

NDIS in New South Wales

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What is the NDIS?

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme is often referred to as the NDIS.
- It's a new way of providing care and support to people with disability.
- The NDIS supports people with disability to participate in and contribute to their community.
- It provides certainty that people with disability will receive the care and support they need over their lifetime.

NDIS principles



- People with disability have the same right as other members of the community to realise their potential
- People with disability, their families and carers should have certainty they will receive the care and support they need
- People with disability should be supported to exercise choice in the pursuit of their goals and the planning and delivery of their supports
- The role of families and carers in the lives of people with disability is to be acknowledged and respected



How things are changing

Feature	Former system	NDIS
Access criteria	Varies from state to state	Nationally consistent as set out in legislation
Choice and control	Varies from state to state - most people have little say over the supports they receive	Individual has control over the type and mix of supports, delivery and how their funding is managed
Level of assistance	Capped – people may be eligible but may spend years on waiting lists	Demand driven – people with disability get the support they need, when they need it, to make progress towards their goals
Funding	Multiple programs within and across governments	Single pool of government funding administered by NDIA

The NDIS is here to help you by



- Accessing services and supports provided by other systems, like health, education or housing. These are referred to as mainstream services.
- Accessing your community through sporting clubs, community groups, libraries or charities.
- Supporting your informal care arrangements, this is the care and help you get from your family and friends.
- Receiving funding for paid services and supports.



NDIS in 2016: Trial to Transition



✓ On time

25,875 people

have become participants in the NDIS.

22,281 people

have received individualised plans, helping them change their lives by accessing the supports and services they need to live more independently and engage with their community.

✓ Within budget

\$1.5b

has been committed for participant support to date.

✓ High satisfaction



Participant satisfaction

remains high with

95%

rating their planning process as "good" or "very good".

NSW rollout

From 1 July 2016

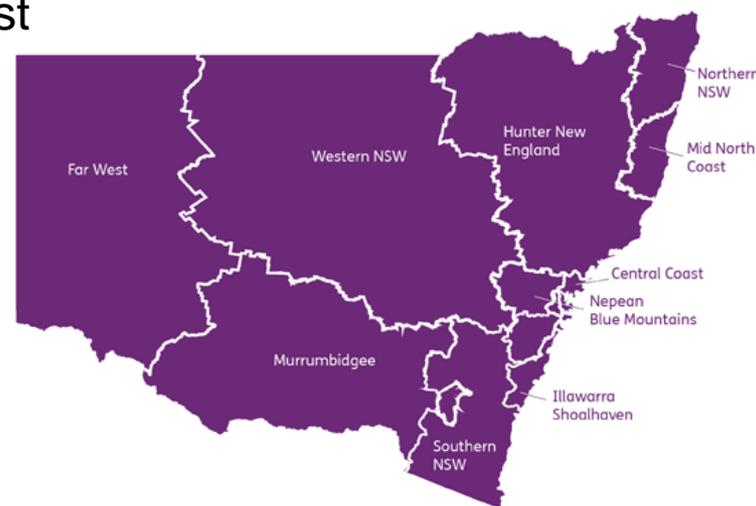
- Central Coast
- Northern Sydney
- South Western Sydney
- Southern NSW
- Western Sydney
- Remaining populations of Hunter New England and Nepean Blue Mountains

From 1 July 2017

- Illawarra Shoalhaven
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Northern NSW
- South Eastern Sydney
- Sydney
- Western NSW
- Far West

1 July 2018

The NDIS is operating state-wide



Disability requirements

To access assistance from the NDIS a person must have permanent disability which has a significant impact on everyday life and on their ability to participate in the community, and will mean they will need ongoing supports.



Early intervention requirements



Early intervention is for both children and adults.

To meet the early intervention requirements a person must have an impairment that is, *or is likely to be*, permanent.



