

# Key features of WA NDIS

- User friendly and easy to navigate
- Genuine choice and control
- People based, with a strong focus on relationships
- Integral Local Coordination role
- Early engagement in individualised planning processes
- Local decision making – within local communities
- A strong focus on informal networks and community based supports
- History of individualised funding
- Sustainable for regional and remote areas.

## About Local Coordinators

Every person eligible for WA NDIS has a Local Coordinator available to support them in creating a plan for their current and future needs. Local Coordinators can assist people to:

- identify their goals, strengths and needs
- develop an individual plan, involving anyone they choose in the process
- explore opportunities available in their community
- access supports and services identified in their plan
- connect with peers and the local community, should they wish.

## Further information

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## Information about the trial



## WA National Disability Insurance Scheme (WA NDIS)

WA NDIS is a way of working with people with disability that supports them to have choice and control over their supports and services, participate in the local community and maintain natural connections such as friendships, neighbours and local community groups.

Planning is central to WA NDIS. It is individualised, flexible and focuses on a person's current and future needs. People with disability (including psychosocial disability), families and carers work with a Local Coordinator to explore opportunities, identify goals and link with local community, government and mainstream supports and services. A plan is then created to fit their unique needs and goals.

### About the NDIS in WA

The State Government's WA NDIS is one of two NDIS models being trialled in WA. The WA NDIS trial is currently being run by the Disability Services Commission in the State's Lower South West and in the Cockburn-Kwinana area. From 1 October 2016 it will expand into the City of Armadale and the Shires of Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale. The Commonwealth Government's National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) NDIS



model is currently operating in the Perth Hills area. From 1 January 2017 it will expand into the local government areas of Bayswater, Bassendean, Chittering, Toodyay, York and Northam.

The State Government's WA NDIS builds on WA's long history of individualised services and focus on community connection. It has its own governance framework but is in line with the national NDIS approach to eligibility, portability and reasonable and necessary supports.

By trialling different models, we can learn what works best for people with disability, their families and carers and draw on the best features of both. This will ensure a system that delivers the best outcomes for people with disability in WA into the future.

### Eligibility

The age, residence, disability and early intervention requirements that must be met to be able to be part of the WA NDIS trial are broader than WA's eligibility criteria for disability support outside the trial. This means more people, including those with psychosocial disability, can access supports and services in the trial sites.

To check your potential eligibility, visit [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > WA NDIS > Eligibility.

### The future of the NDIS in WA

A phased state-wide roll-out of the NDIS will commence in Western Australia from July 2017.

The Commonwealth and State governments are working through the details about how the NDIS in WA will be governed and expect to finalise this later this year. Listening to people with disability, families and carers, advocates and service providers and learning from their experiences will continue to be a key element in designing the future of the NDIS in WA.