

# Organisations, services and schemes

Name	Link and Description
<b>NDIS</b>	
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)	<a href="https://www.ndis.gov.au/">https://www.ndis.gov.au/</a> The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) aims to work with local communities to improve inclusion of people with disability, including intellectual disability, and build awareness of disability. For individuals who meet the access requirements, information and referrals to support accessing community services and activities can be provided, including accessing current supports and making an individualised plan for the future. This plan may include assistance in accessing therapies, equipment, employment assistance and taking part in community activities. The NDIS provides disability support; this has no impact on income support such as the disability support pension.
NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission	<a href="https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/">https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/</a> An independent agency established to improve the quality and safety of NDIS services. Includes an Incident Management System to record and manage incidents that occur in connection with supports and services provided to people with intellectual disability.
<b>Complex needs</b>	
Multiple and Complex Needs Initiative (MACNI)	<a href="https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/complex-needs-services">https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/complex-needs-services</a> MACNI is a shared service across the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health in partnership with the Department of Justice Victoria. The initiative is a specialist service for people identified as having multiple and complex needs, including those with combinations of mental illness, substance abuse issues, intellectual impairment, acquired brain injury and forensic issues. MACNI provides an effective and coordinated approach to supporting individuals so that they can achieve stability in health, housing, social connection and safety, and be linked back into comprehensive ongoing support.
<b>Transcultural mental health</b>	
NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre	<a href="https://www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/transcultural-mental-health-centre">https://www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/transcultural-mental-health-centre</a> The Transcultural Mental Health Centre is funded by the NSW Government to work with people from CALD communities, health professionals and partner organisations across NSW. Services include development of multilingual mental health factsheets and provision of professional education and training on working with people from CALD backgrounds.
Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)	<a href="https://www.tisnational.gov.au/en">https://www.tisnational.gov.au/en</a> TIS National is an interpreting service provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for people who do not speak English and for services and businesses that need to communicate with their non-English speaking clients. Over the phone and on-site interpreting is provided.
<b>Sexual health (and LGBTIQ)</b>	
Family Planning NSW	<a href="https://www.fpnsw.org.au/">https://www.fpnsw.org.au/</a> This website includes resources and information about sexual health issues, including those for LGBTIQ populations.
<b>Rural and remote mental health</b>	
Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health	<a href="https://www.crrmh.com.au/">https://www.crrmh.com.au/</a> The Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health is an initiative of the University of Newcastle and the NSW Ministry of Health. The Centre establishes partnerships with rural mental health stakeholders, conducts research, provides education, delivers and develops early intervention and support services to improve mental health outcomes for people living in rural and remote communities.
<b>Guardianship</b>	
Guardianship Division, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)	<a href="https://ncat.nsw.gov.au/ncat/how-ncat-works/ncat-divisions-and-appeal-panel/guardianship-division.html">https://ncat.nsw.gov.au/ncat/how-ncat-works/ncat-divisions-and-appeal-panel/guardianship-division.html</a> The Guardianship Division conducts hearings to determine applications about adults with a decision-making disability who are incapable of making their own decisions, and who may require a legally appointed substitute decision maker.

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NSW Public Guardian	<a href="https://www.publicguardian.justice.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.publicguardian.justice.nsw.gov.au/</a> The Public Guardian promotes the rights and interests of people with disabilities through the practice of guardianship, advocacy and education. The Public Guardian is a statutory official appointed by the Guardianship Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) or the Supreme Court under the Guardianship Act 1987.
Human rights and anti-discrimination	
Australian Human Rights Commission	<a href="https://www.humanrights.gov.au/">https://www.humanrights.gov.au/</a> An independent statutory organisation leading the promotion and protection of human rights in Australia.
United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner	<a href="https://www.ohchr.org/EN/pages/home.aspx">https://www.ohchr.org/EN/pages/home.aspx</a> The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity, with a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights.
Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales	<a href="https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/</a> The Anti-discrimination Board of NSW promotes anti-discrimination, equal opportunity principles and policies throughout NSW.
Autism	
Autism Awareness Australia	<a href="https://www.autismawareness.com.au/">https://www.autismawareness.com.au/</a> Provides resources regarding autism, including books, online forums, educational resources and clinical information.