

# 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.

**e-bulletin – week beginning 31 July 2017**

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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.

## **Disability Connect news**

### **My Voice Matters – 2017 General Election**

Disability Connect is part of a group of organisations supporting the My Voice Matters campaign in the lead up to 23 September General Election. We have devised this survey to capture information on issues of concern to parents raising a young person with a disability – because the voices of disabled people and families matter! We encourage all interested parents to complete this survey. The survey results will be anonymous and (once collated together) will be sent to MP's to address these and other concerns at a public forum on 4<sup>th</sup> September at Sudima Hotel, Auckland Airport. We will also devise a report featuring MP's responses and the various political parties disability policies – this document will be available at the Disability Connect Transition Expo 8<sup>th</sup> August. Click this link to complete the survey which closes 30<sup>th</sup> July:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7H7BRWD>

### **'What happens when we're no longer here to care for our loved one with a disability'**

Click [here](#) to view the video footage of the entire forum or click on the blue title above to access the video.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Disability Connect delivered a parents forum focussing on the issue 'What happens when we're no longer here'. This was very well attended with 97 parents and 10 staff from Disability Connect, Ministry of Health and Taikura Trust. We gathered a lot of feedback about the issues that concern parents as well as useful information from Ministry of Health about the Disability System Transformation currently underway. We welcome any further feedback or questions to [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **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. Dates for rest of year: 15<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December. 9.30am-1pm. Please contact Sanny Chan at Disability Connect for more information on our meetings. To see flier in [English](#) or [Chinese](#) click here Contact Sanny 09 526 1298 (DDI) or 09 636 0351 or [sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **Culturally Diverse Support Group (Otahuhu)**

This support group runs monthly at Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu, 5.30-8pm. Dates for rest of year - 24<sup>th</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December 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](mailto:asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **Indian Families Social Group - Otahuhu**

This is held at Otahuhu Town Hall Community House on one Monday night per month. August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. Indian families 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](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz) or [asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto: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.

## **DISABILITY CONNECT SEMINARS AND INFORMATION**



### **2017 Seminars by Disability Connect**

**[For a link to all upcoming seminars in PDF form click here](#)**

#### **Education Legal Issues**

*North Auckland* -Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm  
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
*Central Auckland* - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 12-2pm  
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose  
*South Auckland* -Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm  
Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

#### **Living Options**

*East Auckland* - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm  
Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park  
*West Auckland* - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm  
Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson  
*South Auckland* - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm  
Otahuhu Town Hall, 10-16 High Street, Otahuhu  
*North Auckland* - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7-9pm  
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
*Central Auckland*  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 12-2pm  
Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

#### **Planning for Adulthood – The Legal Framework around Disability and Disability Rights**

*Central Auckland* - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 12-3pm  
Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose  
*North Auckland* - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 6.30-9.30pm. Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
*South Auckland* - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-9.30pm  
Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover Park

#### **Sexuality Education for people with intellectual disabilities workshop, (Fully booked but we're taking a waitlist for follow up seminars)**

Annette Milligan is a sexual health nurse and educator who has developed a series of resources to support parents and educators teach people with intellectual disabilities about all those intimate things that can be so hard to deal with. Topics - Relationships, dating, asking permission, safety in relationships, hygiene, how to ask for help. Parents, teachers, caregivers, teacher aides or anyone interested in the development of people with learning disabilities. We are fully booked for July and August seminars. We endeavour to offer more of these later in the year so please register you list so we can put you on the waitlist for this - [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz) or 09 636 0351.

#### **Transition**

*Central Auckland* - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 12-2pm  
Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose  
*North Auckland* - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm  
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
*West Auckland* - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Oaklynn Special, School, 20 Mayville Ave, New Lynn  
*South Auckland* - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 7-9pm  
Otahuhu Town Hall, 10-16 High Street, Otahuhu

#### **Transition Expo – 8 August 2017 – save the date!!! "The progression from school to community life"**

Our popular Expo is happening again. Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, from 9am - 2.00pm

#### **Work and Income**

*North Auckland* - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7-9pm  
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
*Central Auckland* - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 12-2pm  
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose  
*West Auckland* - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7-9pm  
Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

