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helping families

Vision

That people with disabilities and their families are able to lead the lives they want

Core Value

To respect and support choice

Mission

To lead change and influence change for people with disabilities and their families.

e-bulletin – week beginning 15 December 2014

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We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We are closing down over the Christmas period - last day will be 19th December 2014 (4pm) and we will reopen again 9am 5th January 2015.

[Networker Magazine – December 2014](#)

The December 2014 edition of the Networker magazine has just been printed – the topic is 'Living Options for a person with a disability' (information on Residential Care, Supported Living, Choice in Community Living and Family Governed Models). The magazine has been sent to our membership by MailChimp earlier this week – but [click here](#) to view a pdf version of the magazine. If you prefer a print copy please contact us on phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Please forward this Networker magazine link to all who may be interested and include in E bulletins and websites. The magazine is also available on our website under the Resources 'Networker' tab. Happy holiday reading!

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Children's Autism Foundation 'Understanding Autism' Seminars – March 2015 – Auckland-wide

These Children's Autism Foundation workshops are designed to support parents and professionals with practical and easy to understand information on autism. There are two options, full daytime seminars or shorter 2.5hr evening seminars. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

Full day workshops:

Wednesday 18th March - Foundation of K Trust, Highbrook

Thursday 19th March - 111 Great South Rd, Greenlane

Friday 20th March - Wilson Centre, 1 St Leonard's Rd, Takapuna

The cost of the daytime workshop is \$220 and the evening workshop is \$59 (including GST) – payment of seminar fee may be available to parents/professionals who book prior to 30th January 2015. To book email admin@autism.org.nz or phone 415-7406.

Individualised Funding including Respite – Disability Connect

We have already planned our first series of IF seminars to be held March/April 2015. [Click here](#) for the details.

CCS Disability Action and Disability Law

Are offering a number of workshops around New Zealand to inform and strengthen disabled people and family/whanau members' knowledge on NZ law and legislation and people's rights. This training will inform you and strengthen your understanding of your legal rights with a Disability Focus. [Click here](#) for registration, [here](#) for easy read, [here](#) for flyer and [here](#) for more info.

Muscular Dystrophy Association announces: The Life without Limits Neuromuscular Conference

This conference will be held 16-18th April 2015 at SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre. It provides an opportunity for families affected by neuromuscular conditions, clinicians, researchers, and allied health professionals to get together, share progress and ideas and participate in informative breakout and training sessions. Please [click here](#) to see flyer. Also, [click here](#) to view their membership form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Show your ability

Disability Equipment Expo 2015, equipment for younger and older disabled people and older persons care equipment- [click here](#) to view dates.

Boccia NZ 2015 Tournament

The dates are all finalised, so [click here](#) to view flyer.

Parent2Parent Sib-Support

Is running an Auckland Sib-Camp in March 2015 – [click here](#) to view flyer.

Waitakere Health Links events in March 2015

'Medications' Forum-The Changing Landscape of Health Treatments -TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015, 11AM TO 1PM. From the Consumer Perspective: A unique opportunity for everyone to learn more about the key issues. Covering cost, changing brands, availability ease of access (internet). **The role of Pharmac:** what is its role, how does it work, what are the benefits, concerns from pharmaceutical companies TPP trade agreements etc.

'Open Day' Run in conjunction with a 'WDHB Patient Experience' Focus - WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015
Hosting Hospital Open Days each year enable Waitakere Hospital staff to meet and network with organisations who provide health services to patients leaving hospital and support them to stay well in the community. The Open Days are well attended, attracting new organisations each time. Non Government Organisations (NGOs) are not-for-profit and provide support and services in the community.

Come along and find out about the health services and support available you and your family in the community.

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp

(Snow Sports NZ in association with Paralympics) Mount Hutt June 2015. [Click here](#) for information.

Blind Cricket in New Zealand

Announcing Blind Cricket NZ A vs Australia A Development Tour 2015. [Click here](#) to read more.

NOTICES

Children's Autism Foundation Christmas survey 儿童自闭症基金会 圣诞节问卷调查

我们很希望得到你对我们课程和服务的反馈。请在12月17号前填写儿童自闭症基金会的问卷来参加抽奖，你将有机会赢得一份特殊儿童故事书作为圣诞礼物。

We would love your feedback about our programmes & services. Please complete the Children's Autism Foundation survey before 17th December, and you will be put in the draw to win a special children's book for Christmas.

