



Parent Connect is a partnership with Cootharinga North Queensland and the Queensland Government Department of Communities to providing early intervention, prevention and transition support to parents of children with a disability or developmentally delayed (0-6yrs) or older children (over 6 yrs) with newly acquired or identified disability.

Parent Connect guides parents through planning and mapping to help determine the best possible response for their family, and offer a range of supports for up to 12 months to implement changes.

Parent Connect aims to provide parents with knowledge, skills and support to optimise their child's development and their ability to participate in family and community life.

Parent Connect aims to complement and strengthen the support provided by families, parents and the natural networks through

- **Family Networks** – to meet, research and gain information that allows you to explore what you need
- **Community Inclusion** – short-term case coordination and planning to assist families' action steps to reach their goals through links to services and communities.
- **Transition Support** – involves identifying services required to transition through normal child developmental growth stages, funding options, service coordination, counselling and access to specialist services.

Parent Connect -Townsville North Queensland region includes Palm Island; north to Ingham, west to Mt Isa and south to Sarina.

Parents can contact the **Parent Connect** Facilitator in their area directly or be referred from disability services, community organisation and service providers.

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Our vision: Building a better world with people of all abilities