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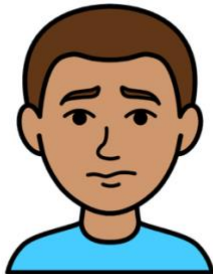


You may have seen news about changes to the NDIS.

The NDIS means the National Disability Insurance Scheme.



The NDIS gives you money for support.



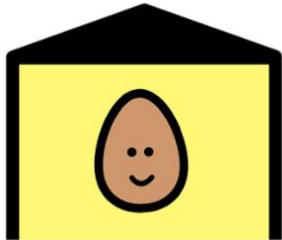
We know this news can feel worrying.



For many families, the NDIS is part of everyday life.



The NDIS helps people get the support they need.



It helps people live their lives.



It helps people feel safe.

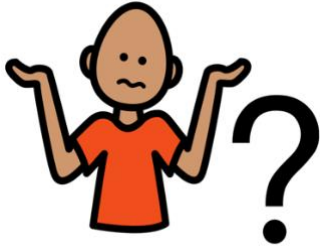


It helps people know their support will not change too much.

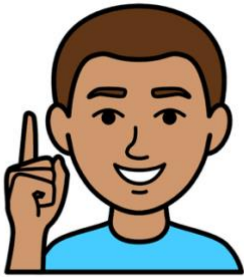


It also gives people chances to do things.

What we know



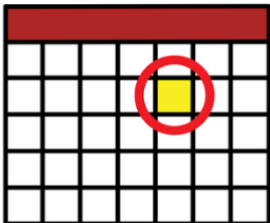
There are still things we do not know about the changes.



We know some things.



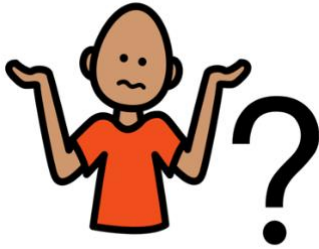
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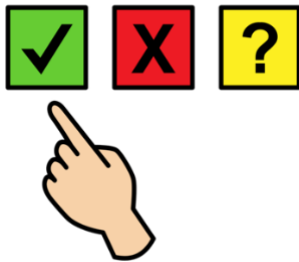
Many changes will not happen straight away.



You may see a lot of information on TV and online.



Some information may be confusing.



It is important to know:

- what has been decided
- what has not been decided yet

What Achieve is doing



Achieve Australia is watching the changes closely.



We will call Achieve Australia, Achieve.



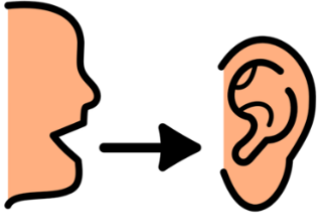
Achieve is working with Ability First Australia.



Ability First Australia is a group of disability support providers.



Support providers are people and organisations that give support.



Ability First Australia talks with the government.



The government makes laws and decisions for Australia.



This means Achieve can be part of important talks.



It also means Achieve can speak up for:

- people with disability
- families

Why the NDIS is changing



The Government says the changes will help the NDIS do what it was first made to do.



The NDIS was made to support people with disability.



This includes people who need support for their whole life.



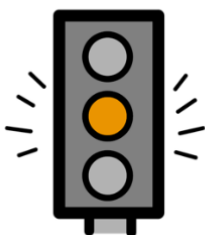
It also includes people who need a lot of support.



The Government also wants to make sure the NDIS can keep going.



The Government says there will still be more money for the NDIS.



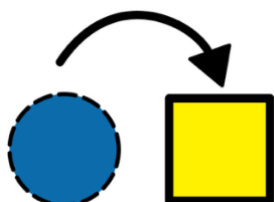
The Government wants to slow down how fast the money is spent.



This can help the NDIS keep going for longer.



The NDIS should be kept safe for the people who need it most.



This means some changes are needed.