这个问卷很简短和容易完成，并能协助我们在2015年提供的服务。

The survey is very short & easy to complete and will assist us with which services we will offer in 2015.

请按[这里](#)连接问卷

Please [click here](#) for the survey

Child's Play OT is offering a Holiday Programme.

[Click here](#) to view flyer. Or visit www.childsplayot.co.nz. They request for all fees to be paid directly by the carer when they book a space. They can sign carer support forms for the carer to be reimbursed. They will be able to claim for ½ day per day at the program as the program is 4 hours duration. They do not collect money from Taikura directly.

Janet McVeagh offer holiday programmes and camps

Motu Moana Summer Camp - 5 - 8 January 2015, [click here](#) for information and [here](#) for the personal information form.

Road trip camp to Napier/Hastings 19 – 23 January 2015, [click here](#) for information and [here](#) for the personal information form.

January 2015 **Holiday programme** 12 – 16 January 2015, [click here](#) for information, [here](#) for the enrolment form and [here](#) for the parental agreement form.

Respite, Holiday Programmes and Activity Programmes – for the Christmas period

For more information on respite and/or holiday and activity programmes for the Christmas holiday period [click here](#) to view the April 2014 Networker magazine which includes such information.

Dance Therapy NZ

Is offering a Stars dance course in Onehunga for children with Autism starting early 2015. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Skylight Trust

Skylight is a national trust that supports all ages through tough times of loss, change, grief and trauma whatever the cause. They have launched a Value Pack for Professionals working with grieving adults. Please go to <http://skylight.org.nz/Shop/Adult+Grief+Value+Pack> if you wish to view it online or purchase it, or [click here](#) for more info.

Research Participants needed

Sue Spooner, PhD student at University of Auckland, is looking into the social effects of fulltime care on young adults with complex needs. She would like 5-6 young adults aged 20-30 who can talk about their experiences of the impact care has on their social world. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Trust Life's Journey - new book

Nicola Clark has written an honest and at times raw and emotional account of her journey with her son Thomas. Nicola shares the highs and lows of living with a boy with disabilities. This inspiring book will invoke many different emotions. [Click here](#) to view front cover of book and [click here](#) to view back cover. If you would like to order a copy of the book you can do so via Disability Connect - please [click here](#) to access the order form - email your order form to admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Orders will be fulfilled after 5 November 2014.

Independent Living Service

The Independent Living Service had its grand opening of their brand new Botany Store on Saturday 18th October. The new store, based at Unit 7, 308 Te Irirangi Drive, Botany South features a huge range of assistive products to make daily living easier at home and in your community. You'll find a range of mobility scooters, wheelchairs and walkers (choose to hire or buy) as well as bathroom items, compression wear, cushions, grab bars, and lift/recliner lounge chairs.

Also, ILS has a ground floor, dual office space available at 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak. Located near Auckland motorway systems, based in the Auckland District Health Board area and near Auckland Airport, this space is ideal as a base for reaching your community or inviting clients to meet with you.

The 46 square metre office space includes a kitchenette with direct access to two recently renovated, shared toilet facilities (1 is fully accessible). This vacancy is ideally suited to a social service or disability support service organisation. For more information please email julianne@ilsnz.org or phone 09 625 0311.

Accommodation needed:

Young female student with Autism is looking for accommodation in North Shore, Auckland from January next year. Ideally within bus distance to Massey University, Albany. Has some supported independent living 12 hrs a week. Is looking for somewhere autism friendly perhaps a nice family environment or in a flatting environment with other disabled female individuals with similar needs. Please contact admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz.

Health Click – health education specialists

Have wonderful resources for people with intellectual/learning disabilities aged 11+. [Click here](#) for details on their resources.

We Connect Now Website

We Connect Now is dedicated to uniting people on issues which affect people with disabilities, with emphasis on college students higher education & employment. [Click here](#) to access the website and [here](#) for their facebook page.

Kaleidocare – Inclusive Community Services Vocational Programme

New centre based vocational programme based in Pukekohe for Very High Needs young adults with a disability – opening January 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

ADSA

[Click here](#) for all the events being held in and around Auckland. Or visit their website <http://www.adsa.org.nz/> for all sorts of useful information.

