

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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In order to keep informed about important issues, seminars and changes to any seminars it is important that you LIKE us on Facebook !

Please visit our Facebook page [here](#) and 'like' us. You can follow us on Twitter [here](#).

Disability Connect news

New Disability 'Colleague' Social Worker role at Disability Connect

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new [social worker role](#) to provide advocacy, support and practical help to families and individuals with a disability. Click on the link to find out more about this service which is free to families. We welcome new referrals either directly from families or from professionals.

New charge for professionals attending Disability Connect seminars

Disability Connect is introducing a \$20 charge per professional to attend our seminars (no charge to family members or individuals with a disability). This can be paid by cash, cheque (made out to our full organisation name Parent and Family Resource Centre Inc.) or direct debit. We do not accept credit card or Eftpos payments. We are happy to send an invoice at the time of booking. Payment is required prior to attendance.

Good news stories - Please

Feedback and good news stories about how we have helped you at some point over the last few years. Ph Gabi 636-0351 email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Disability Support Guide available from Disability Connect in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Arabic

Our popular (and free!) Disability Support Guide is now available in English, Chinese Korean and Arabic! To order copies contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Disability Connect seminars coming up

"[Individualised Funding including respite](#)" runs on 15 March 7-9pm at Disability Connect premises and again on the 23 March 7-9pm at YES Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany.

The "[Work and Income Supports](#)" seminar is scheduled for 16 March 7-9pm at YES Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany.

"[Planning for Adulthood](#)" (new and expanded version of our Trust and Welfare seminar) is scheduled for the 22nd March 6.30-9.30pm at Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura.

There are also other dates for these seminars, click on the links for more info.

Altogether Autism Conference 19-20 July 2017 in Auckland – Save this Date!

Information will follow in due course.

Child Matters: new Child Protection courses

Go to their website for information:

<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/22/child-protection-training>

Children's Autism Foundation – Workshops Term 1

A variety of interesting and useful workshops for parents. Have a look [here](#). They are also putting on another "[Hands ON](#)" workshop and are advising us that they will only charge \$20 for a family or student instead of the \$30 originally advertised.

Portal is offering some workshops

Including one on [Stigma and discrimination](#).

Auckland Disability Law – Imagine better

Are offering three free [workshops](#) – 22 March on Employment Law, 6 April Employment Rights and 24 May on Police and Court (your rights). Please contact info@adl.org.nz to register.

Vaka Tautua – Financial Literacy for Pacific Families with disabilities – 8 week course

This course starts 22 March 6pm at the Otahuhu College Sports Pavillion, 72-78 Mangere Rd, Otahuhu. Contact Pele Pele.LS@vakatautua.co.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mapura Studios

They have been chosen to pitch at the next event at the [Funding Network](#) on March 16 at 5.30pm. This is a significant fundraiser (refreshments and presentations) to support their [Stroke Art Therapy programme](#). AUT Sir Paul Reeves Building Level 2, Room WG201, 55 Wellesley St East, Auckland Central. [Please register](#)

Geneva Healthcare – Cruise The Bays

invites you to join in the fun at Cruise The Bays - Colour Cruise on Thursday 31 March at Mission Bay. Click on link for info.

Purple Day – 26 March

Purple Day is about raising awareness of epilepsy and Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc. Because it falls on Easter weekend, Epilepsy NZ is celebrating Purple MONTH by asking you to become a purple day hero. It is as easy as wearing something purple or putting up a poster, just to show you care. Here is the [poster](#) and a [guidebook](#).

TANI 14th Annual Asian Forum – Save the date!

This is planned for 19th April at the Fickling Centre. More information soon.

Auckland Disability Law - Save the Date! Supported Decision Making – a National Conversation Hui 20 & 21 April 2016

Housing Summit invitation 16 April 10am

This meeting, organised by State Housing Action Network, Child Poverty Action Group and Unite Union, will discuss the housing crisis for low and middle income families.

Support Group Invitation For South Asian & Other Families with Special Needs children

15 March 2016, 11am-1.30pm at Royal Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak.

NOTICES



Immigration policy in relation to disability

Ezekiel Robson is seeking families or individuals who have encountered NZ Immigration policy disadvantaging individuals with a disability. [Click here](#) for more information. If you would like to help with advocacy to promote greater inclusion, and have a personal experience to share on how the immigration system treats disabled people and their families, please email your contact details to Ezekiel Robson ezekiel@salubrious.org.nz

Māpura Studios

has openings in their Artist in Movement class (Mondays 12:30-2pm) for adults with disabilities and their Kids' Open Studio class for children aged 5-12 with ASD and other special needs (Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm). Both classes are taught at our studio in Fowlds Park, St Lukes. They are also running a Music & Creativity Out West at Corbans Estate in Henderson (Thursdays 12:30-2). Please go to www.mapurastudios.org.nz for more info.

Support worker needed

A family who lives in Howick is looking for an English speaking support worker for their 14 years old daughter with Autism. This is to provide after school care between 3pm-6pm (e.g taking her to swimming, walks and other activities) for 2-4 times a week. Some weekend work may be required and hours will be varied based on the activities. Family will pay \$18-\$20 (plus 8% holiday pay) based on experience, and will cover mileage, event entry fee etc. Support work needs to have full NZ driver license. This family is also looking for overnight respite, which will be 3 nights/month. If anyone is interested, please contact Yvonne by email caiyuyang512@hotmail.com

Survey part of a PhD study "How does the need for fulltime care impact on the social interactions and activities of young adults with complex needs?"