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## **SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES**

### **[Children’s Autism Term 3 Workshops](#)**

Sensory and Play Issues 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Wednesday, 7-9pm, St Columba, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby  
Hands on Autism, 12<sup>th</sup> August, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, Ponsonby Primary School, 44 Curran St, Ponsonby  
Social Skills Workshop – 14<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 7-9pm, St Columba, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby  
Dealing with Transition and Change – 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Wednesday 7-9pm, St Columbus Church, Botany  
Dealing with Anxiety, 31<sup>st</sup> August Tuesday, 7-9pm, Manutewhau Community Hub  
Dealing with Change and Transitioning, 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday, 7-9pm, North Shore  
Children’s Autism Facilitators – Arletta van den Bosch – Family and Child Counsellor, Gera Verheul – Service Manager, Christine Farquharson – Occupational Therapist, Joline Zwart – Family Consultant and Lisa Martin – Disability Connect. For information and registration contact [enquiry@autism.org.nz](mailto:enquiry@autism.org.nz) or 09 415 7406.

### **[Managing Behaviours in children](#)**

Using Visual Strategies and Resources, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 9.30-11.30am, \$45 per person. Learn how to use supports that visually provide behaviour management strategies. Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. 524 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. To book a place email [info@improvinglifeoutcomes.org.nz](mailto:info@improvinglifeoutcomes.org.nz) places are limited.

### **[Quality Employment Services](#)**

An opportunity for providers in the supported employment area to reflect on their services and how they might improve the quality of service delivery for people with a learning disability or mental illness. Auckland – 5<sup>th</sup> September, Sudima Auckland Airport

### **[Youth Rights in Aotearoa](#)**

For anyone working with youth or providing youth advocacy, this session will provide you with up to date information on the legal information you need to know. We will begin with an interactive introduction to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Discrimination, and Legal Ages. Then explore youth and Employment Law and the Youth Justice System. Youth Law provides legal advice, information and educational resources including the following topics: relationships, health and wellbeing, police and courts, bullying and violence, welfare and benefits, and human rights. 29<sup>th</sup> August, 12-2pm, Channel View Lounge, Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Rd, Takapuna. register [info@ancad.org.nz](mailto:info@ancad.org.nz)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND COURSES**

### **COGY test ride – Pedal/Wheelchair/Bike/Chair**

Have a look at the info below and the attached flyer and if you want to book a spot for a trail please contact me. Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 4.30pm to 6.30pm at PHAB 8 Auburn Street, Takapuna. Please note - There are only **5** places available on the trial evening. [COGY trial evening](#). Chance to try out COGY, pedal-wheelchair / bike-chair. [COGY](#) is originally designed in Japan. Pedalling COGY is very light, so that even people whose legs are not strong enough to stand, are able to pedal. By repeating peddling, our body learn how to move our legs. Users become stronger on their legs. safer than walking, less pressure on joints than walking, more fun than exercise, efficient for teaching our body how to walk, you can feel the wind on your face using your own body. You will find it beneficial if you - have legs paresis from brain injury/spinal injury, have legs paresis from cerebral palsy, have legs paresis from stroke, have multiple sclerosis, - have problem exercising because of your body weight and/or joint problem and/or general weakness. Here below is the story of a 10 years old boy, with CP, who continuously tried out COGY. (For his videos, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC19O\\_qiuRYb2P-xUA8TqjXA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC19O_qiuRYb2P-xUA8TqjXA/videos)). Ben is a 10 years old boy, with paresis on his legs from cerebral palsy. He is experiencing growing pain these days, which discourage him from walking/standing. Ben used to walk 10-12 mins on treadmill about 3 years ago, but not at all in the last few months. He cannot stand long enough because of the growing pain followed by the weakened muscles. His parents were worried about him getting weaker on his legs. On his 4th day with COGY, his mother reported to me, "Ben managed to walk for 6 minutes on the treadmill. His gait was wider than I have ever seen and his steps were strong." COGY did not just help with his physical issue. His mother also reports, "He has decided a bit odd muscle pain is good because its his muscles growing", "He really enjoys his time on COGY as it gives him a sense of freedom nothing else gives him", "The biggest change is that Ben has much more self-esteem than before."