Parent to Parent matching database

Parent to Parent has a database matching families with similar conditions, sometimes they find it difficult to find matches. If you are interested please contact them: ph 07 853 8491 or Toll Free 0508 236 236, email: matchingandinfo@parent2parent.org.nz. Also [click here](#) to view their *Family Video Stories*.

Counselling Service – South

Kim Gregory is a counsellor who has had personal experience with disability. She has a son who is on the Autism Spectrum and has worked in the Disability Sector in various capacities over the past few years. [Click here](#) for more information about Kim, or contact her on 09 296 7587 or email her on ian.kimg@orcon.net.nz.

Free Counselling – Raeburn House

Raeburn House is pleased to offer a no-cost counselling opportunity to members of the Auckland North community. Sandra Hill is a Raeburn House staff member with an extensive background in working with diverse people and communities, and is currently studying towards her Post-Graduate Diploma in Counselling. Sandra is supervised by a registered professional and is offering free counselling at Raeburn House as a part of her study programme. [Click here](#) for more information.

Affordable Counselling Service

Trisha Glover is in the process of acquiring her counselling certificate and is offering counselling services for individual family members living with a person with a disability at a (flexible) rate of \$25 per session. She will be holding clinics in Marua Road, Ellerslie, as well as some sessions at the DISABILITY CONNECT office, 3B Olive Road, Penrose. For more information, [click here](#). Please contact Trisha on 021 142 3851 or email her on tglover@ihug.co.nz for more information or to book a session.

Habitat for Humanity is offering

"A brush with kindness", an essential home and preservation programme for homeowners who need help. [Click here](#) for information.

Caregiver Needed – North Shore

Do you know somebody who can help this family: 4 year old (ASD, non-verbal) and 2 neuro-typical children 6 and 2yo. Help is needed 3:30-6:30pm Monday-Friday, with duties such as child-minding, helping with housework (vacuuming, fold washing, light cleaning etc) and sole charge of the child before the bedtime routine. An understanding of Autism and experience with children on the spectrum is helpful. If you're interested, please contact Gabi on gabi@disabilityconnect.org.nz for more information.

Therapy 4 Children Service

Quality Rehabilitation Services Ltd are a Paediatric Team of Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Therapists and Physiotherapists that provide services Auckland-wide. To view the information flier, [click here](#). You can also visit their website on www.qualityrehab.co.nz or contact 0800 557 556.

English for Everyday Life/English for Work – Auckland Wide

[Click here](#) for more information on English classes for (new) migrants being run by English Language Partners New Zealand. Alternatively you may contact Estelle Swan on estelle.swan@englishlanguage.org.nz or via phone on 523 0071.

Scoop articles this fortnight – click on title:

["Student researcher looks at refuelling for disabled driver"](#)

["Disability panel appointments confirmed"](#)

["Waikato businessman provides employment for disabled people"](#)

And remember.....

Parent & Family Resource Centre is trading as Disability Connect. We feel it more aptly reflects the nature of our organization. You can still contact us in the usual way. Our address details remain the same – our new website address is www.disabilityconnect.org.nz and our email addresses have changed to disabilityconnect.org.nz – you can reach us in the first instance at admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. But don't worry – any PFRC web and email enquiries will reach us, they are being redirected.

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA – latest newsletter](#)

[Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter](#)

[CCS Disability Action](#) – December 2014

[Complex Care Group - August \(and Explore presentation\)](#)

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – December 2014

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 21 November 2014

[Disability Information Service Quarterly Newsletter – Summer Digest](#)

[Disability Support Network](#) – 19 November and another one for [November](#) and [December](#)

[Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter](#) - August

[Expressions](#) – Summer 2014/2015

[Health Link North](#) – October 2014

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – November 2014

[Hopeworks Foundation](#) – issue 2

[Information 4 Disability - Snippets](#) – December 2014

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – November and [update from the new chair](#)

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – October 2014

[News from the land of Be](#) – November 2014

[Numicon](#) – October 2014

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – December 2014

[Parent to Parent enews](#) – Christmas 2014

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Skip e-news](#) – December 2014

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – December 2014

[SONZ Global News](#) - December 2014

[The Enable New Zealand Information Team](#)

[Wilson Home e-news](#) - 26 November

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