

**disability
connect.**

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 such seminar this year – 28 October in Albany

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 this 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. To book phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Work & Income Support Seminar – Last one for this year - 4 November (Penrose)

These free seminars have been hugely popular. This seminar 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. [Click here](#) for more information. There is limited space, so please book by phone 636-0351 or email admin@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.

Children's Autism - What's on

Have a look [here](#) for some more info.

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

Janet McVeagh Programmes and Events:

HALLOWEEN & Guy FAWKES Weekend 6 - 8 November 2015: please [click here](#) for information and [here](#) for the enrolment form.

City Slickers 18+ RAGLAN 20 - 22 November 2015: please [click here](#) for information and [here](#) for the enrolment form.

December Holiday programmes: [Click here](#) for information, [here](#) for enrolment form and [here](#) for the parental agreement form to be filled out.

And lastly have a look at their **Christmas Party** invite [here](#).

StarJam - End of Year Concert! 28 November 7pm, Victory Convention Centre, Beaumont St

StarJam provides performance and music opportunities for young people with disabilities and the StarJam Auckland End of the Year Concert is the culmination of a year's worth of efforts from their young people. Everyone is invited! There will be singing, dancing, drumming and more. Tickets are just \$10 for adults, and \$5 for kids. To get yours, go to: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2015/starjam-2015-end-of-year-concert/auckland/freemans-bay> For their flyer [click here](#).

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](#) .

They have also donated a beach wheelchair for hire in and around Tutukaka coast. For more information [click here](#).

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

Spark centre - Māpura Studios

Spark centre's now has a new name- Māpura Studios. Māpura is a Te Reo Māori word meaning fire, flame, or ... spark! Check them out <http://www.mapurastudios.org.nz>

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand

The Epilepsy Association of New Zealand has an Epilepsy Information Evening ([click here](#)) and Parent Support Evening ([click here](#)) coming up in November.

Epilepsy Parent Support Evening - 9 November, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Jack Dickey Community Hall, 174 Greenlane West Road, Epsom.

Epilepsy Information Evening – 16 November 7.30pm, Potters Park Event Centre, 164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral.

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter, so please consider whether or not you are eligible for the **free** retrofitting insulation programme. You must: live in the Counties Manukau, Papakura, or Franklin area, live in a private home built prior to 1st January 2000, must have a Community Services Card and priority will be given to families with children (*under 17*) or older adults (*over 65*) living in the household with health conditions. Please [click here](#) for information leaflet and [here](#) for application.

NZCare respite at Hobsonville have spaces available

If you are interested please contact Taikura Trust and follow the normal process.

Disability Action Plan Update

If you are following the process of the Government updating its Disability Action Plan, you will want to know that the latest update is now out for feedback. This update reflects feedback received from the earlier consultation round in September and it also reflects discussion between Government and DPOs. Please [click here](#) to view. The deadline for feedback is 5pm 5 November 2015 and details on how to give your feedback are in the document.

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 (for 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

Counties Manukau Special Needs Support Group – 10 November 9.30-12pm

Held at PACT in 311 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, please bring a plate to share, all children welcome.

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. Please [click here](#) for information of this playgroup.

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.

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/>

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>

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 9am-6pm including Saturday 9am -12 pm. 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

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.

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.

Health Click – health education specialists

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

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>
[Click here](#) to view their Christmas invite.

Scoop articles this fortnight:

[*"abaya: innovation to improve transportation's efficiency and effectiveness"*](#)

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

[*"Disabled Diving NZ stand out winner at Start-up Pitch Night"*](#)

[*"Dukie proves confidence is more than skin deep"*](#)

[*"Napier business recognised for inclusive attitude"*](#)

[*"Government to enter negotiations over pay for care workers"*](#)

[*"Halberg Foundation and Flight Centre Partner"*](#)

[*"Mt Roskill artist recognised for creativity"*](#)

[*"Registrations Open for Disability Water Sports Day"*](#)

Other articles of interest:

[*"Young Adults On The Spectrum Learn Ins and Outs Of Socialization"*](#)

[*"Repetition May Hinder Learning In Those With Autism"*](#)

[*"How Breaking Bad's RJ Mitte is breaking barriers for disabled actors"*](#)

[*"Parents use GPS tracking devices on their children"*](#)

[*"Custom trike helps girl with 'hole in heart' keep up with all the kids"*](#)

[*"Wheelchair no barrier for sailor Alice"*](#)

[*"Sesame Street' Unveils Character With Autism"*](#) also have a look at <http://autism.sesamestreet.org/>

[*"Parents tell of battle to get help"*](#)

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. Also [click here](#) for their general info.
- www.rmtc.org.nz The Raukatauri Music Therapy Centre offers music therapy services to children and young adults with special needs.
- www.recreate.org.nz Recreate NZ offers several events: Life Skills ([click here](#) for info), Mothers Retreat Weekend ([click here](#)) and Seeking Summits: Hillary Trail ([click here](#)). Have a look too at their other programmes.

NEWSLETTERS

[Altogether Autism Journal](#) – Spring 2015

[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

[Disability Support Network newsletter](#) - September 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

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern newsletter](#) – November 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

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4 2015

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

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – October 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](#) – 14 October 2015

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



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