### **Community Development Workshops**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board have created this opportunity for local individuals, groups and organisations that are aspiring to grow their capability! Rākau Tautoko will be coordinating eight workshops starting early August and continuing through to the end of November. The workshops are on Tuesday morning from 10am to 12pm and will cover: Social Enterprise, Business Planning, Volunteering, Financial Literacy, Community Led Development, Writing funding applications, Health and Safety Legislation, Network Development. We have some amazing speakers coming and have made sure that the workshops will be based in both Maungakiekie and Tāmaki. The Tāmaki ones will be in Te Oro, with Tara Moala and I will be at the Maungakiekie workshops. If you're interested, please register via email on this same email [jo@rakautautoko.com](mailto:jo@rakautautoko.com) - and I will be able to email you an outline of each workshop and all of the dates. Look forward to seeing you there, and if you know of any inspirational people/ groups that could

grow with this opportunity, please pass this email onto them!

### **Epilepsy Parent Support Evening**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30-9.30pm, Jack Dickey Community Hall, 174 Greenlane West Road, Greenlane. Epilepsy NZ welcomes anyone with a child with epilepsy. Come and hear other parent's experiences as well as an opportunity to share your own. There will be a guest speaker talking about their personal experiences living with epilepsy. A light supper will be provided. For more information click [here](#) or phone 0800 374 537

### **FitClub Otahuhu Town Hall – FREE**

Want to get fit and healthy and have fun. Learn new sports and make new friends. Whatever your fitness level this is the class. 10 High Street, Otahuhu, Term 3 schedule, Starts 24<sup>th</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup> September (4-8pm). Monday Sessions include Crossfit, Eat4U, Yoga, Zumba. Wednesday sessions include Sports and Dance (4-6pm) To register contact 09 276 7343 or [bookings@otahuhucommunitycentre.co.nz](mailto:bookings@otahuhucommunitycentre.co.nz). Register Now. To see flier click [here](#). Monday timetable – click [here](#). Registration forms [here](#)

### **Interact 2017**

Corban Estate, Henderson. 25-27<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Paula, [interactfest@gmail.com](mailto:interactfest@gmail.com) or ph 09 849 5595 or check out our website [www.interacting.org.nz](http://www.interacting.org.nz)

Have you produced art work? Dance, music, Kapa Haka or performance pieces? Wearable art for the parades? You don't have to prepare something new, it may be something you have already performed but would love to share it with all the people who come to InterACT. It takes 2 mins to fill out this link and it's the first step to being part of this exciting event. <https://tinyurl.com/interactfest>

### **Making Rights Real Webinar**

Two webinars for supporters of people with intellectual disabilities in paid and unpaid roles. PPR & R Act, Financial and Medical Decisions. These webinars focus on the human rights of people with an intellectual disability. There are limited numbers of places for each webinar. To register click on the following [link](#). We hope you will welcome the opportunity to take part in this exciting learning opportunity. For further information please contact us at [community.advocacy@ihc.org.nz](mailto:community.advocacy@ihc.org.nz).

### **North Shore Teens Art Group**

An open studio art group for teenagers of all abilities aged 12 years plus. Particular provision is made for teens with autism and special needs. The arts therapist and facilitators work to progress art making abilities, and to extend group-held, collective themes of interest on which to base subject matter for creative projects. A safe environment is provided for teens to form supportive relationships with one another and to share and explore their creative ideas. These sessions run on a weekly basis during term time and are ongoing. Cost \$250 for 10 weeks. Fees include all materials and a 45 min individual art therapy pre-assessment. Fees can be paid with carer support. Phab Takapuna Club Rooms, 8 Auburn St, Takapuna. Ph 09 845 5361 or email [info@mapurastudios.org.nz](mailto:info@mapurastudios.org.nz)



### [Pakuranga Golf Club No Exceptions Golf Day](#)

Pakuranga Golf Club, 199 Botany Road, Howick, Sundays 3-4pm, Group 1 starting August 13<sup>th</sup>, and Group 2 starting August 20<sup>th</sup>, running for 3 consecutive weeks \$35 per person (x 3 sessions) This no exceptions program is open to anyone aged from 8 years to 21 years old with a physical or intellectual disability. In addition to golf skills being taught, FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) learning will be provided. This is a wheelchair friendly facility and providing a safe and fun environment is our number one priority. Caregivers and support persons are encouraged to come and join in on the activities. All equipment is provided and run by NZPGA Professional Jason Mann.

