

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are Foundational Supports?

Foundational Supports are additional supports in the community that would be outside of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to help people with disability, and their families and carers.

There are different types of Foundational Supports.

- General supports which include information and guidance, peer supports, and capacity building. These will help people with disability, and their families, live a better life. These are for people who are, and are not accessing, the NDIS.
- Targeted Supports are focused on people who are not accessing the NDIS but need additional support. These supports will focus on assisting people with specific needs (i.e. children with developmental difference).

## Why are governments creating Foundational Supports?

The NDIS has transformed the lives of many people with disability and is here to stay. Some people not on the NDIS need more help than what they can often get through services in the community like early childhood education, schools and community mental health. This is where additional Foundational Supports can assist.

The recent Independent Review into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (the Review) recommended that the Australian, state and territory governments work together to design and deliver more alternative supports, known as Foundational Supports, outside of the NDIS.

## Who can have their say on the development of Foundational Supports?

Everyone is invited to have their say on the design of additional services outside of the NDIS, including:

- people with disability, whether they are on the NDIS or not
- people who might need extra support but don't identify as having a disability
- families, carers, kin and advocates of people with disability
- other stakeholders, like service providers across disability, health, mental health, early childhood, schools and other areas
- and interested community members.

## Will accessing additional services outside the NDIS impact my NDIS funding?

No. People who currently access the NDIS will be able to access General Supports. Accessing these supports will not impact your individualised NDIS package. Some Foundational Supports are intended to be available to all people with disability, whether they are on the NDIS or not. These may include information and advice and capacity building supports.

Some additional services outside the NDIS will not be available for those on the NDIS, these are called Targeted Supports. These services are for people whose needs are not entirely met by other available disability supports or mainstream services, such as health and education supports.

## I do not have a disability. Can I still benefit from Foundational Supports?

Yes. These additional services outside the NDIS may also be available for parents, carers and kin of people with disabilities.

## How will the views of the community contribute to establishing Foundational Supports?

The department is undergoing community consultations to support the design and development of Foundational Supports. The community's views will help Commonwealth, state and territory governments to design Foundational Supports. This is just the first stage of consultation.