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Professor Keith R. McVilly PhD is a Registered Clinical Psychologist and the Foundation Professorial Fellow for Disability & Inclusion, in the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. His work addresses the translation of research into policy and practice, with a focus on promoting the wellbeing and community inclusion of people with multiple and complex disabling experiences. His work reflects the centrality of relationships to wellbeing. Much of Keith's research is conducted in applied settings, working directly with people with disability, families and services providers. He has a particular interest in the issues effecting people with cognitive impairment who present with severe challenging behaviours, and those involved in the criminal justice system. He also has a strong interest in the professional development of the direct support workforce, including their formation in ethical practice. Informing his research, Keith has worked as a direct support worker, a clinician and service manager, in public health services and in private practice. He has worked as a researcher at the University of Sydney's Centre for Disability Studies, in the UK at the University of Wales' Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities, in the USA at the University of Minnesota's Research Centre on Community Living, and in the School of Psychology at Deakin University, Melbourne. He was the founding Convenor of the Australian Psychological Society's Special Interest Group for Psychologists working with People with Intellectual & Developmental Disability. Keith is on the Executive of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD). In his current university role, Keith is the academic lead for the University of Melbourne's university-wide Hall Mark Disability Research Initiative. In his spare time, Keith is a Registered Apiarist, with two bee hives in the back yard!