



# Getting Queenslanders with disability ready for the NDIS

## Participant Readiness activities

Queensland will roll out the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 1 July 2016 and it's time to start getting ready.

Nine organisations have been funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to support Queenslanders with disability, their families and carers to make the most of the opportunities the NDIS will bring.

### About the NDIS

The NDIS is a new way of providing people with disability across Australia with support to meet their disability needs and link with their community.

Under the NDIS, people who are eligible will be able to access reasonable and necessary supports to live in the community and work towards their goals and aspirations, over their lifetime.

People will have choice and control over their disability supports, including being able to choose who provides supports and how they are managed.

### Helping people with disability get ready for the NDIS

In Queensland, people with disability, their families and carers can learn more about the NDIS and what it means by getting involved in Participant Readiness activities like workshops, meetings, forums, online resources and home visits, coaching and mentoring.

The nine funded organisations will offer a range of Participant Readiness activities from now through to December 2015.

In some cases, organisations will work with a specific group of people or people living in certain areas of the state.

The table over shows the activities, who delivers them and lists contact details for the nine organisations.

### What's available and when

Contact the organisations directly to find out how they can help you, or someone you know, to prepare for the NDIS.

You can find more about Participant Readiness at [www.qld.gov.au/disability/adults/ready-for-ndis/](http://www.qld.gov.au/disability/adults/ready-for-ndis/)

The information about where activities are available is based on Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services regions. Talk to your local Disability Services office to find out which region you are in or visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/about-us/regions](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/about-us/regions)

### For more information

- [www.communities.qld.gov.au/ndis](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/ndis) for information on Queensland's preparations and to sign up for NDIS readiness email updates
- [www.qld.gov.au/disability](http://www.qld.gov.au/disability) for information about current services for Queenslanders with disability or call **13 QGOV (13 74 68)**
- [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) for further information on the NDIS or call the **NDIS Hotline 1800 800 110**
- for people with hearing or speech loss **TTY 1800 555 677**
- for people who need help with English **TIS 131 450**
- follow us on **Twitter @disabilityQLD**

NDIS Participant Readiness activities			
who	Where	what	Contact
people with disability and their families	Brisbane, South West Queensland and Central Queensland	workshops <i>Taking Charge of Change – what will it take to be ready for the NDIS</i> and online learning modules	<b>Community Resource Unit</b> p: 3844 2211 e: cru@cru.org.au w: www.cru.org.au/taking-charge-of-change
people with disability and their families	North Coast, North Queensland, Far North Queensland	workshops, face-to-face conversations and resources to assist individuals and family members to clarify their vision and to plan for a good life and a secure future under an NDIS	<b>Mamre Association – Pave the Way</b> p: 3291 5800 or 1300 554 402 e: pavetheway@mamre.org.au w: www.pavetheway.org.au
people with disability and their families	South East Queensland (Logan, Redlands, Gold Coast)	<i>Get Ready</i> forums, individual appointments at home or in a community setting and phone support	<b>YFS</b> p: 3826 1596 or 1800 772 383 e: getready@yfs.org.au w: www.getready.yfs.org.au
people with intellectual or learning disability	state wide	<i>Plan Ahead</i> workshops, advanced workshops, online resources and real life, community-based learning experiences to support people to build skills, knowledge and confidence about the NDIS and complete pre-planning activities with peers	<b>Queenslanders with Disability Network</b> p: 3252 8566 or 1300 363 783 e: readytogo@qdn.org.au w: www.qdn.org.au/readytogo
people with psychiatric disability, their families and carers	North Coast, North Queensland, Central Queensland, Far North Queensland	peer-led information sessions and workshops, a website with NDIS and mental health information, factsheets and phone support <small>*Connections and MIFQ are partnering to deliver these activities and resources</small>	<b>Connections Inc</b> p: 5495 3472 e: yourlife@connectionsinc.org.au w: www.connectionsinc.org.au
people with psychiatric disability, their families and carers	Brisbane, South West Queensland, South East Queensland	peer-led information sessions and workshops, a website with NDIS and mental health information, factsheets and a 1800 number <small>*MIFQ and Connections Inc. are partnering to deliver these activities and resources</small>	<b>Mental Illness Fellowship Queensland</b> p: 1800 985 944 e: ndis@mifq.org.au w: www.mifq.org.au/ndis
people who are deaf or hard of hearing	state wide	workshops, face-to-face assistance from trained peers as well as video conferencing and an Auslan interpreted information DVD	<b>Deaf Services Queensland</b> p: 3892 8500 e: dsq@deafsq.org.au w: www.deafservicesqld.org.au
older carers (60+ years) and indigenous carers (45+ years) of people with disability	North Coast, South West Queensland, Central Queensland, Far North Queensland	workshops for carers, workshops for trainers, individual support and information DVDs about the NDIS and preparing for the future <small>*Parent to Parent and Carers Queensland are delivering activities and resources for carers of people with disability in different areas of the state</small>	<b>Parent to Parent</b> p: 5472 7072 or 1800 777 723 e: info@parent2parentqld.gov.au w: www.parent2parentqld.org.au
older carers (60+ years) and indigenous carers (45+ years) of people with disability	Brisbane, North Queensland, South East Queensland	workshops for carers, workshops for trainers and information DVDs about the NDIS and preparing for the future <small>*Carers Queensland and Parent to Parent are delivering activities and resources for carers of people with disability in different areas of the state</small>	<b>Carers Queensland</b> p: 1800 242 636 e: ndis@carersqld.asn.au w: www.carersqld.asn.au/services/ndis-full-scheme-ahead

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