**Support for Decision Making consultation submission**

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**How do you identify:**

* A NDIS participant: Yes
* A family member, friend or carer of a NDIS participant: No
* A NDIS nominee: No
* A legally appointed guardian: No
* A disability support worker: No
* A health or allied health worker: No
* A community member: No
* Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: No
* Culturally and linguistically diverse: No
* From a rural or remote area: No
* A person with an intellectual disability: No
* A person with a cognitive impairment: No
* A person with a communication disability: No
* A person with a psychosocial disability: No
* Other: No

1. **How can we help people with disability make decisions for themselves?**

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

Education sessions

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

* Family: Yes
* Friends: Yes
* Peer Support Networks: Yes
* Mentors: Yes
* Coordinators: Yes
* LAC: Yes
* NDIA Partners: Yes
* Advocates: Yes
* Service Providers: Yes
* Other: Yes

Doctors

1. **What should they do to help with decision-making?**

Discuss needs and options and what's appropriate

1. **How can they get better at helping?**

* Getting to know the participant well: Yes
* Doing some training on decision support: Yes
* By having resources and information about providing decision support: Yes
* Other: Yes

Someone with a close, family or friend who has a disability. Empathy Training

1. **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: Yes
* They are a registered provider: No
* They enable the participant to take risks: No
* Other: Yes

Listen to feed back of the participant

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

* Guidelines for decision supporters: Yes
* Scenarios or Examples: Yes
* Information Sessions: Yes
* Support Networks: Yes
* Other: Yes

Empathy

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

Yes

**What worked well?**

Listened to me, she let me know of the options and information regarding the situation.

**What could have been better?**

n/a

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

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

Allow Choice and exemptions based on individual needs

1. **Are there different things to consider for people with different disabilities or cultural backgrounds?**

**An intellectual disability:** Yes, Compassion and patience

Support

Understanding that they are able to make their own decisions within reason

**A disability that impacts how they think, a cognitive impairment:** Yes, Empathy

Compassion and Patience

Support

**A psychosocial disability:** Yes, Understanding

Listened too

Empathy

Support

**A disability that impacts their ability to communicate:** Yes, They have their own way of communicating

**From a CALD community:** Yes, I agree that there should be different things considered but unsure

**From an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community:** Yes, Their history, location, needs and wants

**From the LGBTIQA community:** Yes, That they have their own beliefs and should be respected

1. **How can we help reduce conflict of interest?**

Need more requirements and background checks for service providers. And people with questionable backgrounds should not have any rights to be a provider

1. **How can we help reduce undue influence?**

Hire people that actually have a heart, to have other people verify what the participant wants separately.

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

No concerns. People with disabilities should be encouraged more to make decisions for themselves.

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

Education sessions, private tutoring to make sure that the person understands.

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

n/a