AND

There is evidence that receiving supports now (early interventions) will help:

- Reduce the level of support needed, now and in the future **OR**
- Assist their family and carer to keep providing support

Early Childhood Early Intervention Approach

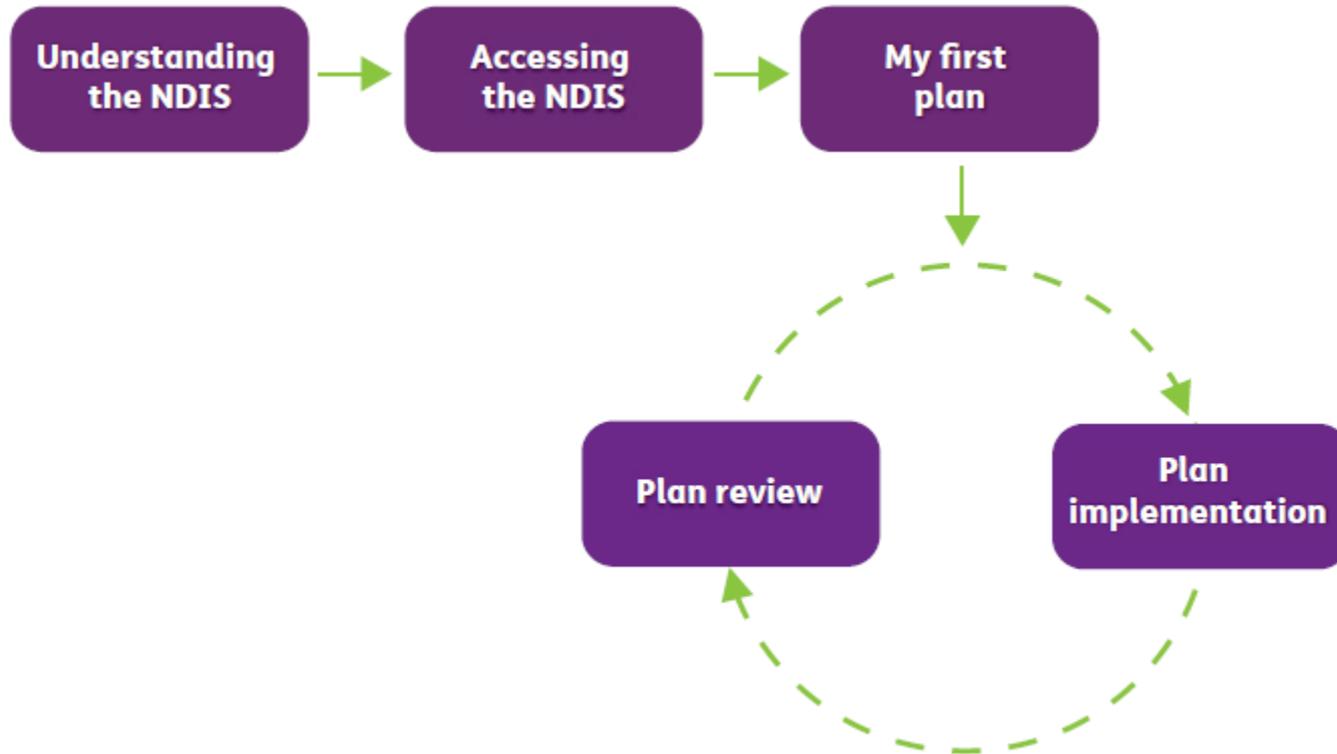


- Will help children with developmental delay or disability and their families achieve better long-term outcomes through support services in their local community, regardless of diagnosis.
- Provide timely, comprehensive and well-integrated early intervention support for children and their families.

