

ActiveLinks

# Activelinks, Comcare Trust

## Who we work with?

- People who experience mental health and addictions
- People over the age of 18
- Referred by: Self, GP, Case Manager, Support Worker
- Keep the referrer and/or Case Manager up to date with progress 3 to 6 monthly

# Why Activelinks?

- Comcare recognise the importance between people's mental health and their physical health and has endorsed the Equally Well Initiative
- Independence and involvement in the community
- Sometimes support is needed to build confidence

#### What do we do?

- Individual Support 3-6 months 1:1 support.
  - Gain confidence in gym environment, aqua jogging, biking, home exercise routines, walking in local area

#### Group support

- All groups are either free or a gold coin to attend
- Gym, City YMCA x3 a week
- Aqua jogging, Graham Condon & Jellie Park x2 a week
- Fun Dance, City YMCA x2 a week
- Badminton
- Walk Group
- Tennis

## Where

- We see our clients at various places Main goal is to make it sustainable
  - Clients home/local area
  - Christchurch City Council gyms and pool
  - Hagley Park
  - Activelinks Groups
  - Community Groups

## Activelife

- 8 week healthy living course
  - Nutrition guidelines
  - Goal planning
  - Sugar
  - Understanding food labels
  - Supermarket tour
  - Healthy snacks
- Activelinks Office
- Cook their own healthy lunch

#### Activehire

- Exercycle hire for \$10 a month
- 6 Month hire
- Client gets use of exercycle in their own home, build confidence, comfortable in their own environment
  - May lead to attending gym group or getting a machine for a longer period of time

#### Extra's

- Also guide and teach people about healthy eating
  - Supermarket shopping
  - Teaching to read back of labels
  - Ideas and tips
- Working along side Totara House,
  - Research about side effects of antipsychotic medication, weight gain
  - Equally Well initiative, working on peoples physical health, as well as mental health
  - Endorphin's released when exercising

#### CONTACT

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