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We fund and work with community-based organisations to help us deliver the NDIS. We call these organisations NDIS partners.

NDIS partners work with participants, and people and families looking for disability supports.

The NDIS partners who work with people aged between 9 and 64 are called local area coordinators.

Early childhood partners work with families with children younger than 9 who have a disability and children younger than 6 where there are concerns about their development.

They help you find disability supports and navigate the NDIS

NDIS partners help people with disability, even if they aren't NDIS participants.

Your NDIS partner can help you:

- find community or government services
- apply to become an NDIS participant.

They're separate from the NDIA

NDIS partners aren't NDIA employees.

Instead, they work for independent organisations near to you.

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They get to know you

When you meet with an NDIS partner, they'll want to find out:

- who you are
- what your personal situation is
- what disability supports you're looking for.

By learning more about you, they can help you:

- make connections with community and other government services near you
- gather the right information and evidence to apply to the NDIS.

They help you understand the NDIS

Your NDIS partner can help you find information that is relevant to you.

This might include your rights or online supports and services.

They can also help you to get a better understanding of how to use the NDIS.

> **Tip: NDIS partners don't approve plans.**
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> NDIS partners don't:
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> - approve NDIS plans
> - decide about NDIS supports
> - allocate funding.
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> That is the role of an NDIA planner.

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