



**disability  
connect.**

*helping families*

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# Who are we?



- Community information for disabled people and families.
- Serving Auckland
- Pan Disability
- DIAS organisation (Disability Information Advisory Service)



# Vision, Mission, Core Values

## **Vision:**

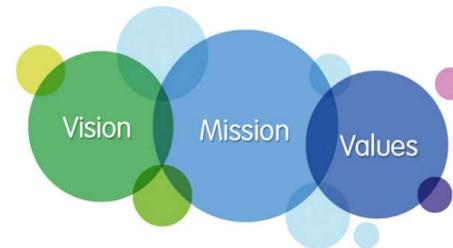
That people with disabilities and their families are able to lead the lives they want

## **Mission:**

To lead and influence change for people with disabilities and their families.

## **Core Values:**

To respect and support choice.



# Our Disability Information Service



- For parents / professionals
- Seminars
  - Disability Supports in the Community
  - Planning for Adulthood
  - Education Legal Issues
- Workshops
  - Housing
  - Succession Planning
  - Advocacy and Safety



# Our Uniqueness



- Zoom Parent Support Group  
Mondays: 7 pm – 8 pm
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse DIAS
  - Chinese Disability Support Group
  - Parents' Support Group
  - Parents' Social Support Group
  - Translated video resources
- Disability Specific Counselling
- Housing Navigation Service
- Transition Expo - 3 September 2025



# What is Transition?



- Disabled students and their family moving from school to community.
- Information to plan community participation after school finishes.



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<b>Transition Providers</b>	<b>Vocational continued</b>	<b>Information continued...</b>	<b>Information continued...</b>
Autism Connect	Rescare Trust	Auckland Down Syndrome Association	Vector Ltd
CCS Disability Action	Te Rori A Mua Trust	Auckland Emergency Management	Volunteering Auckland
Flying Kites	Velvet Skin	Be Free Kiwi	Watercare Services Limited
Geneva Health	<b>Activities</b>	CCS Disability Action	Westpac New Zealand Limited
Hohepa Auckland	Achilles New Zealand	Citizen Advocacy Auckland	Your Way   Kia Roha Altogether
Spectrum Care	Aim High Trust	Complex Care Group	Autism
Real World Living Ltd	Auckland Libraries	Disability Connect	<b>Employment &amp; Small Business</b>
<b>Funding Hosts</b>	Auckland Netball	Driving Miss Daisy	Air New Zealand
Access Community Health Auckland	Beyond the Limits Dance	Electoral Commission	AttainAble Trust
Enliven PSN	Circability Trust	Empowerment Trust	Dress for Success Auckland
Manawanui In Charge	Dance and Arts Therapy NZ	FASD-CAN	Disability Business Network
Vision West Community Trust	Disability Sport Auckland	Firstport	Fishwood Design
<b>Government</b>	Elevate Christian Disability Trust	Fonua Whaiora	Groove Kuttz Barbershop
IRD	IHC New Zealand	Freedom Companion Driving	Katie Sews
Kaikaranga (NASC)	Interacting	Services	Nazais
Ministry of Disabled People - Whaikaha	Outward bound	I.Lead	New Zealand Disability Employers' Network
Ministry of Social Development	PHAB	IHC	Oaklynn Special School
<b>Vocational</b>	Recreate NZ	includeME	Oliver's Doggie Treats
AIM (Adults In Motion) Inc.	Rehamoto/Supascoota	Independent Living Charitable Trust	PolyEmp Employment and Advisory service
Ambury Park Centre	Ride Your Trike	Kāpō Māori Aotearoa NZ	Project Employ
Deaf Aotearoa	Rotary District 9920 Youth	Nationwide Health and Disability	Renee Dog Toys
Lifekidz Trust	Sense Rugby NZ Trust	Advocacy Service	Suzanne Jones
NZCL	Sensory Corner	Neuro Sense	The Disabled Citizens Society Inc
A Supported Life - Two4nine	Special Olympics New Zealand	Office of the Ombudsman	Toms Readings
Care On Call	Takiwatanga te Tamaki Makaurau	PASAT (Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust)	Velvet Skin NZ
Creative Abilities	The Finding Group	People First	will&able Limited
Eastgate Community Trust	The Hāpai Access Card	Permobil New Zealand Ltd	<b>Universities &amp; Training</b>
Geneva Health	Touch Compass	Reid Technology LTD	Brain Play
Idea Service Limited	Whakawhiti Mentoring Services	Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa	Driven To Success Ltd
Kaleidocare	Neuro Connection Foundation	Swift Mortgages Limited	IHC Group
Real World Living Ltd	<b>Information</b>	The D*List	Manukau Institute of Technology
Rescare Homes Trust	ASB	The Neurocollective NZ	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Te Rori a Mua Trust	Adult Guardianship Services Trust	Tū Kaha Services	Unitec
tlc4u2	Altogether Autism/Your Way  Kia Roha	UDL (Utilities Disputes Limited)	University of Auckland - Student Disability Services
Life Homes	Aotearoa Disability Law	Vaka Tautua	
Ranfurly Care Society			
Spectrum Care			

# Transition Expo



# Connect with us!



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*Explore what is available*



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