

# Choice in Community Living

A demonstration model

# What is CiCL

Choice in Community Living is an alternative to residential services, and is about opening up opportunities for disabled people and their family to have more choice and control about their living circumstances - where they live, who they live with and how they are supported.

# CiCL

- Is a Ministry of Health initiative started late 2012
- Part of the New Model for Supporting Disabled People
- The demonstration is limited to 150 people across Auckland and Waikato Will run until October 2014
- MOH have contracted Gordon Boxall to support the demonstration.

# Eligibility

must be eligible for DSS funded by MOH

- People who either live in a residential service and want to leave and live in their own home (rented or ownership) or live with family members (not parents) or friends.
- People currently living in the community with family and have support needs similar to people who live in residential services
- People living elsewhere and their service or situation is no longer sustainable and a residential service is the only option even though not the preferred one.

# CiCL will enable people to

- Choose the area in which they wish to live and who they live with.
- Have ordinary housing choices such as renting or owning their home.
- Choose who provides them with support from contracted providers and how and when that support is provided
- Improve linkages with family, whanau and the community
- Take part in normal every day activities
- Have access to their full benefit entitlements and appropriate allowances.

# The role of the NASC

- Assess the persons disability support needs and determine suitability for the demonstration.
- From assessed needs apply funding for the support package. (The person is provided with details of funding available).
- Work with the person, the provider, Person's family/ Whanau to develop the personal plan
- Refer person to preferred provider
- Approve the plan and confirm the funding.
- Review changes to plan as required but at least annually.
- Participate in the review process

# The role of Providers

- Work with the person, their family, NASC and other relevant people to develop a support plan and agreement, documenting how the person will be supported and each individuals role in that.
- Provide and organise the support required as set out in the personal plan.
- Participate in the review process.

# Principles of support

- Person is supported to make informed choices.
- All interactions will enhance the life of the person and status in the community.
- The person's legal status is maximised.
- Plans are in place to enhance independence and skills over time.
- What to do when things go wrong is anticipated.
- There is a clear separation between landlord and support functions.
- The agreement is affordable for all parties.

# The person or agent

- Will lead the development of their personal plan documenting where they want to live, how they wish to be supported, what they want to achieve.
- Manage their own home and living arrangements including tenancy if renting (with support if needed) Manage their own every day costs of daily living.
- Participate in the review process if agreeable.

# The family Wahanu

- Continue to assist the person to have a good life through ongoing support
- Help with personal planning and agreements.
- Support the person through the Needs assessment and funding allocation process.
- Identify a chosen provider.
- Helping identify suitable housing or living options.
- Support the person to assert their rights and meet their responsibilities.
- Participate in the review process.
- Ongoing monitoring of the persons support and living arrangements.

# Challenges so far

- Affordability.
- Suitable accessible and affordable housing in areas people want to live.
- Families reluctance to try something new.
- Overnight support needs.
- Finding flatmates for people who want to live together under this model
- Providers.

# Local working group

- Made up of representatives of national agencies such as, PSA, People First, NASC, Parent to Parent, Providers and Disabled Persons Association.
- Purpose:
- Oversee the implementation of the demonstration.
- A forum for discussion on issues that emerge during the implementation
- Consider any impact of the demonstration on other government agencies or the wider community.
- Suggest ways the demonstration could be improved.
- Offer suggestions how the demonstration could be expanded into other areas.
- Consider how other aspects of the new model could be introduced to Auckland and Waikato.
- Link back to other agencies and networks that the MOH engage with.

# How is it going so far.

Number of people in CICL across both areas is about 20 so far. Both Waikato and Auckland are also actively working with many others who are in varying stages of the process.