Support for Decision Making consultation submission

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# How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?

* Resources: No
* Information: Yes
* Decision Guides: No
* Having a person help: Yes
* Other: Yes

Having different methods of communication - Eg with technology, sign language, picture cards

# Who are the best people to help you (or a person with a disability) to make decisions?

* Family: Yes
* Friends: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Mentors: No
* Coordinators: No
* LAC: No
* NDIA Partners: No
* Advocates: No
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: No

# What should they do to help with decision-making?

Get to know the person; explain things clearly and in a way that people understand; always ask before making decisions for you;

# How can they get better at helping?

* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: No
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: Yes
* Other: No

# How can we make sure the right people are helping?

* They are chosen by the NDIS Participant as a decision supporter: Yes
* They value the rights of people to make decisions with support: No
* They are a registered provider: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* Other: No

# What should decision supporters know about so they can better help people with disability make decisions?

* Guidelines for decision supporters: Yes
* Scenarios or Examples: No
* Information Sessions: No
* Support Networks: No
* Other: No

# Can you tell us about a time when someone helped you (or a person with disability) to make a big decision?

Not applicable

## What worked well?

No answer recorded

## What could have been better?

No answer recorded

# What is the best way to support people with disability to make decisions about their NDIS plan?

* Practice: No
* Peer Support Networks: No
* Information and Resources: Yes
* Guidance Tools: Yes
* Not Sure: No
* Other: Yes

Having a support coordinator to assist with NDIS plans;

# Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?

**An intellectual disability:** No

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Do they understand what is being asked of them, do they have all the information they need to be able to make an informed decision

**A psychosocial disability:** No

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** No

**From a CALD community:** No

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** No

**From the LGBTIQA community:** No

# How can we help reduce conflict of interest?

Ensure policies are in place in the organisation to prevent it from occurring

Make sure you are working with someone you trust

Have more than one person assist with decision making

# How can we help reduce undue influence?

Make sure the support person has had training in their role

Make sure the support person's main focus is on the person they are supporting, not their own beliefs or wants

# What are your concerns (if any) around people with disability being more involved in making decisions for themselves?

That they haven't been provided with all the information they need

Lower cognitive level

# What else could we do to help people with disability to make decisions for themselves? Is there anything missing?

Have examples of the decisions they can make

# Do you have any feedback on our proposed actions in Appendix C of the paper?

No response recorded