

**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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Please note that going forward due to increasing costs, it is necessary for us to charge professionals \$50 including GST each per seminar. There is no charge for parents. We hope that you will continue to attend our robust and informative seminars.

Disability Connect news

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers culturally appropriate support (including three support groups) to families with children of special needs as part of the CALD service (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advisory Service):

Chinese Families Autism Support Group

Runs every third Tuesday of the month. Please contact Sanny Chan at Disability Connect for more information on our meetings. Our Christmas party is to be held on the 6th December ph 09 526 1298 (DDI) or 09 636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Culturally Diverse Support Group (Otahuhu)

This support group runs monthly. Our next meeting will be held on the 8th December at Mt Richmond School, 5.30-8pm. All families with special needs are welcome to join this group – we welcome everyone from any culture and any disability. It is a great opportunity for parents to share their experience and network with each other. Please contact Asoka at Disability Connect for more information or bookings – phone 09 636 0351 or 027 457 8571 or email asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Indian and South Asian Families Support Group (Clover Park)

This hugely successful support group was established in October and November and after a successful meeting we agreed to continue. The next meeting is on the 12th December. This is held at Clover Park Community House. Indian and South Asian families raising a child or supporting a person with a disability are very welcome to this meeting. It will follow a relaxed 'conversational' environment. Everyone is free to talk amongst themselves, make new friends, connect for support or just ask any questions you may be interested in. Please email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz or phone 09 636 0351 or text/phone 027 457 8571 to book.

Disability Connect has a Social Worker

This [social worker role](#) is 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. Referral forms are available on our website.

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



“Ice-Breaker” Anti-Bullying Workshops for Young People

A workshop designed by *The Cube and Yes Disability* delivered by six young leaders from within the disability sector. Have a look at the [flier](#) for contact details.

Hands on Autism

Saturday 11th February, 9am-4pm. Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson and Saturday 25th March. Are you living or working with a child with autism? Our goal is for you to leave at the end of the day with tools and strategies that can be easily implemented in the home, school and community. Topics include: Guide to Autism and strategies for behaviour. Dealing with anxiety and sensory issues. Cost: sponsored for family and caregivers who register or \$140 for professionals. Speakers and facilitators – Arletta van den Bosch (Family and Child Counselling), Elisa Slaat (Children’s Autism Manager and Behaviour Therapist) Christine Farquharson (Occupational Therapist) Lisa Martin (Disability Connect). Please register online: www.autism.org.nz

Conferences outside Auckland

International Initiative for Disability Leadership

The best learning initiative for Disability Leadership is a unique international leadership forum that shares knowledge, innovation and effective practices to support the vision of a full life in the community for children, adults and elders with a disability. IIDL is a collaboration of four countries: Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Canada. 27-28th February, Auckland and 2-3rd March Sydney Australia.

Passing Foundations Forum

PASSING is a five day, live-in workshop where you will deepen your understanding of the lived experience of devalued people, the services that serve them, and the SRV framework. You will visit two human services and have interviews and conversations with the people being served and those serving them. Led by a highly knowledgeable teacher of SRV and a team leader, you will then explore your observations through the SRV framework to unpack the complexities of service design and delivery. Past participants of the PASSING workshop have found it to be an eye-opening, mind-expanding training opportunity that deepened their understanding and strengthened their commitment to serving devalued people. Pricing - \$850 early bird special! (Register and paid by 31 December 2016) \$990 full cost (RSVP closes Monday 13 February 2017). Please note: \$100 nonrefundable amount for all cancellations, please see

cancellation policy on page 2 for more information
What does the cost include?

- Includes 4 nights’ accommodation*
- Most meals

For more information and registration form click [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Attention Autism Programme Two Day Course

The training focuses on the practical aspects of intervention, working in a team and offering an irresistible invitation to learn. The Attention Autism programme targets the teaching of attention, communication and social interaction skills. Training is run applying the principles of the attention autism programme throughout each day. There are demonstrations of the techniques in action, films of the work with children, practical hands-on experience for participants and ideas for activities. The intention is to share the practical skills needed for participants to feel confident in setting up and running the intervention immediately. 23-24th January – North Shore, 26-27th January – West Auckland and 9-10th February – South Auckland days available.

