



NDIS WA Community Advisory Council

Meeting 2 - 12 March 2026



This is an Easy Read version of a hard document called a **Communique**.

Communique means official information.



This communique is about the **NDIS WA Community Advisory Council**

We call it the Council for short.



The meeting was on 12 March 2026.

Council's 2026 Work Plan



The Council has a plan for what it will talk about in 2026.



Each meeting will focus on one main topic.

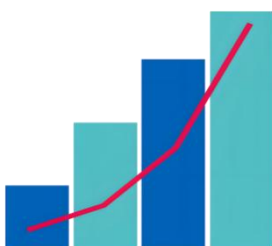


The Council can still talk about new issues if they come up.



Members want to look closely at the facts and numbers about the NDIS.

For example



- how many providers there are
- how often people do not use all of their NDIS plan
- problems in regional and remote areas



The Council wants to understand why some families find it hard to get help when a child is diagnosed.



The Council will tell the **Executive Steering Committee** what they talked about in meetings.



The Executive Steering Committee is a group of Government members that help to make decisions about how the NDIS works in WA.

We call it ESC for short.



Council meetings will happen before ESC meetings.

Thriving Kids

2 Government Departments spoke to Council.



Australian Government
**Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing**

- The Australian Government **Department of Health, Disability and Ageing**. We call it DHDA for short.

and



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities

- The Western Australian Government **Department of Communities**. We call it Communities for short.



DHDA and Communities talked about **Thriving Kids**.

Thriving Kids is new government supports to help some children with disability.



Thriving Kids is for children aged 0 to 8 years old and the people who look after them.



It is for children with **developmental delay** or autism who need low or medium support.



Developmental delay is when a child takes longer to learn some skills than other children their age.



All Governments in Australia have agreed to work together on Thriving Kids.



The Government will spend \$4 billion on Thriving Kids.

Thriving Kids supports will be things like



- Information and advice



- Help to find services



- Learning for parents and families



- Therapy for children

Therapy can be for 1 child or a small group.



Thriving Kids will start on 1 October 2026.



Thriving Kids will be all set up by January 2028.



The WA Government talked to many groups to get ideas on Thriving Kids.

They were

- families



- Aboriginal communities



- people in regional areas

Thriving Kids ideas from Council Members

Council members said:



There are gaps in the ways we help children now.

- Services need to work together better
- This is very important in regional areas



Some problems happen because there are not enough of the right workers to help children with disability.



Regional areas need more trained workers.

Problems with housing and travel make it extra hard for workers in regional areas.

Council members shared ideas to fix the problems



- use free training programs to train more workers



- train workers in regional **universities**
University is a school for adults.



- use mental health nurses who can help to do autism assessments



- use telehealth for people who live far away from services



- find **local coordinators** to help families
A local coordinator is someone who helps families find the services they need.



Families need more help when their child is diagnosed.



Doctors, teachers and childcare staff need more training to help families.



Therapists could work in childcare and schools to help families.



It is important to support people in the way that fits them and what they need.



Listening to families is important too.

Extra help is needed for



- families who don't have much money
- families from other cultures who speak different languages
- Aboriginal families



Families need help finding the services they need.



Families should get help no matter where they start.



Thriving Kids and NDIS should use the same assessment so families only have to do it once.



After the meeting, the **Chairperson** will tell the Minister what Council talked about.

The Chairperson is Stuart. He runs the meetings.



The next Council Meeting is on **17 June 2026**.