The study aims to provide new insights and understanding of care and its influence on the social interactions and relationships of young adults with complex needs. The link to the information will also provide the link to the survey.

Young Adult Research Participants wanted – University of Auckland

A study involving EEG for ASD adults and possibly young adults. They want to reach out to find participants as part of the preparation. This study aims to help improving diagnosis and treatment for ASD individuals. Participants and/or their caregivers are going to receive an informal telephonic report and a more formal written report if requested. Detailed reports fit for purpose such as to obtain benefit may also be obtained but will have a cost, though lower than the normal rate. Contact: Stephen Safford Wolfson 0211601914

Parafed Auckland - recruiting for a Disability Sport Coordinator.

The role is focused on building youth participation in Para-Sports across the wider Auckland region. You can contact the Hamish Meacham hamishm@parafedauckland.co.nz or view the [Job description](#) by clicking on the link.

(CLIMB) Centre for Learning, Integration and Managing Behaviour

provides support for children and teenagers diagnosed with Autism and other spectrum disorders. They also help children and teenagers with challenging behaviours and a variety of other diagnoses and difficulties.

They do this by combining applied behavioural analysis (ABA) techniques with natural environment teaching (NET), in home and school settings.

Go to: <http://abatherapy.co.nz/>

"Creative Lives Project NZ"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1660356754178749/?fref=ts>

This is a public group on Facebook for families looking at living options for their disabled family member. They are currently trying to find people who would share their success stories.

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau and now also Tamaki

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter. To be 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.

For people in the Tamaki area please contact Tevita.Malolo@tamakiregeneration.co.nz

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.

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. Phone 09 523 0071 or email joan.goddard@englishlanguage.org.nz

St Lukes -Early Childhood Centre

Did you know they also take disabled children for an hour or two while you do your shopping (no nappy change)? It's not specified on their website <https://www.westfield.co.nz/stlukes/services/all-services/st-lukes-shoppers-creche/657> but just ask about it.

Manukau Support Group – PACT 311 Great South Road, Papatoetoe

Meet others who are raising children with a variety of disabilities. Please bring a small plate to share if you are able to. There is a play area for kids. 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 5 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November 9.30am –12pm

Agape Care has a vacancies for a residential client in one of their houses in West-Auckland

Agape offers 24hr residential support as well as a vocational programme. Please call Elena Melamed, Agape Care 09 837 8597 or visit their website: <http://www.agapecare.org.nz/>

ASD Support Services - survey

David West, MA (Psych) Candidate, Massey University is looking to hear from caregivers of young children or young people (0-16) with ASD, to research how individualized services are for them. Participants are able to take part through an online questionnaire. Click on link above or go to: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_1HXHrsMfkNrOBOB

Skylight's 2016 brochure

We have brought their resources to your attention before, so this is their 2016 brochure for you to look at. Skylight is a national not for profit trust that enables children, young people, their family/whanau and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss and grief.

They facilitate access to expert information, education, professional services and support. They also educate, train and support professionals, agencies and individuals who assist those dealing with trauma, loss, and grief.

Counselling Services

Disability Sector Project Information and updates

Other organisations information

Playgroups, activities, after school and holiday programmes

Websites of interest

- <https://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.
- <http://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/sites/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/accessibility-info> Accessibility, disability and mobility information for Auckland Zoo visitors
- <http://www.education.govt.nz/news/consultation-workshops-to-support-the-education-act-update-1989/> Consultation workshops to support the Education Act Update 1989
- <http://www.abilityadventures.co.nz/> Ability Adventures – Exploration, adventure and discovery through travel
- <http://www.access4all.co.nz/> Accommodation & Activities for people with reduced mobility
- <http://www.oysternz.co.nz/> Oyster Accessible Travel offer a comprehensive booking site and travel guide for travellers with extra mobility needs.

Articles of interest:

["Study Offers Clues To Down Syndrome, Possible Treatment"](#)

["Disability no barrier with wheelchair"](#)

["Joy Gunn: Sex for disabled a complex topic"](#)

["Submitters have their say on FASD"](#)

["Call for nominations to Arts Access Awards 2016"](#)

["Dad Embarks on Fundraising Tandem Bike Ride Across NZ"](#)

["Tommy Hilfiger Debuts Adaptive Clothing Line"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[Achieve 2B Newsletter](#) - February 2016

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS Disability Action Information Service newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Children's Autism](#) – March 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – January 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – March 2016

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

[Dotty Wobble](#) – February 2016

[e-cald news](#) – February 2016 special edition

[Enable NZ Newsletter – Kia Maro](#) – February 2016

[Expressions](#) – Autumn 2016

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – February 2016

[Independent Living Service Newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Interacting Newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Mapura Studios](#) – February 2016

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – February 2016

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

[News from the land of Be](#) – February 2016

[Numicon](#) – Term 1 2016

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4 2015

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – February 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Autumn 2016

[Waitemata DHB CALD Child Health and Disability Newsletter](#) – December 2015



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