Christmas Carols with Phab

Sunday 11th December, 1pm-5pm \$10 per person, kids free, sausage sizzle, a drink and a gift included with entry fee. 8 Auburn St, Takapuna.

Entertainment: dunk tank, Mihirangi, Loop pedal workshop, magician, Phab Phusion crew, peers group songs, inflatable decorations, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa.

Circability

We are offering a new [Applicable Circus Class](#) for physically disabled people (16-30yo) and a new [Funky Friday](#) mixed ability class for all ages at Circability Central in Victoria Park. Please register [here](#).

Clip n Climb North Shore

Come along to try it out, session for families with autism. For bookings email info@clipnclimbnorthshore.co.nz 2017 dates - 26th February, 26th March, 28th May and 25th June, 27th August, 24th September, 29th October, 26th November. 9am-10am. Select: 9am Private Admission (Autism Foundation guests only). Please also complete the online waiver form. Please arrive 20 minutes before the session on the day. If you come for the first time with your child, please send Arletta an email (arletta@autism.org.nz) and she will send you a 'social story' to help you prepare your child. info@clipnclimbnorthshore.co.nz or ph 09 447 1428

Dance Therapy and Art Therapy Schedule Term 1 2017

Stars Dance Classes across Auckland, Arts 4 Us speciality- Orakei, Art 4 Us drop in and Dance 4 Us. [Main brochure](#)

Disability Gymnastics at Tri star Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a great way to improve coordination, balance, motor skills and strength in a fun and safe environment. In Vancouver, I have been the lead coach/coordinator for a Special Needs gymnastics program for the last three years. We are non-discriminatory and are open for anybody, regardless of age or ability-level, who simply needs a more personalised approach to learning. Many of our athletes in Vancouver are individuals living with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome or developmental delays and I am hoping to connect with the same communities here in Auckland. For more information and flier click [here](#).

Emmanuel Family Camp - 31st March – 2nd April 2017

A weekend camp for families who have a child with a disability. For more information ph 09 636 4763 email familycamp@elevatedcdt.org.nz

Flourishing Friendships

Flourishing Friendships is a social, friendship and dating organisation for all people over the age of 18 who have a disability, but open to all. There is a launch party being held Saturday 11th February 2-4pm in Mt Roskill and Saturday 18th February 2-4pm in Papakura. Please RSVP to flourishingfriendships16@gmail.com or call Sarah 021 135 3560 or Diane 027 629 0696. For more info click [here](#) and [here](#).

Good Shapes Exhibition – Mapura Studios

7th November 2016 – 15 January 2017, 72 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough. Māpura Studios is pleased to submit five artists that have extreme emotional intelligence heightened by their own creative thinking. These artists have the ability to discern and add meaning to various shapes, particularly the understanding to conceive "Good Shapes". The viewer is challenged to engage both visually and emotionally with what it takes to define a good shape demonstrated in these works by Matthew Allerby, Russell Julian, Christina van der Hooft, Matthew Tucker, and Halina Janiszewska.

Imagine Better Assembly 2017

Will you friend me? Imagine Better is pleased to introduce you to Dr Al Condeluci and Janet Klees, who will be presenting at the February 2017 Imagine Better Assembly – Will You Friend Me? Both Al and Janet come with a wealth of experience, having been involved in the community sector, particularly building social capital and community bridges, for many years. At the session *Will You Friend Me?*, key aspects related to social capital will be explored; examining it from a generic perspective and looking at the possible strategies, actions, or aspects that may be utilised in support of any vulnerable population who have limited opportunities to build friendships.

Our other session is *Building Community through Social Capital*. Individuals with disabilities and their family members (as well as professionals who are involved with the family) are interested in seeing themselves or their son/daughter/relative be successful in life. In fact, one of the biggest fears individuals and families have is that their loved one might be lonely or at serious risk when they are no longer around. By understanding the impact of friendships in our lives, we can look at ways and means to better prepare for the future. Sociologists call this "social capital" and it is amazing what our relationships do for us. This session will help you think about how friendships can be better developed over time, and, in turn, build a more inclusive community.

