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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.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Literally..... Our newest Networker Magazine has just been delivered! The topic is 'Transition – the progression from school to community'. It can be a daunting process for many parents, so we thought some information was needed. [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.

Also:

Have a look at our new Disability Support Guide in Simplified Chinese AND we now have our new brochures. Call us to request a hard copy.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Children's Autism Term two programmes:

Wanting to know more about autism, social and friendship skills or strategies for behaviour? [Click here](#) for information about their workshops.

Autism New Zealand – Earlybird programme

EarlyBird® is an early intervention programme for parents/whānau/ caregivers, which is specific to the needs of children on the Autism Spectrum. The *EarlyBird®* Programme is a three-month programme which combines group training sessions with individual home visits. It will help understand the child's Autism, develop interaction and communication skills and skills to manage the child's behaviour. [Click here](#) to view brochure. They still have spaces available. If anyone is interested they can contact Adrienne.Southee@autismnz.org.nz – 04 8033501.

Work and Income seminars for individuals or families raising a child with a disability

Disability Connect is pleased to bring you our new FREE Work and Income support seminars for individuals with a disability or families raising a child with a disability. This seminar will be presented by two Work and Income Disability Advisors and will explain the types of support families may be eligible for, eligibility criteria, income thresholds. We are running two more seminars this term. Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany 28 May 7-9pm and Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura 4 June 7-9pm. [Click here](#) to view the flier. To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Halberg Disability Sport Foundation

Is offering two sport programmes this term. [Click here](#) for Papatoetoe Adapted Football poster and [here](#) for Auckland Wheelbreakers.

Trust and Welfare Guardianship seminar 3 June 7-9pm at Rosehill Special School, Papakura

Another popular series of seminars run by Disability Connect. Anyone with a child nearing 18yo will find this useful. The information is applicable to all disability (not only severe intellectual disability). [Click here](#) to view flyer. To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Transition seminars for 2015 - Post schooling options and process for students with a disability

Transitioning from school life to life in the community can be a daunting prospect. As well as giving you information in our newest Networker Magazine we are also offering seminars for you to attend and get information. Please [Click here](#) to view dates. To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Spark Centre Art programme term two:

Spark Centre is a creative space offering visual arts and art therapy programmes for children, teens and adults living with disability and diversity. They provide a professional service in person-centred visual arts learning, creative therapies and arts practice – and maintain an extensive exhibition calendar for our artists. [Click here](#) to view timetable. Contact: info@sparkcentre.org.nz, 09 845 5361 and www.sparkcentre.org.nz

Idea Services are offering free Autism, Behaviour and Communication Workshops

[Click here](#) for information.

Transition Expo 2015

The 2015 Transition Expo will take place on Tuesday 4th August (9am till 2pm) at Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt. Albert Road, Three Kings. We invite all parents, caregivers, students with a disability and education staff to attend this important FREE event to learn about post schooling options. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

Tilting the Seesaw Programme

Autism New Zealand is also offering this new programme which can provide support specifically for primary school teachers, teacher aides, RTLBs, and SENCOs. *Tilting the Seesaw* is a six-week programme where participating primary school staff come together to learn and try strategies on how to include a child with Autism more fully in everyday school activities. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADSA

ADSA have an events page showing what's happening around Auckland:

<http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help/Events.html> and also

<http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help/Sport++Recreation+in+Auckland/Art+Dance+and+Drama.html>

IHC Take a moment with us Exhibition – Pukekohe 23 May to 20 June

IHC is excited to be bringing "Take a moment with us" exhibition to the New Zealand Steel Gallery in Pukekohe from 23 May to 20 June 2015. IHC will be hosting a number of events scheduled alongside the exhibition. Please [click here](#) to view the event schedule.

Edith's Garden in Mt Wellington – class on 16th May

Are you interested in some friendly community garden classes? Edith's Garden is offering a series of classes on worm farms and leaf mulch for those who are interested in helping our environment. [Click here](#) for more information.

