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## The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

The NDIA makes decisions about whether someone is eligible to become an NDIS participant and, if so, how much funding they will receive. This is based on legislation called the [NDIS Act 2013](#) which sets out what supports and services are considered reasonable and necessary for the NDIS to fund.

[Find out more about the NDIA.](#)

## Early childhood partners

The early childhood approach helps children younger than 6 who have a developmental delay or children younger than 9 with disability. Early childhood partners deliver the early childhood approach.

Early childhood partners employ early childhood educators and allied health professionals who help children and their families access supports and services that are tailored to the child's individual needs and circumstances.

Early childhood partners also help with connection to other appropriate supports such as community health services, playgroups and educational settings.

[Find out more about the early childhood approach.](#)

## Local area coordination (LAC) partners

Local area coordination partners are community-based organisations that we fund to help deliver local area coordination services in some parts of Australia. Local area coordination partners work with people with disability aged 9 to 64. For most people in this age range, a local area coordinator will be their main point of contact for the NDIS.

Local area coordination supports people with disability to create and work towards their goals, build capacity to make their own decisions and choices and access the supports they need to

live the life they choose. Local area coordination also supports communities and multiple levels of government to create a more inclusive society and deliver improved outcomes for all people with disability.

Learn more about [Local area coordination partners](#).

## Remote Community Connectors

Remote Community Connectors, also known as NDIS Connectors, play a key role in helping to deliver the NDIS in remote and very remote communities.

This includes First Nations people with disability and those from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background.

NDIS Connectors work together to improve the lives of people with disability, their families and community.

They do this recognising diverse cultures and unique approaches needed to support these communities.

Learn more about how [NDIS Connectors](#) can support all people with disability to access the NDIS.

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