Janet McVeagh Recreation Christmas Party

Saturday 10th December, 1-3pm, Icon Trampoline Club, 137 Buckland Road, Mangere. Performances from classes starting at 1.15pm, creative dance and trampoline classes, surprise performances from staff, prizegiving for all classes and costume prize. BBQ and shared afternoon tea, santa arrives, secret santa and lollie scramble. Please bring, shared plate for BBQ, secret santa present (unisex) up to \$5 only, Christmas costume. Please confirm asap jm.recreation@ihug.co.nz

Janet McVeagh Recreation December Holiday Programme

Programme for adults and early school leavers.
Tuesday 13th - Extreme Wairau: Tenpin / Megazone / Lazer tag and dodgems 8.30am-4.30pm
Wednesday 14th December - Movies and shopping at Sylvia Park 8.30am-5pm
Thursday 15th December – Treasure Island Mini Golf / driving range 8.30am-4.30pm
Tuesday 20th December – Train from Onehunga to Auckland City, ferry to Devonport and return picnic lunch, 8.30am-5pm.
Wednesday 21st December – Rainbows End, 8.30am-5pm
Pickup and drop offs – Onehunga, East Auckland and Papakura. \$87.40 per day – carer support or ACC accepted. Parent agreement [here](#).

Janet McVeagh Recreation Christmas Camp

Motu Moana Christmas Camp 16th-18th December, all ages. Cost \$349.60 also accepting carer support or ACC. Motu Moana Scout Camp, 90 Connaugh St, Blockhouse Bay. Flying fox, water slide, confidence course, camp fire night, group games, dvd projector night, Christmas photos and art! Email asap jm.recreation@ihug.co.nz or text 021 211 9882. Individual form to complete [here](#).

Janet McVeagh Recreation Kokako Lodge Camp

Kokako Outdoor Camp Hunua 3rd-7th January, Kokako Lodge, 235 Falls Road, Hunua. Cost \$611.80 also accept carer support or ACC. All ages, abilities and Wheelies. Email jm.recreation@ihug.co.nz or text 021 211 9882. Individual form to complete [here](#). And health and safety form [here](#)

Kids Connect Camp 2017

A camp specifically for children with physical and mild disabilities aged 9-16. It is held in Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Our camps are conducted by experienced

staff. We focus on building strong, healthy relationships with other children (with or without physical disabilities). We have a weekend packed with activities, action and fun. Team games, competitions, songs, orienteering on a wheelchair accessible track, quad bikes, crafts and lots of food. Camp fee will be approx. \$135 (subject to change) and also accept Carer Support Forms. For a registration form please email info@cbm.org.nz or phone 09 630 5271, www.cbm.org.nz.

Moveit Youth Programme

Is a free youth age 11-17 years in West Auckland wanting to stay active during the holiday period. Youth are able to participate in sport, tournaments, recreation and physical activities, including touch, basketball, tag, netball and loads more. To find more please contact Venus email: venus.rangi@sportwaitakere.nz or 022 658 0988. Registration form [here](#).

Pasifikability – Free Disability Dance Classes

Proudly presented by Niu Ola Trust. Classes starting on January 20th 11am- 12pm (every Friday until 25th August) including School Holidays 23rd, 30th January. Te Rito Community Centre, 7 Piki Thompson Way, Otahuhu. And on Mondays 11am-12pm every Monday until 26th June. Otahuhu Town Hall, 10 High Street, Otahuhu. Self expression Tutors - Valeria Pierbon: Dance and Movement Therapist and Yoko Obata: Movement Based Art Therapist. For more information contact Susannah 021 806 769 or stauponiuola@gmail.com

People First Meetings Across Auckland

[South](#) – The Station – 145 St Georges Rd, Papatoetoe

Pukekohe's First Autism Friendly Movie Screening

Cinema 3, 11th December at 4pm. \$10 per ticket, carers free. Payment required by 2nd December to Ophilia. Adjustments will be made to lighting and sound. Dairy free popcorn available to purchase. Chill out area provided. Relaxed screening but carers are responsible for them. Social story available by email.contact ophilia.macrae@harcourts.co.nz 021 485 677 / 09 238 4244.