Youth Week 2015 - 23-31 May

Recognising the amazing contributions and achievement of young people in New Zealand. Have a look at the website for more information: <http://www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-week/index.html> and also on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AotearoaYouthVoices> and <https://www.facebook.com/ministryofyouthdevelopment>

Boccia NZ 2015 Tournament

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

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp

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

NOTICES

Chinese Families Autism Support Group meeting - 19 May 9am-1:30pm – Seminar Topic: Education Legal Issues

Disability Connect is running another popular seminar as part of the support group at Te Tuhi (13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga). Parents of disabled students who are concerned about the support entitlement for their child in New Zealand Schools, this seminar will focus on the education legal issues. It will be presented by Nan Jensen, New Zealand certified and practicing barrister and solicitor who specializes in disability law. [Click here](#) for the English flyer or [here](#) for Chinese. This autism support group is delivered under our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advice service. Sunny Chan is our Cultural Disability Advisor and speaks Mandarin and Cantonese. Sunny is now situated at Disability Connect five days per week. Please feel free to contact Sunny on 636-0351 or 526 1298 (DDI) for disability information and advice, she will happily speak with you in English, Mandarin or Cantonese.

ADHB Support Group for South Asian & other families of children with special needs 19 May 11am – 1pm

[Click here](#) to view invitation.

Enabling Good Lives

Have you heard about this cross-government disability initiative in Waikato? [Click here](#) for information.

SK Clothing

A small home based business who sell bandanas, feeders and wheelchair capes for people with disabilities. SK Clothing was established around 12 years ago are now trying to grow the business and enable more people to find out about their products made here in New Zealand! [Click here](#) to view their Catalogue.

Special Olympics NZ is happy to announce

That one of their athletes, Pratima Patel is the first Indian athlete that Special Olympics NZ has had on a World Games team. Pratima is travelling to the World Summer Games in Los Angeles in July to compete in Equestrian, there are 36 athletes going and 3 competing in equestrian. This is great example of what is possible by joining such organisations as Special Olympics NZ.

Waitakere Health Link

Did you go to the recent forum? Have a look [here](#) for the Medication forum response and [click here](#) for their recent e-news.

New Facebook group

Platform for all people in New Zealand who care for a family member. "The only guideline is kindness to each other." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ICYCNZ/>

Massey University

Massey University are currently recruiting children with ASD aged between 2 1/2 and 6 1/2 years old to take part in the world's first randomly controlled research study with vitamin D and Omega-3 supplementation. Includes free assessment for your child worth \$800. To be part of this pioneering research register your interest at www.massey.ac.nz/vidoma . More information on the study along with contact details are available on the website and [click here](#) for the information sheet. "Like" the facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vidoma/>

Entertainment Books

Muscular Dystrophy Northern, NZORD and ADSA are advertising Entertainment books to help their fundraising efforts. [Click here](#) for the MDN flyer and [here](#) to have a preview of the book. Contact either MDN, or Christel van Baalen, ADSA (09) 527-0060 clo@adsa.org.nz or New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders, Lyndal Bremer (04) 471 2225 comms@nzord.org.nz and remember to reference your choice of organisation to support when registering your 2015/2016 Entertainment™ Membership.

Boccia NZ – Get Rolling Newsletter

Access is no longer via our newsletter links below. Anyone interested needs to go <http://www.boccia.org.nz/newsletters.html> and sign up.

Epilepsy Parent Support Evening

Monday 18th May, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Hall, 174 Greenlane West Road, Epsom.

Epilepsy New Zealand welcomes anyone with a child with epilepsy who would like to meet other parents/guardians of children with epilepsy. There will be a guest speaker talking about their personal experiences of living with epilepsy. [Click here](#) for flyer. For further information or to confirm your attendance please contact your local Epilepsy Information & Support Specialist on 0800 EPILEPSY.

