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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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We would love to collect feedback and good news stories from our membership about how we have helped you at some point over the last few years. All feedback welcome, please email to admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or ring Gabi on 636-0351.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Education Legal Issues – LAST seminars this year

Families have often voiced questions regarding disability in the education sector. Nan Jensen, who has been running our Trust and Welfare Guardianship seminars and Legal Clinics, specializes in Disability Law and is now running a free seminar on legal issues in education. Questions on Section 9 and Section 10 appeals, stand downs and many more will be covered in this seminar. [Click here](#) to view flier and check on dates. To book phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Work & Income Support Seminars 15 October (Henderson), 21 October and 4 November (Penrose)

These seminars have been hugely popular. These free seminars will explain the types of Work and Income supports which individuals may be eligible for if living with a disability or raising a child with a disability. We have 2 more during October 2015 and due to popular demand we are running another one on the 4th November. [Click here](#) for more information. There is limited space only, so please book by phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Trusts and Welfare Guardianship Seminar – 6.30-9.30pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, Albany

LAST seminar for 2015! Anyone with a child with a disability will find this useful. The information is applicable to all disability (not only severe intellectual disability). [Click here](#) to view flyer. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF START/FINISH TIME FOR THIS SEMINAR.

Te Pou "Let's get real: Disability" - Consumer Workshop 22 October 10am – 1pm, Te Pou office, 8 Nugent Street, Auckland

"[Let's get real - disability](#)" is a resource, or framework, that describes the values and attitudes, skills and knowledge required to work in the disability sector. This workshop looks at what it means to disabled people, family/whānau and how it might be used with Individualised Funding and other consumer led environments. [Click here](#) to view invite and to register.

ASOS SYMPOSIUM 2016 - Inclusion & Participation 21-22 April 2016

"This symposium explores, at multiple levels, the social forces that shape participation and inclusion in contemporary western societies." [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Chinese Families Autism Support Group meeting: 20 October 2015 9:30am-1:00pm, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland – topic “Mainstream and Special School Education”

Parents of children with Autism often worry about their education and the type of school appropriate for their child. The topic of this meeting will be on special schools, the enrolment process, access to different therapies and the differences between special schools and mainstream schools.

Colleen Smith, Deputy Principal from Oaklynn Special School will deliver this presentation starting promptly at 10am (presentation will be interpreted into Mandarin). Print copies of the presentation (in English) will be given to all attendees.

For catering purposes it is important to register for this meeting. You can register in English or Chinese by emailing Sanny at Disability Connect sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz You can also phone 636-0351 to book over the phone (English). [Click here](#) for a map link to the venue. [Click here](#) to view the flier in English or to view the flier in Chinese [click here](#).

Indian Families Disability Support Group meeting: 22 October 2015 5pm – 8pm, Mt. Richmond Special School (Whanau Room), 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu – topic “Work and Income Supports in Disability”

All Indian families raising a child with a disability are welcome to attend this support group. The evening will start with networking and supper from 5 till 6pm. Then Lisa Martin, CEO of Disability Connect, will present on the topic Work and Income Supports in Disability. [Click here](#) to view the flier. All attendees will receive a copy of the presentation and a resource table of print material will be available. Please inform any parents you think may be interested in this support group and include in E bulletins, websites, etc. RSVP (for catering purposes) to Sanny Chan on phone 636-0351 or email sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Children’s Autism Foundation “Hands on Autism” Workshops

To see the content and dates for these workshops, please [click here](#). [Click here](#) for the participant information sheet.

Children’s Autism Foundation ‘Dealing with Autism’ workshop

Will be held evening of 30th November at Manukau New Life Church, 12 Jellicoe Road, Manurewa. [Click here](#) for further details. Contact admin@autism.org.nz to book. Free to family members, \$20 for professionals.

IDEA Services - workshop on “Adolescent Development” 30 October 10am – 12pm New Lynn.