Making the NDIS better



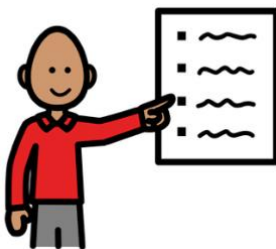
Fraud should be stopped.



Fraud means using money in a dishonest or illegal way.



Bad support should be fixed.



Stronger rules can help keep people safe.



This is important for supports where people may be harmed more easily.



Achieve supports changes that make the NDIS better.



People with disability and their families should be able to trust their services.



Trust means knowing services are safe and fair.

The whole story



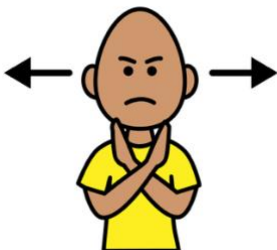
TV and online news can focus too much on problems.



For example, people may say the NDIS is spending too much money.



People may also talk about people or organisations doing the wrong thing.



But this is not the whole story.



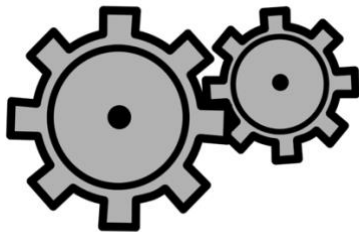
Every day, many people give good support.



They help people who need many kinds of support.



Many not-for-profit organisations are under money pressure.



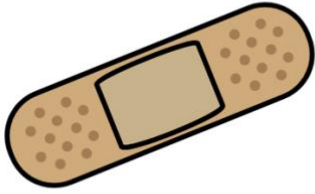
A not-for-profit organisation uses its money to run services.



It does not make money for owners.



Money pressure means not having enough money to pay for everything needed.



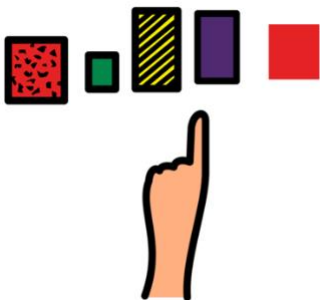
The changes should fix problems.



But the changes should not forget people with disability and their families.



The changes should also support the people and organisations that give services.



Services should help people make their own choices.



Services should help people feel safe.

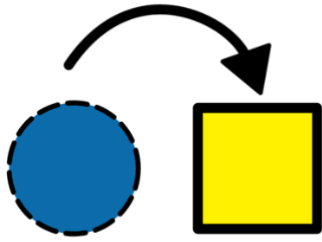


Services should help people feel included.

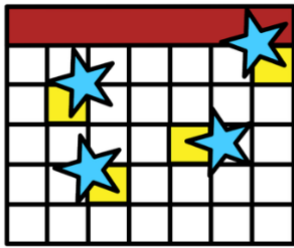


Included means being part of a group or community.

Not every change will affect everyone



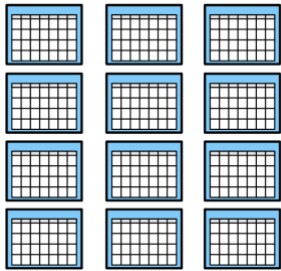
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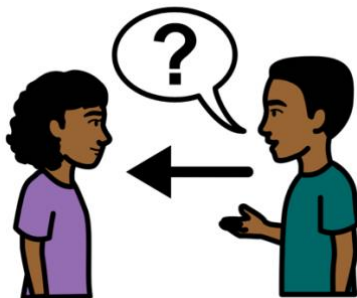
The changes will not all happen at the same time.



The Government plans to make the changes slowly.



This will happen over a few years.



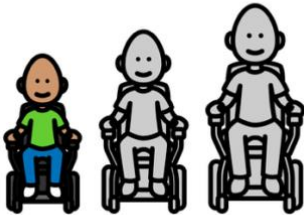
The Government will ask people what they think about some changes.

Changes for children



Some of the changes are about children.

