



ABILITY LINKS NSW

INFORMATION SHEET

What is Ability Links NSW?

Ability Links NSW (ALNSW) is a new way to support people with disability, their families and carers to ensure they can access support in their local communities, outside of the traditional disability service system.

This new model of support forms part of the on-going reforms of the disability service system in NSW and will be delivered by 268 ALNSW Linkers, including 47 Aboriginal identified positions throughout NSW.

What do Linkers do?

Linkers work with people with disability, their families and carers to help them to plan for their future, build on their strengths and skills, and develop networks in their own communities to do what they want to do with their lives.

Linkers also work with local communities to help them become more welcoming and inclusive to people with disability. All families throughout NSW are able to access support from a Linker.

Who can access a Linker?

ALNSW is aimed at supporting people with disability, their families and carers aged 9-64 years. Anyone can contact their local Linker and there are no eligibility or assessment requirements.

How to access a Linker?

ALNSW is now available throughout NSW, with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ALNSW providers operating in all communities. Anyone can contact a provider, with Linkers available to meet you in an environment that is most comfortable for you, i.e. Café, local park, etc.

To access a Linker, contact your local ALNSW provider via the details below.

ALNSW Providers	FACS District	Contact Details
St Vincent de Paul Society	Central Coast Hunter New England	Phone: 02 4905 0700 or 02 4326 0400 Email: ability.links@vinnies.org.au
St Vincent de Paul Society in partnership with Settlement Services International (SSI)	South Western Sydney South Eastern Sydney Sydney	Phone: 02 8622 0456 (St Vincent de Paul Society) Email: ability.links@vinnies.org.au Phone: 02 8799 6700 (SSI) Email: abilitylinks@ssi.org.au
UnitingCare NSW/ACT in partnership with Settlement Services International (SSI)	Northern Sydney Nepean Blue Mountains Western Sydney Illawarra Shoalhaven Southern NSW	Phone: 02 8830 0768 (UnitingCare) Email: abilitylinks@unitingcarenswwact.org.au Phone: 02 8799 6700 (SSI) Email: abilitylinks@ssi.org.au
North West Alliance – a partnership including Northern Rivers Social Development Council, Mid Coast Communities, Intereach, Pathfinders, CareWest and Murrumbidgee Medicare Local	Northern NSW	Phone: 1300 792 940 Email: contact@fncabilitylinks.org.au (Northern Rivers Social Development Council)
	Mid North Coast	Phone: 02 6650 9771 Email: midnorthcoast@abilitylinks.net.au (Mid Coast Communities)
	Hunter New England	Phone: 0459 141 755 Email: abilitylinks@pathfinders-aus.org (Pathfinders)
	Murrumbidgee	Phone: 03 5890 5200 Email: abilitylinks@intereach.com.au (Intereach)
	Western NSW and Far West	Phone: 1300 227 393 Email: Carewest@abilitylinks.net.au (CareWest)

ALNSW Providers	FACS District	Contact Details & LGA Coverage
Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation <i>in partnership with Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care and Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation</i>	South Eastern Sydney Sydney	LGAs: Botany Bay, Canada Bay, Hurstville, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland Shire, Sydney, Waverley, Woollahra Phone: 02 9528 0287 Email: manager@kurranulla.org.au
Annecto – The People Network <i>in partnership with Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation</i>	South Western Sydney Sydney	LGAs: Ashfield, Bankstown, Burwood, Canterbury, Fairfield, Liverpool, Strathfield Phone: 0418 696 862 Email: michael.abilitylinker@kinchelaboyshome.org.au
Jaanimili (UnitingCare Children, Young People & Families) <i>in partnership with Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child & Family Centre</i>	South Western Sydney Western Sydney	LGAs: Blacktown, Camden, Campbelltown, Holroyd, Wollondilly, Wingecarribee, Phone: 02 8796 9700 Email: jaanimiliAbilityLinks@Unitingcarens.wact.org.au
Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation	Nepean Blue Mountains Western Sydney Northern Sydney	LGAs: Auburn, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Lithgow, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Parramatta, Penrith, Pittwater, Ryde, The Hills Shire, Warringah, Willoughby Phone: 02 4722 3524 Email: Katherine.s@aboriginalcare.org.au
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Community Transport Network <i>in partnership with Advanced Community Solutions Ltd</i>	Northern NSW Southern NSW	LGAs: Tweed, Byron, Ballina Phone: 0419 339 111 or Email: linker.1@aal.community LGAs: Richmond Valley, Kyogle & Lismore Phone: 0409 019 822 or Email: linker.2@aal.community LGAs: Clarence Valley Phone: 0499 684 133 or Email: linker.3@aal.community LGAs: Palerang, Queanbeyan, Yass Valley, Snowy River Phone: 0487 015 144 or Email: linker.4@aal.community LGAs: Bega Valley, Bombala, Cooma-Monaro, Eurobodalla Phone: 0429 070 955 or Email: linker.5@aal.community
Ngurralla Aboriginal Corporation	Mid North Coast	LGAs: Bellingen, Coffs Harbour Phone: 02 6568 4400 Email: berylwilson@ngurralla.com
Booroongen Djugun Limited	Mid North Coast Hunter New England	LGAs: Gloucester, Greater Taree, Great Lakes, Kempsey, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings Phone: 02 6560 2100 Email: cbs.admin@booroongendjugun.com.au
Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre Incorporated	Hunter New England	LGAs: Armidale Dumaresq, Glenn Innes Severn, Gunnedah, Guyra, Gwydir, Inverell, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha Phone: 02 6743 0999 Email: WayneG@winanga-li.org.au
Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre	Central Coast Hunter/New England	LGAs: Dungog, Cessnock, Gosford, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Singleton, Upper Hunter, Wyong Phone: 02 4936 4999 Email: aelinks@hotmail.com
Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation <i>Warrigal Employment</i>	Illawarra Shoalhaven	LGAs: Kiama, Shellharbour, Wollongong Phone: 02 4276 1878 Email: Ability.linker1@iac.org.au or Ability.linker2@iac.org.au
South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation	Illawarra Shoalhaven Sothern NSW	LGAs: Goulburn Mulwaree, Shoalhaven, Upper Lachlan Shire Phone: 02 4448 0200 Email: TanyaM@southcoastams.org.au or Malcolm.Timberly@southcoast.org.au
Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) <i>in partnership with Broken Hill LALC, Orange LALC and Intereach</i>	Western NSW Far West Murrumbidgee	LGAs: Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Bland, Carrathool, Conargo, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Corowa Shire, Deniliquin, Greater Hume Shire, Griffith, Gundagai, Harden, Hay, Jerilderie, Junee, Leeton, Lockhart, Murray, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Temora, Tumbarumba, Tumut Shire, Urana, Wagga Wagga, Wakool, Phone: 03 5881 4891 (Deniliquin LALC) Email: ability1@lalcd.com , or ability4@lalcd.com (female Linkers) Ability3@lalcd.com (male Linker) LGAs: Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Unincorporated Far West, Wentworth Phone: 08 8087 7413 (Broken Hill LALC) Email: bhabilitylinks@iinet.net.au LGAs: Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan (Nyngan), Boorowa, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle Shire, Weddin, Wellington, Young Phone: 02 6361 0561 (Orange LALC) Email: admin@olalc.com.au