

1.3 Person Centred Supports Linkage Policy and Procedure

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PURPOSE

People with disabilities have the same right as other members of Australian society to realise their full potential. They should be supported to participate in and contribute to social and economic life. The purpose of this policy is to ensure inclusion of, and access for, people with disabilities to mainstream and community-based activities and other experiences valued by the community in general.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff and volunteers.

POLICY

Interchange IE is committed to connecting people with disabilities to their communities through specific programs which may:

- provide information on mainstream services and community activities which will benefit participants
- contribute to developing links and networks within the community
- work in partnership with community organisations to provide opportunities for active participation in local activities
- link the participant and their families to social and recreational activities that provide the family with a break from their caring role and connect them with the community
- source activities that promote the participant's wellbeing, e.g. personal development, peer and social support and mentoring

PROCEDURE

Interchange IE will follow this policy to allow participants to maintain their ability to participate in and contribute to society.

Support workers are encouraged to facilitate participants to be:

- connected within their community
- informed about relevant activities, to allow for the participant to make decisions and choices
- provided with the necessary skills to participate confidently and contribute to the community and protect their rights
- assisted to use and benefit from mainstream services
- assisted to participate in, and benefit from, community activities
- supported to contribute to leading, shaping and influencing their community

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RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

Framework for Information Linkages and Capacity Building NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators 2018

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Participant Information Consent Form