

# CHASE

Centre for Health  
through Action  
on Social Exclusion

## What is social exclusion?

Social exclusion refers to the marginalisation that can be experienced when people are unable to participate fully in the society in which they live. The causes of this disconnectedness are myriad, but include poor physical and mental health, disability, family breakdown, lack of education and skills, and low income.

## Our vision

The CHASE vision is:  
working collaboratively with communities, organisations and governments to enhance the health and wellbeing of those individuals and groups who are socially excluded.

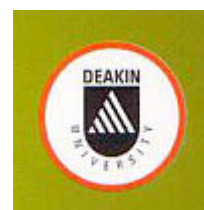
CHASE does this by:

- investigating the interrelationships between, and the impacts of, those factors which contribute to social exclusion and adverse health outcomes;
- researching more fully the causes and health consequences of social exclusion;
- working with staff in the health and human services sectors to investigate the ways in which they can reduce social exclusion;
- examining entry and exit points in order to reduce the incidence of social exclusion and to promote re-inclusion;
- seeking to understand the experience of exclusion and how people's health can be improved even when they are excluded;
- developing evidence-based solutions and supporting their effective dissemination and implementation; and
- advocating evidence-based action at all levels of society.

The CHASE philosophy is that individuals and communities should be assisted to find their own solutions to exclusion issues. We appreciate that not everyone can or wishes to be included in the "mainstream". Nevertheless, the health of the so-called "included" and "excluded" can be promoted regardless of their social positioning.

Current capacities and programs of research by CHASE research teams within the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences are extensive and are continually developing. Our strengths include the following team-based programs:

- **Mental health**
- **Environments and Communities**
- **Health Impact Assessment**
- **Disability**
- **Social Diversity**



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