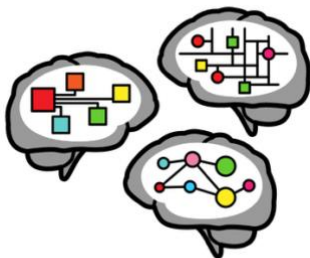
The Government has told people about a program called Thriving Kids.



Thriving Kids is for children aged 8 and under.



It is for children who are learning or growing more slowly.



It is also for some children with autism.



It is for children who need less help.



In the future, some children may use Thriving Kids instead of the NDIS.

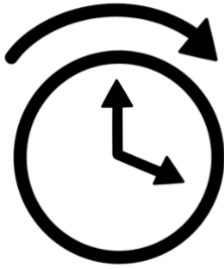


The Government has also said some children will still use the NDIS.



This includes children who need a lot of help.

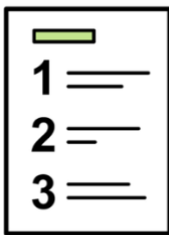
Other changes



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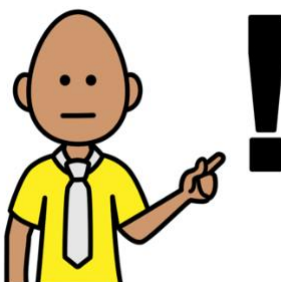
This includes how people may get NDIS support in the future.



It also includes how NDIS plans are made.



It includes how supports are given.



These are important changes.

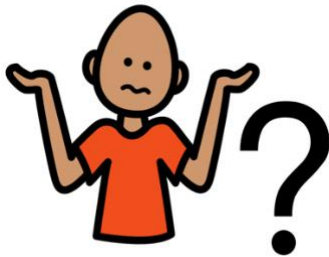


Another change is about money for community activities.



Community activities can include things like:

- joining a group
- going to an event
- doing activities with other people
- being part of your community



There is still more to learn about how this will work.

Being part of your community



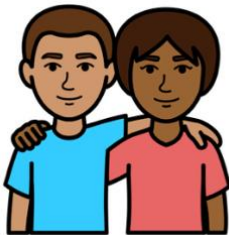
Achieve will keep watching these changes.



Achieve will keep talking to you about them.



Achieve knows it is important for people to be part of their community.



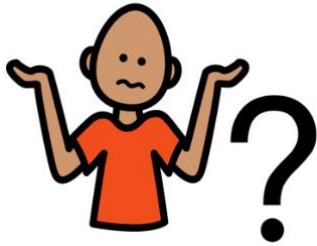
Being part of your community can help people feel connected.



It can help people do things on their own.

It can also help people feel fit and well.

We will keep you informed



Families do not have to understand everything by themselves.



Achieve will keep watching the changes.



Achieve will keep checking what the changes mean.

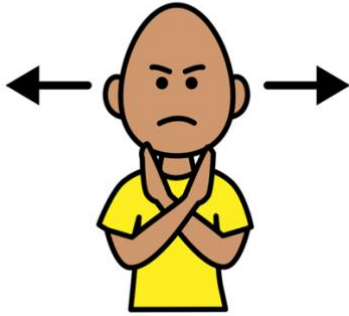


If we know something is happening, we will explain it clearly.



If we do not know something yet, we will say so.

What will stay the same



Some things will not change.



Achieve will still support people with disability.



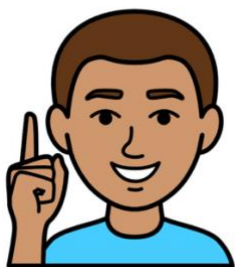
Achieve wants people with disability to live good lives.



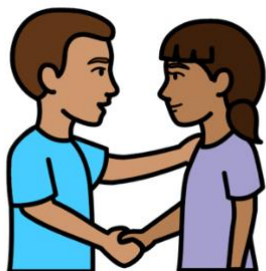
Achieve wants the NDIS to keep helping people who need a lot of support.

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This includes people who need support for their whole life.



Achieve will help families understand the changes.



Achieve will try to make families feel less worried.