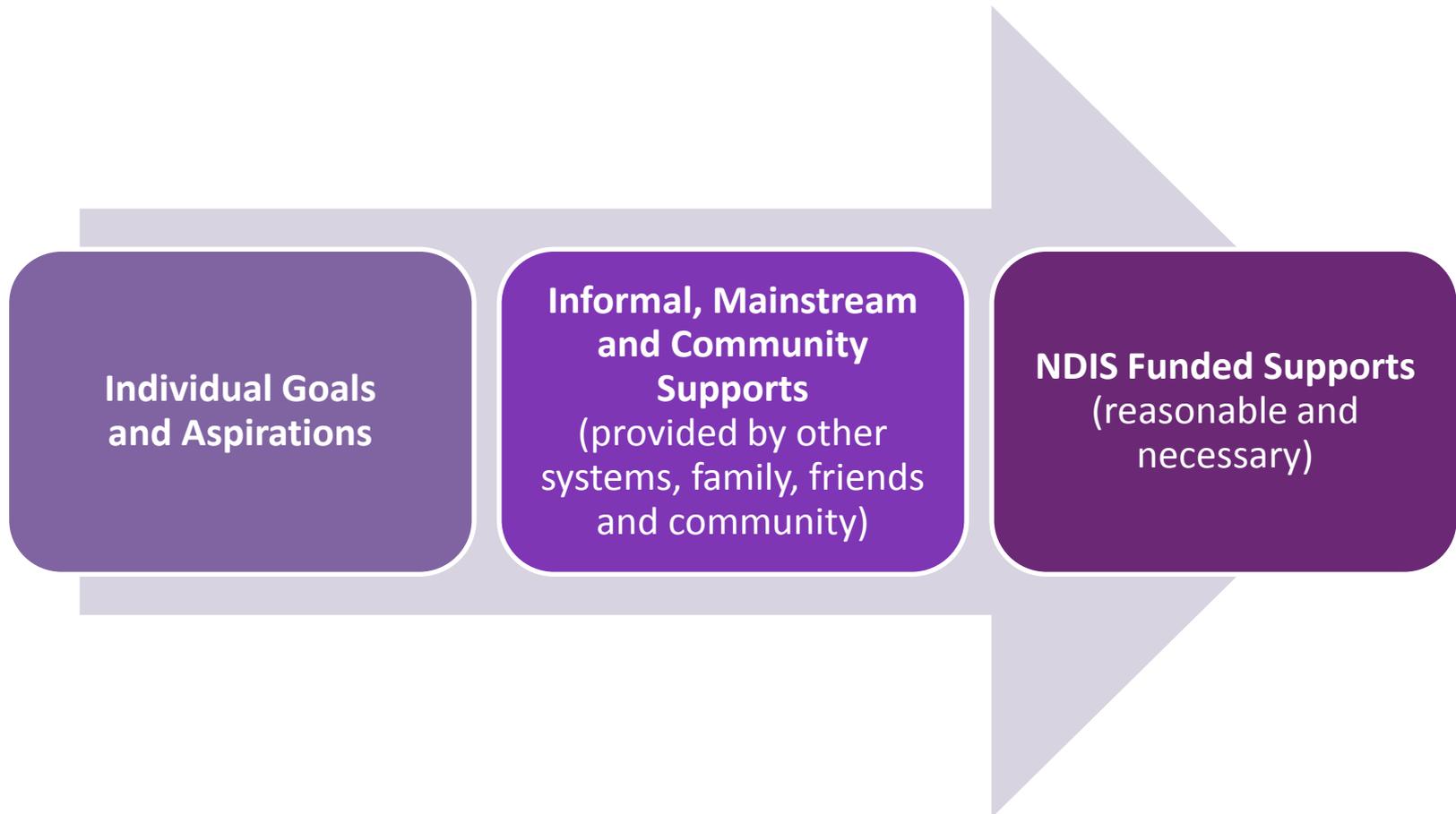


- Families will work with existing early childhood intervention service providers, who will act as an NDIS access partner.
- Currently being implemented in Nepean Blue Mountains for children under six.
- The approach will be rolled out nationally in line with Bilateral Agreements.

Participant Pathway



NDIS plans are individual



What does the NDIS fund?

- The NDIS pays for different supports for different people. The type of support depends on what different people want to achieve and what areas of their life they need help with
- Funded supports may include:
 - Help with household tasks and personal activities
 - Vehicle and home modifications
 - Mobility equipment and assistive technology
 - Transport to be involved in community, social and employment activities
 - Therapies related to the disability

What doesn't the NDIS fund?

- There are rules for the NDIS that mean some supports cannot be funded in an NDIS plan
- The NDIS will not fund:
 - Supports that are not related to a person's disability
 - Supports that are funded by a different mechanism or system, such as Medicare or the Health system
 - Day-to-day living costs that everyone pays for such as food, electricity and water
 - Things that may cause harm

Local Area Coordination

- Local Area Coordinators (LACs) will support participants and their families to join in and contribute to the life of their community and assist with the planning process, plan implementation and community participation.
- The NDIA has partnered with Uniting and St Vincent de Paul Society NSW to deliver NSW LAC services during transition from January 2016 – 30 June 2018.
- LACs will support participants through all steps on the pathway, except access.
- LACs will assist all NSW participants transition to the NDIS, except participants living in large residential centres.
- Most participants (60%) will also have an LAC assist with plan implementation, others (30-40%) may need more frequent and funded support coordination.



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Uniting

What happens next?

- This is the start of an important journey.
- The Commonwealth and New South Wales governments and the NDIA are working together to roll out the NDIS.
- People currently receiving government services will continue to receive them until they start their NDIS plan.
- The Commonwealth and New South Wales governments and the other organisations helping to deliver the NDIS will contact people transitioning to the NDIS with more information specific to them.

Questions?

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