**Group 1** is open to athletes with a physical disability, hearing or visual impairment, maximum of 10 athletes. To register for group 1, please email Maia from Hallberg on maia@halberg.co.nz

**Group 2** is open to athletes with a Intellectual Disability, maximum of 10 athletes. To register for group 2, please email Megan at Special Olympics on megang@specialolympics.org.nz

For more information or general inquiries please email [jason@golfhub.co.nz](mailto:jason@golfhub.co.nz)

### **PHAB Deaf Club Interest**

Phab are Auckland's leading disability social and recreational organisation. We are currently looking at setting up a PHAB For Deaf club for young people with disabilities aged 16 - 30 to meet up regularly for social events and activities in Auckland. Days, times and location to be confirmed once interest has been registered. To register your interest in a PHAB For Deaf social club please email Miranda on: [office@phab.org.nz](mailto:office@phab.org.nz).

### [South Auckland Green Prescription \(Auckland and Counties Manukau\)](#)

Green Prescription is a referral based health and wellness programme for adults 18 years and over who would like support and motivation to get active and improve their lifestyle. Available in Auckland ADHB [click here](#) Glen Innes, Panmure, Mt Albert, Mt Roskill, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Avondale and Counties Manukau DHB [click here](#) - Clendon, Pukekohe, Pakuranga, Mangere, Otara, Papakura. For contact details for all these For clients who are not able to speak in English or have limited English proficiency and residing in the Auckland and Counties Manukau districts, a free translator for the initial consultation will be arranged. Fact sheets are available in [English](#), [Chinese](#) (Traditional), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#) and [Punjabi](#) languages. For more information: Contact: 0800 ACTIVE or 0800 228 483

### [Waitemata & Auckland District Health Board's Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2016-2026](#)

We are developing a joint plan for the Implementation of the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026. We would really like input from the disability sector and disability community. Please follow this link to our on-line survey - <https://se.buzzchannelgroup.com/?u=7dc3026c5d6f47768026f675375ba835> We are also holding two community meetings for people who prefer to communicate their thoughts and ideas face-to-face or would like to add more to their survey responses.

Dates - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 10-12.30pm Western Springs Community Hall, 956 Great North Rd, Western Springs and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 10am-12.30pm, Kelston Community Centre, Corner Awaroa Rd and Great North Rd, Glendene, Tea and coffee will be available from 9.45am, Please RSVP to Samantha Dalwood, Disability Advisor, Waitemata DHB, email: [samantha.dalwood@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:samantha.dalwood@waitematadhb.govt.nz) Ph 09 442 3289 or Text 021 221 7810. The venues are accessible and there is plenty of parking. If you require any special assistance, please let Samantha know. The draft plan Link to the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026 - <https://www.odi.govt.nz/nz-disability-strategy/about-the-strategy/new-zealand-disability-strategy-2016-2026/read-the-new-disability-strategy/> For the Waitemata and Auckland DHB's Disability Strategy Implementation Plan 2016-2026, click [here](#)

## **NOTICES**

### [Access4all](#)

ACCESS4ALL is a New Zealand-wide Accommodation and Activity Guide specifically designed for anyone, young or old, who has mild to major mobility difficulties. It is mainly visual so travellers and their support team can see and decide for themselves whether accommodation and/or activities in a particular destination might suit – because they are the experts. We do have some knowledge of this field as we have a few mobility impairments ourselves. Contact Richard 09 479 7702.

### **AT HOP accessible concession process**

Auckland Transport are reviewing the AT HOP accessible concession process and would like to hear your feedback, about any issues/problems you have experienced or anyone you know in terms of getting the card. Anna Haggerty is the lead. Can you please contact Anna email [Anna.Haggerty@at.govt.nz](mailto:Anna.Haggerty@at.govt.nz). Anna will contact you about the next steps.