This workshop will cover the main cognitive developmental stages of adolescence, implications for young people with ASD and explore strategies to help them on their journey. [Click here](#) to view info and also info on other workshops.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEELCHAIR TURBO TOUCH 15 October 6-8pm, Marist College, 31 Alberton Ave, Mount Albert

Turbo Touch New Zealand and The Chariot Project are excited to announce the world first launch of Wheelchair Turbo Touch for Youth with Physical Disabilities. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Interact festival 2015 from 21-23 October 10-2pm daily, Corban Estate Art Centre

3 fun filled days with performers, artists, dancers, musician and much more. [Click here](#) to view the programme. They also offer a great gala event on Wednesday, 21 October at 7pm. [Click here](#) to view poster.

Halberg Disability Sports Foundation

They support a number of events and programmes and sent through a lot of flyers for you to look at. There is [Auckland Powerchair Football club](#) , [Papatoetoe United Adapted Football Programme](#) , [Have a Go at Wheelchair Tennis and Boccia](#) , [Out and About - Amazing Race](#) , [Saint Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports Day](#) and [Trikes NZ coming to NZ](#) .

Circability are advertising a range of events:

Cirque du Soleil QUIDAM: benefit events for Circability on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th Feb 2016 at 8pm.

Diversity Week: 8-13 November, Victoria Park, Auckland - Featuring workshops, forums, exhibitions, lunchtime games and of course CIRCUS FIESTA!

Circus Fiesta Music Circus Mash-Up: Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont Street, 13 November 12.30 and 7.00 pm. An all ages and abilities showcase celebrating inclusion and diversity. Part of Circability's Diversity Week 2015 – featuring workshops, forums and exhibits.

2015 Annual General Meeting: Victoria Street West, Friday 10 October at 1.30 pm

Inclusion Planning Meetings : First Tuesday of every month 12.00pm - 1.00pm at Circability Centre
[Click here](#) for flyer and more links.

NOTICES

Attitude Live - survey

How do you access disability and aging information and advice? Are you happy with it? Would you like something different? Attitude live has developed a survey to gather some information. It won't take long but is worthwhile doing. <https://attitudelive.typeform.com/to/DEYX0h>

Massey University School of Psychology – Research invite

Looking into the "Support Needs of Families with a child with ASD". This research hopes to be able to investigate whether or not services cater for the uniqueness of both the individual with ASD, and their families; in particular, if services are appropriate, accessible and adequate. [Click here](#) for information.

Be.'s first ever New Zealand Accessibility Survey!

Be.Accessible are conducting this survey to gather information that will help gauge the attitudes and experiences of Kiwis – and need YOUR help. To say thank you for participating, there is an iPhone 6 up for grabs! All you have to do is complete the survey and supply your email address, and you're in to win.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewZealandAccessibilitySurvey>

Tours for people with disability

We have been sent information about tours in NZ and Australia for people with some (mild) form of disability. Have a look at these brochures and please note they are not suitable for people needing one-on-one care. [Vivid Sydney May 2016](#), [Major NZ Tours and Cruise](#), [Hawkes Bay and Scenic Safari Tours](#) and [NZ Tours](#).

Accounting Services (Individualised Funding)

Vimlesh Nadan has an accounting qualifications and can provide accounting services to parents who use Individualised Funding to pay their support worker. He does payroll, PAYE and Kiwi-saver for his own daughter's support worker. Contact him on 0210574124 or email nadan2fj@yahoo.com for an appointment.

