What does this mean for families and whānau?
Here we are ...... now what?
Finding a new destination

This is called Enabling Good Lives (EGL) with a vision that:

*In the future, disabled children and adults and their families/whānau will have greater choice and control over their supports and lives.*

EGL is an approach led by disabled people and families/whānau.
Let’s go

• 2012 - long term change to disability supports signalled by government

• Demonstrations - 3 years in Christchurch and 2 years in the Waikato

• The EGL demonstrations are trialling new ways of doing things. It was about three Ministries – Health, Social Development and Education – working together to make change
The Foundations

✓ A fundamental set of principles that underpins future disability supports:
  • self determination
  • beginning early
  • person centred
  • ordinary life outcomes
  • mainstream first
  • mana enhancing
  • easy to use
  • relationship building
The Vision

• The vision is giving people more choice and control over their lives and support.

• A Connector/Tūhono will walk alongside, if wanted, to help plan a good life.

• There will be seamless government support.
Sometimes you need to override the GPS
5 Elements for Systems Change

1. Building knowledge and skills of disabled people
2. Investment in family/whānau
3. Changes in communities
4. Changes to service provision
5. Changes to government systems and processes
Some of the things that have been agreed so far:

a. Funding will be available to help disabled people and whānau be prepared and feel confident

b. An independent Connector/Tūhono may walk alongside to help plan a positive future and how to get there (your choice)

c. Regional and National Leadership Groups will protect the original intent of the Enabling Good Lives principles and vision, contribute to the new way of doing things, and monitor changes.
Some of the things that have been agreed so far:

d. Resources will be based on people’s strengths and what they need

e. Personal budgets will allow people to have more control over resources

f. Disabled people, their families and whānau will have access to a range of ways to use their personal budgets
Options to Manage My Resource

Managing resources choice continuum: from total self-management to total contractor management

- I/we choose someone to provide me with support and I/we contract them to do so
- I/we choose who provides me support and someone manages everything else
- I/we choose the people, train them etc., and someone employs and manages my support for me
- I/we want to manage everything myself/ourselves but need additional help and guidance while I am learning to do it (e.g., employment advice, training provided for my staff)
- I/we choose to manage everything (budgets, training, employment) myself, and I/we get reimbursed for doing so
Using my funding – monitoring approach

- Size of funding allocation
- Regular monthly conversations
- Quarterly conversations
- Random evaluation of outcomes
- No monitoring requirements under $5k

Amount of scrutiny/monitoring
The six steps of the new approach
The six steps of the new approach

1. I know what support is available
2. I am listened to and respected
3. We decide what we want to do and how we want to do it
4. We make it happen
5. We live the life we want
6. The system responds
What we can do now

• Connect with other families/whānau to make sure your views are heard and understood

• Spend some time thinking about how you can describe yourself and your situation to others

• If we can choose what supports or services look like – what would that be for me?
Influencing Change

- Find out if there is a Regional Leadership Group in your area. If there is ... connect with them. If not .... get together with other families or existing family networks.

- Look at the Enabling Good Lives website [www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz](http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz)
  There will be information on the website regarding progress and how people can have a say

In some areas there will be groups that meet and work together. Talk to SAMS, Imagine Better, Care Matters or Parent to Parent about these groups.