### [Bloom](#)

Bloom is a social enterprise for youth and individuals with learning disabilities. We offer meaningful activities based on horticulture for our vulnerable people, a connection to our greater community through markets and projects. We aim to provide life skills, social interactions and a sense of well being for all participants. We are based at the Tui Glen nurseries alongside Te Whangai Trust. We are open for students and plant sales on Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm. Feel free to contact us for more information. Jessica griffin 021 932 499 or [bloompukekohe@gmail.com](mailto:bloompukekohe@gmail.com).

### [Brainwave Review](#)

An insight into adolescence. Adolescence is often portrayed as a time of difficult and challenging behaviours. Yet it's possible to view adolescence in a much more positive light. Recent research may help adults understand and appreciate the remarkable changes that are taking place. To read the review click [here](#).

## Care Matters

Care Matters is a ground-breaking carer learning and wellbeing resource service, designed in New Zealand by carers specifically for carers in the disability community. Phone 0508 236 236

## **Child Development Service (North), Waitemata DHB Child Health (North) and Home Care for Kids (North)**

are relocating offices from 3 William Laurie Place Albany to 3 Shea Terrace, Takapuna. Phone number is same Child Development Service 09 447 0100 and Home Care for Kids 09 442 7158. Fax number is 09 447 0129.

## Community Liaison Coordinator – IHC – Counties Manukau

I am the new Community Liaison Coordinator at IHC and its service arm IDEA Services in Counties. At IHC, supporting people with intellectual disabilities and their families/Whānau is what we are passionate about and we are pleased to be offering this free service to the community. I am here to help you with navigating and accessing agencies, services, and supports. If you need information and assistance, I will guide you through the process of diagnosis to linking into Ministries for additional support. The other important function of the community liaison is advocacy. It is about ensuring people's rights are being respected and that they have support when navigating agencies. Please do not hesitate to phone, email, or visit our friendly office if you would like support for yourself or a loved one. Iris Phillip Community Liaison Coordinator IHC IDEA Services Counties Mob: 022 010 8243 Ph 09 529 8714. [Iris.phillip@idea.org.nz](mailto:Iris.phillip@idea.org.nz)

## Disability Support Guide

We have now have the pdf document of our very popular resource in [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#) and [Arabic](#) for you to download.

**Student currently looking for an accessible flat** (2 bedrooms minimum) or to share a current house/flat close to central Auckland for study next year 2018 and beyond. Uses electric wheelchair and has own support team. Contact details to my email or phone in the first instance and I will pass on for the student to contact them directly. Please email Marian Galvin, [Marian@realworldliving.co.nz](mailto:Marian@realworldliving.co.nz) 09 299 5304

## **Touch Compass has FOUR films as finalists in the**

Focus on Ability Short Film Festival - Please vote! We are celebrating the fact that FOUR of our DanceBox films are finalists in the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival! [Mr & Mrs Jones](#), [Drumming is Like Thunder](#), [Flipped](#) and [Lady Wordsmith](#). We would love you to vote for your favourite one. All films are now up on the [www.focusonability.com.au](http://www.focusonability.com.au) website and ready for voting. People can only vote once per category and you must verify your vote. After voting you will receive a verification email which you must click the verification link. This process ensures the integrity of the voting system. If you haven't received the verification email, please check your spam folders. Every day from now until when **voting ends August 7, 2017**, FOA will be giving away \$50 iTunes

vouchers to random voters. FOA will email to let you know you have won and also post it on their facebook page where you have to comment to claim your prize. If you promote a film for voting on a social media page be sure to tag #focusonability All films are now also with the professional judging panel who will be making their selections. The NOVA Employment staff will also be checking out the films and seeing which films they think best showcase the focus on ability theme. Click on the movies to vote for them

## Whats New in the CCS Library

All sorts of new and a variety of different books, resources, videos, autism specific, self-care, children's books free to access.

## Articles of interest:

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**From the Disability Connect Team**

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