

Local Area Coordinator role:

- build and maintain effective working relationships
- provide accurate and timely information
- provide support and assistance to identify goals, strengths and needs
- promote self advocacy as well as providing advocacy support when necessary
- help develop personal and local community networks that provide ways to meet goals and needs
- assist in accessing supports and services required to meet goals and needs
- build inclusive communities through partnerships and collaboration.



Finding an LAC in your area

Details about how to find an LAC in your area are available on the Commission's website.

Visit www.disability.wa.gov.au and search for 'Your local support directory'.

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Local Area Coordination

- Supporting people with disability in their communities



About disability

People with disability are important members of our community.

Disability can be experienced by anyone at any stage of their life. It can be as a result of a sensory, neurological, physical, intellectual, cognitive or psychiatric impairment, or a combination of these.

Some disabilities are hidden, while others may be visible.

The Disability Services Commission's vision for Western Australia is one in which all people are valued, welcomed and included in their local communities.

Achieving this vision involves promoting and valuing active citizenship, providing support, and working in partnership with people with disability as they pursue their goals and dreams for a good life.

It also involves working with family, carers, service providers and the wider community.

What makes a good life is a personal and individual matter but most people would agree it includes opportunities for valued relationships, a secure future, choices, contributions and challenges.



Local Area Coordination

Local Area Coordination has been supporting West Australians with disability since 1988. Local Area Coordinators (LACs) work throughout metropolitan and regional areas of the State.

LACs have local knowledge and can help people with disability plan for and achieve a good life. Provision of information and advocacy and assisting people to plan, organise and access supports and services are important parts of their role.

LACs work with family members and others involved in supporting people with disability, helping to further strengthen their caring role. In addition, LACs work to help make local communities more inclusive and welcoming. This is achieved through education, advocacy and partnerships with local community members, businesses, government and non-government organisations.

LAC support is available to people with intellectual, physical, sensory, neurological and/or cognitive disabilities who are under the age of 65 at the time they apply for LAC support. Each LAC works with between 50 and 65 people with disability, providing support which is personalised, flexible and responsive.