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers cultural special support groups to families with children of special needs as part of the CALD service (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advisory Service) for different ethnic groups. We have a Chinese Families Autism Support Group that runs every third Tuesday of a month and an Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support group which runs monthly. We welcome all families with special needs to join the relevant support group. It is a great opportunity for parents to share their experience and network with each other. Please contact Sanny at Disability Connect for more information or bookings, phone 09 526 1298 (DDI)/09 636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

The Pure Food Co - Smooth Puree Meals

The Pure Food Co produces texture modified foods that are delicious, nutritious, affordable, and effortless to prepare. Designed specifically for those who experience eating difficulties, The Pure Food Co provides a top quality selection of proteins, vegetables, and carbohydrates that cater to a wide range of needs. Through these smooth puree meals, The Pure Food Co aims to help people thrive when they are at their most vulnerable. Check them out on: <http://thepurefoodco.co.nz/>

Safari Multicultural Playgroup

Safari Multicultural Playgroup will launch a new location in Papatoetoe. They welcome families from all cultural backgrounds living locally, as well as former refugee families living outside of Papatoetoe. A launch ceremony will be held on 14th October, 10:30am-12:30pm at PACT Building, 311 Great South Road, Papatoetoe. Please [click here](#) for more information of this playgroup.

StarJam – Singing and Dancing Workshops – places available

StarJam empowers young people with disabilities through music and performance. Have a look [here](#) for their poster.

Term 4 Registration for STARS dance movement therapy groups is now open.

STARS is a dance movement therapy group for school age children on the autism spectrum and other special needs. Starting in Term 4, they are offering two groups in Pakuranga, in addition to groups in Mt Albert, Onehunga and North Shore. For an initial free assessment/consultation to see if this is right for your child, please contact info@dancetherapy.co.nz, 096363029. [Click here](#) to view more information.

New playgroup for pre-schoolers with ASD / Aspergers / ADHD - & Siblings

Every Wednesday during school term 12.30-2.30pm (BYO lunch). St Columba Presbyterian Church Pakuranga playgroup and crèche area. Cost \$2 per family. 480 Ti Rakau Drive next to the ice rink. Contact Talita De Lange 021 132 8697. Email: specialkids.families@gmail.com

Lifekidz after school and holiday programmes

Have a look at their website <http://lifekidz.org.nz/> you might like what you see. Or look [here](#).

GlowKids launching a Sensory Kindy

Have you heard about Glowkids? It is an Auckland based service providing assessment, advice, early childhood education and therapy for children. Have a look at their website www.glowkids.org.nz. They are now offering sensory Kindy sessions, [click here](#) to view flyer.

Residential vacancies at Creative Abilities

Creative Abilities have announced that they have added another house and have vacancies. Please contact Jey Balasundaram 09 964 0215 for any enquiries related to both residential and day programme vacancies.

NZSL Encounters at Auckland Zoo

Auckland Zoo has teamed up with New Zealand Sign Language interpreting students from AUT, who will interpret Auckland Zoo's animal encounters on 10 October and 14 November. Have a look [here](#).

Be.Leadership programme: 2016 Applications open

Be. Leadership is a one-of-a-kind programme in New Zealand, taking participants through a year of exploration of different perspectives, questioning, laughter, self-discovery and accessibility focused leadership. It is specifically crafted to suit the diversity of the access community. It advances a more accessible society and a dynamic community of leaders. To apply please visit: <http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership>

Autism New Zealand Annual Appeal: Volunteers needed

On Friday 16 October and Saturday 17 October this year, Autism New Zealand will be holding their Annual Appeal to raise much needed funds to support individuals and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Annual Appeal also raises the awareness of ASD in our community and they need your help to make it a success. So if you, or someone you know, can volunteer for two hours on either Friday 16 October or Saturday 17 October, please contact the Annual Appeal Coordinator, Sharon at autism.appeal@outlook.co.nz.

Asian Youth wanted for survey

Counties Manukau is running a project on stigma of mental health. Asians aged between 17-24 years with lived experience of mental health issues [Click](#) to view flyer. If you fill out the online survey you can even win a voucher!