Sensory Bounce Trampolining Sessions at Uptown Bounce Avondale

17th December, 6-7pm and January 14th 6-7pm. 52 Fremlin Place, Avondale. 09 378 1839. avondale@uptownbounce.co.nz. Sensory Bounce Session is a quieter, private time where we will be open exclusively to Bouncers with special needs along with their families. This special time allows your children to socialize in a fun and comfortable setting and creates the opportunity for parents and families to connect. Our hope is to cultivate a positive and judgement free environment that your families can enjoy together. We will be turning off our screens and music to create a more appropriate environment with less distractions for our bouncers. We also will have a quiet room for those that need a space away from the activity. Cost: 1 hour session = \$16 per person + \$3 for Uptown Bounce safety socks on first visit. Group rates start at 10 people.

Sensory Processing Disorder and Sensory Diets, workshop.

January 25-26th 2017 Waitaha School, Christchurch is hosting a 2 day workshop. Would be suitable for Parents, Teachers, Teacher Aides, RTLB and SENCO. Guest speaker is Gwen Wild, a leading authority on this topic from USA. Click on link above for more info.

Show Your Ability Expo

Free entry to the Disability Equipment Expo. ASB Showgrounds, February 14th 9am-3pm.

Spirit of Adventure Trust 5 Day Inspirational Voyage

The Spirit of Adventure Trust was established to provide the youth of New Zealand with access to a character development programme conducted in a maritime environment. Our voyages are seen as an unique environment for youth development. Where the focus of learning for the trainees is on team-work and developing skills of communication, self-reliance, self-discipline, self-esteem, resilience, confidence and leadership. The voyage is from Sunday 27th March – Thursday 31st March.

Stars Dance Therapy and Art Therapy

Groups available in Onehunga on Tuesday, Mt Albert Wednesday and Thursday, Pakuranga on Friday and Northcote on Saturdays.

Universal Design Symposium

Universal Design makes things safer, easier and more convenient for everyone. The Universal Design Hub provides access to a range of resources and guidance to support a design process that recognises our common needs through each of our individual life stages. A universal approach recognises human diversity and various life scenarios such as pregnancy, childhood, injury, disability and old age. This means developing places and homes that can be used and enjoyed by as many people as possible. Here you will find resources to ensure your next project is built to be accessible for all life stages and scenarios. For more info email universaldesignsymposium@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

NOTICES



Alongside You counselling service

"Alongside you" - Gabi Zundorf is a counsellor who is now offering support to parents with special needs children. She wants to "walk alongside the family" at a time of need. Her own experience with raising two children with special needs means she will bring a lot of empathy when meeting you. She will meet you wherever it is easiest for you. Call her on 027 489 8819 or email alongsidedisability@gmail.com. You can also find on her Facebook page "Alongside You". Click on title link to view the pamphlet.

ASD Basketball Programme

Siblings and peers welcome. NZ Breakers stadium, 7 Atlas Place, Mairangi Bay. All sessions are on Sundays. Cost \$40 per family/per term. ASD Kids Trust run this event.

Auckland Disability Law Supported Decision Making Resources

They have developed a set of resources as part of a project. The resources can be downloaded and distributed. If you would like printed copies please email info@adl.org.nz. [Let's talk about Supported Decision Making](#), [Let's talk about Supported Decision Making – easy read](#), [Promoting Supported Decision making and the protection of personal and property rights act](#) and a [roadmap to success poster](#).

Autistic Disabled Person Organisation Survey

A group of self-advocates are in the stages of forming this. They would appreciate you filling out their survey.

CCS Disability Action – How's it Going?

Opening up new conversations is a free tool that can support people to work out whether they are living the life they want. People can also use it to talk, or think, about where they are at and where they want to be. For more information click [here](#).

CCS – What's new in the Library

You can request free books from this service from CCS and will be couriered to you, like a library. Latest update November 2016

Centre for Chiropractic Research – Volunteers needed

The Centre for Chiropractic Research, with AUT University, is involved in a research project that is being run as part of a Master's thesis by Dr Alice Cade. This study investigates if there are any changes in eye tracking abilities before and after getting a chiropractic adjustment. The focus of the study is that a chiropractic adjustment may make eye tracking easier thereby improving ADHD kids' ability to read, learn and behave in class. This study is not a treatment for ADHD or eye tracking problems. Children will take part in two sessions (around 30mins each) over a week at the New Zealand College of Chiropractic in Mt Wellington. To be eligible to participate, kids need to be:

- 8 – 15 years of age
- Have a previous diagnosis of ADHD
- Not have any major visual disability (seriously impaired vision, cataracts or eye trauma)

Please contact Alice Cade for more information. Chief Investigator: Dr Kelly Jones

Co investigators: Dr Kelly Holt & Dr Alice Cade email alice.cade@nzchiro.co.nz or 021 400739

Communicare Friendship Centres

Located all across Auckland and a wide variety of activities available to all. Great for company and just to be able to have something to do.

