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To increase support for First Nations Australians with disability, the NDIA has engaged the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) to deliver the Aboriginal Disability Liaison Officer (ADLO) program until 30 November 2022.

The program will provide dedicated support to First Nations Australians in urban and rural areas to access the NDIS and use their plans.

Employed locally by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), ADLOs work at a local level to build understanding of NDIS.

ADLOs are generally members of the communities they work in, understand the culture and often speak the local languages.

Working in partnership with the NDIA and Partners in the Community, ADLOs are a further cultural link between the Indigenous community and the system of disability related supports offered through the NDIS.

The insights of ADLOs will also contribute to NDIA led co-design initiatives to improve the way NDIS works with First Nations Australians and communities.

A list of ACCHOs delivering the ADLO program is available below.

To find out more, email: CONNECTORS@ndis.gov.au

NSW

- Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Albury-Wodonga
- Armajun Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Inverell
- Awabakal LTD Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens and Hunter Valley regions, Newcastle
- Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre Taree
- Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation Armidale Regional
- Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service Limited Coonamble
- Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service Kempsey
- Galambila Aboriginal Corporation Coffs Harbour
- Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Regional Health and Community Services Eden to Batemans Bay
- Pius X Aboriginal Corporation- Moree
- Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service Inc Tamworth
- Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Airds
- Walhallow Aboriginal Corporation Tamworth Regional
- Yerin Aboriginal Health Services Limited Wyong



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• Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum Health Service Aboriginal Corporation - Darwin

Qld

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Mackay Ltd Mackay
- Apunipima Cape York Health Cape York
- Bidgerdii Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corp Rockhampton
- Carbal Aboriginal and Islander Health Service Ltd Toowoomba
- Cherbourg Regional Aboriginal & Islander Community Controlled Health Service (CRAICCHS) -Cherbourg and Kingaroy
- Galangoor Duwulami Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (Primary Health Care Service) - Hervey Bay
- Gladstone Regional Aboriginal & Islander Community Controlled Health Service Gladstone
- Institute for Urban Indigenous Health Ltd Windsor
- Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Primary Health Care Service Mareeba
- Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (TAIHS) Townsville
- Wuchopperen Health Service Cairns

SA

- Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Incorporated Adelaide
- Nunyara Aboriginal Health Service Inc Whyalla
- Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation Mount Gambier
- Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service Port Lincoln
- Tullawon Health Service Yalata
- South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation Whyalla
- Yadu Health Aboriginal Corporation Ceduna

TAS

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre - Hobart

VIC

- Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative Limited Ballarat
- Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative Bendigo
- Dhauward-Wurrung Portland and District Aboriginal Elderly Citizens Inc Portland



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- Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited Warrnambool
- Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation Sale
- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited Shepparton
- Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Yarra (Melbourne)
- Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-opertative Geelong

WA

- Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Medina
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