FUNDED SUPPORT

How Disability Support works and where/how to access it.

The <u>Disability Support Guide</u> aims to help families in NZ navigate their way throughout the disability sector, and sheds some light on the roles of the Ministries of Health, Education, Social Development, Work & Income, CYF's and Non-Government Organisations.

To order your free copy of the Disability Support Guide, please email Disability Connect on admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz, or call them on 636 0351. The Disability Support guide is now available in English, Simplified Mandarin, Korean and Arabic.

Helpful links for Information in NZ

- <u>Disability organisations and websites</u> This page lists disability-related organisations and service providers and some of the resources they produce.
- Ministry of Health: Disability services The Ministry's aim is that disabled people and their families are supported to live the lives they choose. This section includes information on the role of Disability Support Services (DSS), the disability support services they fund, current projects and programmes, and information for those contracting with them.
- <u>Disability Connect</u> Sign up to this Disability Information Advisory
 Service. There are lots of ways they can help individuals with a disability or
 family members of a disabled person, to navigate the New Zealand disability
 sector.
- <u>Parent to Parent</u> Raising a child with a disability is an experience that isn't planned. They will inform, educate, inspire and support you as you navigate your way through your family's experience with disability. Services are free and confidential.
- <u>SAMS</u> The primary focus of SAMS is to work in partnership with disabled persons, families/whanau, agencies and other stakeholders to improve community services for people with a disability and /or mental health issues.
 SAMS is committed to ensuring that services keep focused on enhancing the quality of life for people using these services.
- <u>Kids Health</u> For more information about the disability services that can support you and your child