East and South Auckland Special Needs Support Group

Christmas Support Group – 8th December, 7pm at 22 Bronte Place, Howick, please bring a dessert to share. Email suemcgehan@ihug.co.nz

Footpath Users Survey

This survey request is from the same people who conducted the Kiwi Travel survey late last year. Please can you give your attention to this survey and complete. The wider variety of answers to the survey, the more useful the survey results will be to all groups of footpath users.

Good Vibrations Music Therapy

Sophie Buxton is a qualified and registered music therapist who has just started to offer this therapy in Helensville in term 4. She is available to provide sessions for children, teenagers and adults with intellectual / physical disabilities. Sophie Buxton 021 525 609, or email sophieb@musictherapy.associates

Government launched Disability Confident Campaign

25th November encouraging employment of people with disabilities. The campaign is about showcasing the wide range of easily accessible and practical information available to support employers of disabled employees. One in four New Zealanders have some form of disability. This group represents a vast pool of talent that employers can tap into to enhance workplace diversity and make a valuable contribution to their business. More information is [here](#).

Idea Services Art Therapy

Arts Therapy uses art, drama, music and movement therapeutically to support wellbeing. A Registered Arts Therapist works from a psychotherapy, counselling and child development framework. Arts therapy is a visual, sensory-rich, concrete and interactive means of expression. \$110 per session 45-60mins. Contact specialist.support@idea.org.nz

Idea Services ASD Plus

ASD Plus aims to increase parental knowledge and skill in supporting their pre-school child with autism. It is person-centred and individualised and participants learn about autism in relation to a range of topics over seven modules. Our team of facilitators are skilled and experienced specialist workers who have experience in supporting young children with autism and their families. ASD Plus is delivered over seven modules covering a wide range of topics including: communication, learning, stress, behaviour and planning for the future. ASD Plus can be delivered via group sessions, individual sessions, or by distance learning. This flexibility allows us to meet the needs of people in rural and isolated locations, and to better cater to cultural and language needs. All of these options come with follow-up support for families, to help with using these skills at home. Contact: asdplus-education@idea.org.nz

Lifekidz Team Leader needed

After school and holiday programmes for special needs children. Part time 25 hours per week (increased hours during school holidays). We are looking for a person experienced in looking after people with disabilities/special needs. The applicant must be flexible, positive, enthusiastic and energetic and have excellent behaviour management strategies with strong planning and organisational skills. The ability to supervise, support and mentor young staff members in a busy, challenging, rewarding environment would be advantageous. Email cv to deearna@lifekidz.org.nz

Looloo Toilet Training Solutions

Constipation during toilet training can be common. There are a few giveaways to enter for and also Toilet training with less mess and stress.

Ministry of Education Proposed changes to ORS funding.

There is a petition set up by Kirsten Murfitt, Lawyer and mother of a son who receives ORS funding. If you could read my letter and fill in the petition it would be greatly appreciated. Background details [here](#) on proposal written by Kirsten and petition details are [here](#) on change.org.

Ministry of Health – Respite Strategy – Have your Say

The Ministry is developing a Respite Strategy to improve the way we purchase respite or short breaks across the country. Please fill in the survey at the bottom of the [page](#).

Mum creates the easiest cookbook

Wellington mother Jenny McClure has released a cookbook she wrote especially for her son and others that struggle with traditional cookbooks. 30 year old Joe McClure suffered a traumatic brain injury after he was hit by a car while cycling in Cambridge, UK, 17 years ago. The then 13 year old spent 10 days in an induced coma and underwent major surgery. Years later when he left home to go and live by himself, it soon became clear that standard cookbooks didn't work for him, she couldn't believe how crazily and complicated they were and her son really struggled to follow them and so the idea for Short Takes: Making cooking simple was born.