Out-of-home care for disabled children consultation

The Government is now looking for public feedback, they want to hear from disabled children, their families/whānau, those who support them, and people with an interest in the review about how voluntary out-of-home placements can be improved. If you want your voice to be heard click on the website below:

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/policy-development/disabled-children-project/in-home-support-and-voluntary-out-of-home-placement-review.html>

People can also call the Ministry on 029 650 0602 or (04) 931 2395 and ask them to mail out information. There are community consultation events taking place across the country. To receive regular updates about these events, contact the Ministry at dcp@msd.govt.nz. Feedback is due by 29th May 2015.

Health Passport feedback

Health Quality and Safety Commission Consumer Network is inviting feedback about the passport. The passport is a communication aid for people living with disabilities to use with their health care providers. It is to be filled out by a consumer or carer and outlines specific information about the person's disability or medical condition that will assist staff treating that person to provide the appropriate care. The passport has been used for a few years now and the consumer network is interested to hear from people who have used it, and to understand how effective it was in assisting staff to understand their needs. [Click here](#) to view questionnaire or visit their website:

<http://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/consumer-engagement/news-and-events/news/1989/>

GlowKids - offering a free assessment for your child

GlowKids are an Auckland based charitable trust and Ministry of Health contracted service provider delivering intensive therapy for young children (from birth to 6 years) with neurological motor disorders such as Cerebral Palsy and Global Development Delay. If you are concerned about your child's development, then contact them for a free assessment or to join their parent support network: info@glowkids.org.nz. Ph 09 845 8070

Kidspower

has developed a resource to help teach personal safety and violence prevention to teens and young adults with cognitive learning disabilities – *Healthy Relationships*. A trial version is available on their website

<http://www.kidpower.org.nz/healthyrelationships> and is available in either hardcopy or online formats. [Click here](#) to view flyer. All enquires please contact Kidspower 0800 KIDPOWER or email Fiona fionabryan@kidpower.org.nz.

Short term accommodation/board and support needed

Young adult male with an intellectual disability who has been accepted into Touch Compass and is in Auckland for up to a fortnight in May, July, August, September and October is looking for somewhere to stay. He lives in Christchurch and doesn't know anyone in Auckland. Can anyone help or does anyone know of somewhere/someone we can contact. Please call Gabi 636 0351 or email gabi@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Accommodation needed:

31 year old male with Down syndrome moving to Auckland is looking to join others in a flatting situation. Preferably in the North Shore area as he works in Glenfield. He has already been flatting for 6 years with 10hrs/week Supported Living. Please contact Lisa or Gabi at Disability Connect (09) 636 0351 or email 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 flyer, [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.

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.

NZORD news:

["International rare disease research into parental support needs"](#)

Scoop articles this fortnight:

["Communities celebrate NZRDA Awareness Week across NZ"](#)

["Sign Language Week a chance to celebrate"](#)

["Champion swimmer with the right Attitude"](#)

["Mother wants to improve Auckland Ferry Terminal pier access for disabled users"](#)

["NZ's first Deaf dining restaurant opens in Wellington"](#)

["Three Day Seminar Sounds Out Ethical Healthcare Issues"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA](#) – latest newsletter

[Carers NZ](#) – latest news

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – March 2015

[Deaf Aotearoa](#) – March 2015 [Talk Hands](#) – Autumn Magazine

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 19 March 2015

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

[Disability Support Network Regional](#) – March 2015 and [normal newsletter March 2015](#)

[Enable NZ](#) – Issue 1 March 2015

[Everyday OT](#) – March 2015

[Expressions](#) – Autumn 2015

[FASD](#) – update April 2015

[Halberg Disability Sport Foundation – Junior Disability Games Newsletter](#) – January 2015

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – March-April 2015

[Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation](#) – April 2015

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – April 2015

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – May 2015

[National Health IT Board](#) – April 2015

[News from the land of Be](#) – April 2015

[Numicon](#) – April 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – April 2015

[Open for better care E-update](#) – April-May 2015

[Parent to Parent enews](#) – April 2015

[Expressivo – Raukatauri Music therapy](#) – Newsletter January 2015

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 2

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[Wilson Home e-news](#) – April 2015

[YES disability](#) – enews April 2015



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