



The role of Local Coordinators

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Everybody who is eligible for Department of Communities, Disability Services supports will have access to a Local Coordinator.

Local Coordinators are part of a locally-based team and provide you with highly personalised, flexible and responsive support. Your Local Coordinator will be your main point of contact throughout your journey.

A key part of the Local Coordinator role is to support you in creating a plan for your current and future needs. Your Local Coordinator can be involved as much or as little as you choose in the planning process. You can involve whomever you choose in the planning process including, but not limited to, family members, supporters, advocates and service providers. You can also choose to develop and submit your own plan.

What support do Local Coordinators provide?

Your Local Coordinator will be able to support and assist you with things such as:

- providing information about Disability Services and supports that may be available to you;
- supporting you to identify your goals, strengths and needs which will form part of your plan;
- assisting you to develop your individual plan, should you want assistance (together with anyone else you would like to involve);
- assisting you to explore the choices and opportunities available in your community;
- supporting you to access the supports and services identified in your plan; and
- supporting you to connect with your peers and local community.

Family members and carers can also work closely with Local Coordinators so they are supported in their caring role.

What can I expect from my first meeting with a Local Coordinator?

When you meet for the first time, your Local Coordinator will get to know you by having a conversation about who you are, what your life is like now, and how you might want it to look into the future.

Other questions might include:

- What parts of your life would you like to build on?
- What are your main strengths?
- What are your goals?
- What supports do you need to progress towards your goals?
- How do you want to manage your plan?





From this conversation, your Local Coordinator can support you to develop an individualised plan that includes a clear pathway to your identified goals.

You are central to this planning process because it is your plan. Your Local Coordinator is there to support and assist you as much or as little as you need.

What does individualised planning help you to do?

- Build on natural supports such as friendships, neighbours and community groups.
- Clarify your choices about a pathway towards the life you want to live.
- Identify opportunities to belong and make a contribution that is welcomed.
- Develop your talents and skills.
- Build on opportunities for a valued role in the community.
- Feel confident that your future is safe and secure.
- Access the support and services that you require to achieve their goals.

Further information

- **Contact us:** To contact your nearest Local Coordination office, use our online search tool located at www.disability.wa.gov.au > Individuals.
- **Am I Eligible?:** To find out more about eligibility requirements for Disability Services supports, go to www.disability.wa.gov.au > Individuals > Services, Supports and Eligibility.