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National Disability Insurance Scheme and Living Life My Way explained

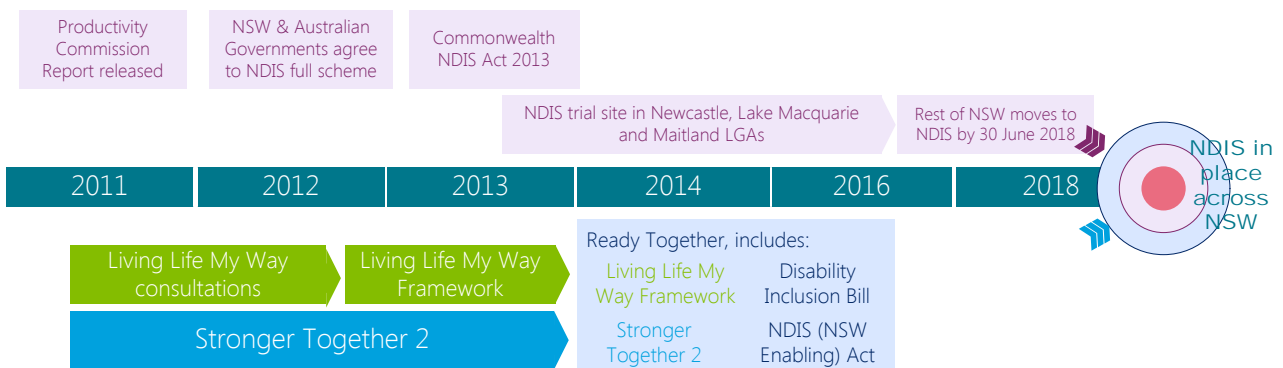
This is a time of change for people with disability, their families, carers and the disability sector. The delivery of supports and services is undergoing reform through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) at a national level and the NSW Living Life My Way (LLMW) Framework, which will facilitate a smooth transition to the NDIS in NSW.

The NDIS has begun in NSW – the Hunter trial site will run until 30 June 2016. By mid-2018, the NDIS will be in place across the whole of NSW.

LLMW is helping people with disability across NSW to get ready for the move to the NDIS by:

- supporting people to transition to individualised funding arrangements wherever possible
- increasing flexibility for current disability service users to exercise choice and control over their supports, and
- delivering support planning and individual capacity building programs for people with disability to get ready for the change

The diagram below illustrates how LLMW is moving NSW along the path to full implementation of the NDIS.



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How are funding/supports delivered?

Under the NDIS, funding for disability support is allocated to each participant, not to a service provider. People with disability will make the decisions about their supports, including who will provide them. This means that under the new system you will be entitled to reasonable and necessary supports, as identified in your individual support plan.

This could be a continuation of your current supports or what you receive could change. The difference is that you will have ongoing, recurrent support for your needs.

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Family and Community Services (FACS) will continue to fund supports and services within NSW as we transition to the NDIS. Until the transition is made, Living Life My Way will provide more opportunities for you to build the skills to plan, manage and negotiate how your supports are delivered. This could be by using a support planner or moving to an individualised funding arrangement, where you have more control and choice over when, how and who delivers your supports. Not all disability supports in NSW are able to be individualised at this point. Access to an individualised funding arrangement, including the option of receiving direct payments, will depend on the kind of support you are receiving.

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What is the aim?

The NDIS recognises the fundamental human rights of people with disability to achieve their life goals and aspirations. It creates a system that supports people with disability identify their goals and aspirations and enables them to achieve them. For those participants who need it, the NDIS provides lifelong support.

To provide more choice, flexibility and control over your supports, to get you thinking about what your future could be and to assist you to build the skills to make the transition to the NDIS when it is rolled out.

Where does it apply?

The NDIS will be rolled out nationally. In NSW it is being trialled between now and 2016 in three Hunter Local Government Areas: Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland.

It will be rolled out across the rest of the state between mid 2016 and mid 2018.

This framework applies to people whilst they are receiving supports from FACS, and until they transition to the NDIS.

Who has responsibility for it?

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has been established to administer the NDIS. It reports to all Australian Governments.

The NSW Government through the Department of Family and Community Services.

What do I need to do now?

If you live in the NSW trial site you can contact the NDIA (by telephone on 1800 800 110; or at its office at Shop 1, Hilltop Plaza, Charlestown) or talk to your current service provider, if you are getting disability support.

Information about the NDIS can be found at www.ndis.gov.au. If you don't live in the NSW trial site, you can keep up to date with the NDIS through this website. You can also use the "My Access Checker" to test your eligibility for the NDIS when it comes to your area.


Family and Community Services (FACS) is providing people with the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence before moving to an individualised funding arrangement and the NDIS. More information on the different projects and workshops is available from the Getting Prepared webpage.

If you are interested in individualising your existing disability support arrangements, or combining your current supports into one individualised funding arrangement, you can register your interest with FACS.

If you wish, you can also wait until the NDIS is implemented in your area before you individualise your supports. Once implemented, eligible people with disability all over NSW will receive individualised support through the NDIS.

Contact Details for Living Life My Way

To register your interest in individualising your disability supports contact FACS on:

 1800 605 489 (Telephone translation services are available through the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131450. Please quote 1800 605 489 to the operator)

 livinglifemyway@facs.nsw.gov.au

 adhc.nsw.gov.au