MyCare

The new way to find support workers. MyCare is bringing technology and community together in a dedicated online platform for people needing at-home care and support. They've built a mobile marketplace, connecting individuals needing help to live comfortably at home to a nationwide network of care workers, part-timers and volunteers. The service aims to break down the barriers. The site already has nearly two thousand workers from nurses and care workers to students looking for work while they study. Here is their updated [flier](#). Visit www.mycare.co.nz or phone 0800 677 000. In October, we released new tools and people can now set up a contractor agreement using MyCare's templates, book their support worker's visits through their MyCare account, assign tasks for the day and keep their support circle of family and friends in the loop. They'll be able to

see all visits at a glance and know what's happening every week. Once they've registered, users will have access to these tools:

- **Match** – find someone to provide support or care for themselves or a family member
- **Manage** – it's easy to coordinate support visits and pay workers safely and securely
- **Share** – invite family and friends into the support circle so they know what's happening just by logging in.

If you have any questions about how the service will work for members of your community, you may like to visit our [Help Centre](#)

Numicon

Want to learn more about the Numicon approach click [here](#). Their new firm foundations info is [here](#) - Learning through play is the key feature of this new publication. Teachers are loving it! They are enjoying conversations with children in play and workshop situations, even talking about numbers higher than 20! Early childhood teachers and New Entrant teachers are using New FF. And also all their new resources are [here](#).

NZ Down Syndrome Association – Ministry of Education Survey

July 2016 Cabinet paper "Strengthening inclusion and modernising learning support" and the "Learning Support" (previously Special Education) Update. [Cabinet paper Strengthening Inclusion and Modernising Learning Support July 2016](#)

Occupational Therapist Student looking for work

Emma Thomas is currently looking for some part time work. She is enrolled in a Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) at AUT as of last year. She has put her studies on hold and is looking for work in this sector. She wants to eventually work in Paediatric Health. She has had work experience at Wilson School and her dream job is to work with disabled children. Her contact details are emmammthomas@hotmail.com or 021 184 7472. And she lives in Browns Bay.

Phab Social Groups

Our North Shore senior social group (age 35ish) and over are looking for new members, if you or anyone you know is keen please email chewy@phab.org.nz or call 09 488 7490. The group runs in Takapuna on Tuesday from 6.30-8.30pm. Our social group runs throughout school terms and involve different activities such as ten pin bowling, movie visits, baking nights, meals out, community projects and more. The group decides at the beginning of each term and we support them in their social outcomes. This is fun and interactive way to make friends and get out in the community.

Phd Student requiring participants into peoples insights into holidays with their disabled family members.

Brielle is a student at the University of Waikato. Alison, Cheryl and Simon are her supervisors. Brielle will interview you for her study. Alison might help her interview you. The study is about your experiences of travelling on holiday with your family, carer or support

worker. By helping us with our study, we can help other people travel with their family, carers or support workers. The aim of this study is to develop a more holistic understanding of what care means to your lives, in the hope that we can further support and enable independent travel for other carers and people with intellectual disability, and raise awareness of the valuable 'work' you do, in wider society too. For more information please look [here](#) to see if you would like to participate. Carer and support information [here](#).

Smalltalk Therapy

Have some sessions available with a speech language therapist who have specialist skills in paediatric disability. They cover East and South Auckland.

Survey about Tourists with disabilities and elderly

In this survey there are questions about frequency of travel, preferred destinations, means of transport etc. In addition to this there are other questions in travel aimed to evaluating the satisfaction about the accommodations or adaptations of tourist facilities, resources and services regarding to the travellers needs and preferences.

Thrive Clinic

Thrive Clinic is a naturopathic practice, founded on the principle 'Supporting best-possible health outcomes for children and young people'. They support all children facing health challenges. Children with special needs, learning and behaviour disorders are their specialty. www.thriveclinic.co.nz
Contact Debbie Walsh 021 441 220.

UBU Playgroup for our kids with a difference

Starts 7th November, Grey Lynn Community Centre, Monday 1-3pm. We're encouraging parents and caregivers to come along, connect and support one another at our new pre-schoolers playgroup with a focus on our children with extra needs. Differences are embraced in a fun and safe environment which offers free or supported play. Contact 378 4908 for more information.

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From the Disability Connect Team

Lisa, Virginia, Robyn, Angela, Asoka, Sanny and TingTing

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