



The role of Local Coordinators

Fact sheet

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) began rolling out across Western Australia from 1 July 2017. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will assume responsibility for the NDIS in WA from 1 July 2018. All eligible people will have access to the Scheme by 2020.

Everyone who is eligible for the Western Australian National Insurance Scheme (WA NDIS) 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 NDIS journey.

A key part of the Local Coordinator role is to help you in developing 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 such as family members, supporters, advocates and service providers. You can also choose to develop and submit your individual NDIS plan.

What support do Local Coordinators provide?

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

- providing information about the NDIS 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 make 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 help do you need to work towards your goals?
- How do you want to manage your plan?

From this conversation, your Local Coordinator can help 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 an individual plan 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 your goals.

Further information

- **Visit:** www.disability.wa.gov.au
- **Email:** WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au
- **Call:** 1800 996 214
- **TTY:** 9426 9315
- **Am I Eligible?:** This online tool allows you to check your potential eligibility for the NDIS. Go to www.disability.wa.gov.au and click on **Am I Eligible?**

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