

Navigating Disability Supports Flowchart

Does the person have an NDIS Plan?				
No		I don't know	Yes	
Does the person have a diagnosis qualifying them to apply for access with NDIS?		There are two options you can pursue...	Does the person have adequate NDIS funding for need and/or are they maximising their use of NDIS funds?	
No	Yes		No	Yes
<p>Explore diagnostic assessment options. Public (free) assessments usually have lengthy waitlists but private assessment can cost up to \$3000.</p> <p>Free public autism assessments are through assessment@communities.wa.gov.au or for ages 13-30 through Autism Association.</p> <p>Psychosocial assessments for mental health conditions, are usually done by Psychiatrist and/or Paediatrician.</p> <p>For more information and tips on preparing for assessments, check out the 'Exploring Assessment for my child' resource.</p>	<p>Support with NDIS Access application, available on NDIS website, but be mindful, the diagnostic report alone is not sufficient. You need to provide detailed information about the functional impact of the disability across the 6 NDIS domains.</p> <p>For psychosocial disability (mental health conditions) be sure to get the 'Evidence of Psychosocial Disability Form' on NDIS website completed by a professional. The diagnosis alone won't usually cut it.</p> <p>For more information check out the 'My child has just been diagnosed. Now what?' resource.</p> <p>Note: for individuals who do not meet NDIS residency requirements, but who previously received State-funded disability related supports through Disability Services Commission, they may be able to access support through the COSA Program: 0499810312</p>	<p>Option 1: usually resolved on the day. Phone NDIS on 1800 800 110 with family present to enquire if individual has NDIS access and/or an NDIS Plan.</p> <p>Option 2: Can take 28 + days. Email: information.access@ndis.gov.au with a signed request for information form including full name, DOB, address and contact number of carer and child.</p>	<p>Families can request a Plan Review and some services and resources can help with this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NDIS LAC: Local Area Coordinators can help with set-up of plans, and making Plan Review requests. - Some NDIS Plans allow for NDIS Support Coordinators to help with the same but more intensively - NDIS Book 2 on NDIS website is a good tool to help with working out goals and support needs. There are also easy-read and different cultural versions of this. <p>Refer to 'How do I make the most of NDIS funded supports?' resource.</p>	<p>Has the family also considered accessing support from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centrelink: Carers Allowance and/or Carers Payment - they may need assistance with this paperwork - Companion Card, ACROD, Thermoregulatory Subsidy Application - Carers Support services like Carers WA, Kalparrin and Carer Gateway - Sibling support through Young Carers
For children (or families) with the most complex needs, consider:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist Support Coordinators are able to visit families in their homes, research service providers and assist with referrals to them as well as coordinate support workers and staff as needed. • NDIS Complex Pathways can be recommended by LACs or Support Coordinators if there is an exceptionally complex situation, and/or if physical restrictive practices are being used. • To demonstrate complex issues, collate supporting documents/evidence of complexity from multiple sources across multiple settings in addition to therapy reports – eg: Letters or reports from education, OSHC staff, police reports, family Carer Impact Statement, Extended family etc... 				