Teacher Aide wanted

A Chinese parent is urgently looking for a teacher aide for her child who aged 6 years with Autism living in Flat Bush. Fluent in both English and Mandarin. Prefer background in early childhood and behavior management experience with children have Autism. Mon-Fri 8.50-17.50 incl Saturday. Ph Jenny Huang 021781518 or email dingzhih0287@hotmail.com

Edith's Garden Sanctuary

Edith's Garden is a quiet, peaceful oasis in the heart of Auckland's suburbia (at the base of Mt. Wellington). Families and individuals are welcome to visit and enjoy being outdoors in a safe environment. Elevated planter boxes are wheelchair accessible and are available for a small weekly donation. There is also the 'Hub' – an indoor area suited to craft work which can get messy. [Click here](#) for more info or contact Rosie Elder on 021 162 5124 or email edithsgarden@outlook.com or website www.edithsgarden.org.nz

Massey University

Massey University are currently recruiting children with ASD aged between 3 and less than 8 years old years old take part in the world's first randomly controlled research study with vitamin D and Omega-3 supplementation. 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. View flyer [here](#).

MyCare – new service in the home care sector

MyCare is a new online space to connect Kiwis seeking or offering home-based services (paid or voluntary). It works closely with the national not for profit Carers New Zealand and other community organisations.

Currently MyCare has opened its website for pre-registrations of those offering services, and people who are seeking help of various kinds. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Affordable Counselling Service

Trisha Glover is in the final stages of completing her Diploma in Psychosynthesis Counselling and is offering counselling services for individual family members living with a person with a disability at a sliding scale rate of \$30 - \$50 per session. She holds clinics in Marua Road, Ellerslie. 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.

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.

Health Click – health education specialists

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

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.

Boccia NZ

Remember to sign up for their Rolling Newsletter. Go to: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/>

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.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association

All information and their current news can be found at <http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help>

Scoop articles this fortnight:

["Wellington singer's spirit outsings challenges"](#)

["Theater Training May Boost Skills In Kids With Autism"](#)

["For Those With Spina Bifida, Medical Advances Lead To Longer Lives"](#)

["Women With Disabilities Tackle Reproductive Health"](#)

["Pope Blesses Kids With Special Needs"](#)

["Overlapping Symptoms May Delay ASD Diagnosis"](#)

["World Arthritis Day: Diagnosis, then isolation!"](#)

["Exercise Programme Helping Special Needs Children"](#)

["Tell us how to promote NZ Sign Language"](#)

["National disability organisations call for an overhaul"](#)

["Onehunga woman brims with acceptance"](#)

Other articles of interest:

["Community keeps quiet over disability issues"](#)

["Cameras for special-ed transport after assault"](#)

["Call for submissions - Disabled children: voluntary out-of-home placement review"](#)

["Halberg Foundation Helps Daniel get on his bike"](#)

["Service to the disabled celebrated"](#)

["Disabled model: 'No legs, no limits.'"](#)

Websites of interest

- www.offthepage.co.nz easy to read, high interest books for low level readers, suited to readers with any reading disability, struggling readers or adults learning to read.
- <http://www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/current-campaigns-and-research/submissions> One of the ways we push for change is through submissions. Check out the latest submissions here.

NEWSLETTERS

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS disability action “what’s new in the library”](#) – September 2015

[Children’s Autism](#) – October 2015 newsletter

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – October 2015 [Announcement](#)

[Disability Support Network newsletter](#) - September 2015

[Enable NZ](#) – Issue 3 August 2015

[Epilepsy Otago](#) – September 2015

[Expressions](#) – Spring 2015

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

[IHC “Hot Issues” newsletter](#) – August 2015

[Independent Living Service Newsletter](#) – October 2015

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

[National Health IT Board newsletter](#) - August 2015

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

[Numicon](#) – Spring 2015

[Open for better care E-update](#) – August-September 2015

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

[Raukauri Music Therapy Newsletter](#) – Winter edition

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4 2015

[Spark Centre](#) – Quarterly Newsletter September 2015

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – September 2015

[StarJam Spread Winter edition – e-chat](#)

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Spring 2015

[Tūrangawaewae: Human Rights Commission News](#) – September 2015

[Vidoma Newsletter](#) - Spring 2015

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – 23 September 2015

[YES disability e-news](#) – July 2015



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