach to develop communication skills through listening, speaking, reading and writing activities. Participants become more confident and achieve fluency by being immersed in Italian dialogue through real-life scenarios.

Corporate Language training

Language training is a fundamental business strategy for companies to gain and maintain a competitive advantage. Co.As.It. has extensive experience in meeting the language training needs of business clients. Our knowledge of various fields and industries ensures that programs are customised to suit the needs of industry leaders, regardless of sector.

Language training for health and aged care professionals

Through its extensive work in the aged care, health and social services sectors, Co.As.It. has identified a need for language services which enhance the work of people working in these areas. Co.As.It. programs focus on developing cultural awareness as well as linguistic competency to ensure that practitioners deliver culturally appropriate services which benefit clients and promote health.

Computer courses for seniors

Co.As.It. delivers weekly computer lessons for seniors in Italian to promote lifelong learning and to ensure that age does not become a barrier to communication. Participants progress from learning basic computer skills to writing emails, attaching files and photos and also using skype to communicate with family and friends in Italy.

SERVICES

Translating services

Co.As.It. deals with any type of document you may need to translate including correspondence, promotional materials, technical documentation and websites. Our primary service is the effective translation of information both from and into Italian and English and we take great pride in producing translations that are effective and culturally accurate.

Editing & Proofreading services

Co.As.It. provides editing and proofreading services for all types of commercial, medical, legal and academic documents including manuals, catalogues, articles, contracts, business plans and websites. These documents are proofread and edited to ensure that the information is clear and error-free and, most importantly, projects a professional image.

Italian Multimedia Resource Centre (IMRC)

The IMRC is a valuable resource open to anyone interested in learning about Italian language and culture. It houses the largest range of state of the art teaching and learning resources including print and digital material, posters, toys, games and magazines and has over 8,000 items as part of its collection. The wide range of resources on offer ensures that every visit is an interactive experience.

Italian Heritage

This program aims to preserve and document the history of Italian migration in NSW. A range of events and resources are developed in collaboration with leading government agencies to educate young adults and the general community on the rich history of Italians living in NSW.

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