

Northern Territory Disability Strategy Second Action Plan 2026 – 2029



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How to use this plan



The Northern Territory Government wrote this book.

When you see the word **we** in this document, it means Northern Territory Government.



This book is an Easy Read **summary** of another document.



A summary includes the most important ideas.



You can find the full document on our website.

dpssc.nt.gov.au/community-programs-support/office-of-disability/disability-strategy

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bold

Hard words are written in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

Word List

We explain what bold words mean.

There is a list of these words at the end of this book.



You can ask for help to read this book.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.



We recognise the **Traditional Owners** of our land, the Northern Territory.



Traditional Owners were the first people to live on and use the land and waters.

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What is our Action Plan 2026 – 2029?



The Disability Strategy guides us on how we will make our community more:

- accessible
- inclusive.

We call it the Strategy.



The Strategy has 5 **outcome** areas.



Outcomes are the important results we want to get for people with disability.

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Second Action Plan
2026 – 2029



Our Action Plan explains what we will do to achieve these outcomes.



It is the second Action Plan for our Strategy.

We call it Action Plan 2.



Action Plan 2 is for 4 years.



We wrote Action Plan 2 with help from the disability community.



For each outcome we explain:

- our **priorities** for that outcome
- what we will do.



Priorities are goals or areas we will focus on.

Outcome 1 – Rights and choices



We want everyone to respect and protect the

- rights of people with disability
- choices of people with disability.



We have 3 priorities for this outcome.

Safeguard rights



We want to better **safeguard** the rights of people with disability.



Safeguard means working together to make sure people with disability are



- safe from abuse and neglect
- able to make choices.



We will update laws to better protect people with disability.



We will make it easier to make a **complaint**.



A complaint is when you tell someone about

- something that has gone wrong
- you want a problem fixed.

Advocates of people with disability



We want to support disability advocates.



We will make disability advocacy services more **accessible**.

Accessible means easy to find, use and understand.



We will make programs to help with **supported decision-making**.



Supported decision-making is when you

- make your own choices about your life
- with the right people to help you.

The justice system



We want the **justice system** to better support people with disability.



The justice system includes:

- police
- the courts
- the law
- prisons.



We will make sure people in prison get the help they need sooner.



We will help people with disability get the services they need when they leave prison.



They may need

- housing
- work
- disability support.



We will improve the way police help people with disability.

Outcome 2 – Inclusive Communities



We want all our communities to be **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone can

- take part
- feel like they belong.



We have 3 priorities for this outcome.

Inclusive events and programs



We want to make community events and programs more inclusive.



We will help make community events easier to access.



We will help more people with disability to stay active over time.

Inclusive services



We want businesses and services to be more accessible and inclusive.



We will support **vulnerable** women and children with disability to get services.



Vulnerable means you may need a bit more support.



We will help businesses learn

- more about disability
- how to be inclusive.



We will make rules about disability parking easy to understand.

Community attitudes



We want people to better understand disability.



We will help people to learn about hidden disabilities.



We will reward more people and businesses who are inclusive.

We will recognise carers and help them access education and training.

Outcome 3 – Accessible communities



We want people with disability to be able to find and use what they need in the community.

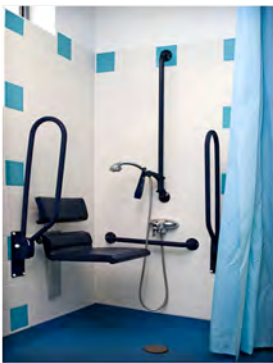


We have 4 priorities for this outcome.

Accessible housing



We want more accessible housing for people with disability.



We will make more houses and buildings in **remote communities** accessible.



Remote communities are places far away from cities and towns.



We will make **crisis accommodation** more accessible.

Crisis accommodation is a safe place to stay.



We will make it easier for people with disability to get the **social housing** they need.



Social housing is for people who cannot buy or rent a home on their own.

Accessible communities



We want more accessible

- transport
- public buildings
- community spaces.



We will help transport drivers to

- understand disability rights
- pick up wheelchair users first.



We will make parks and reserves more accessible.

Accessible information



We want to improve the accessibility of government information.



We will make it easier for people with disability to find out what public places are accessible.



We will make **emergency** information more accessible.

An emergency is when a bad thing happens suddenly and you may be in danger.

Supporting service providers



We want to provide more support to service providers.



We will train more disability support workers in remote communities.



We will help disability service providers build stronger **networks**.

Networks are groups that work together to get better outcomes.

Outcome 4 – Education and employment



We want people with disability to learn new skills at any age.

We want to help people with disability to find and keep a job.



We have 3 priorities for this outcome.

Education that meets people's needs



We want education services to be better at supporting people with disability.



We will protect the right for children with disability to attend inclusive schools.

Options for young people leaving school



We want to support young people to find and keep a job when they leave school.



We will help students with disability to get a job or access further study.

We will tell students how they can get a job with the Northern Territory Government.

Confident businesses



We want businesses to feel **confident** to hire people with disability and carers.



Confident is when you feel sure or good about doing something.



We will support businesses to be more inclusive.

We will help them learn about

- disability awareness
- **workplace adjustments.**



Workplace adjustments are changes at work to help people with disability do their job.



We will employ more people with disability in government.

Outcome 5 – Health and wellbeing



We want to support people with disability with their health and wellbeing.



We have 5 priorities for this outcome.

Health services



We want health services to be inclusive and accessible.



We will provide disability training to

- health workers
- doctors.



We will make health services **culturally safe**.



Culturally safe is when people from all cultural backgrounds feel valued and respected.

Support for people to learn about their health



We want to make it easier to be healthy.



We will promote good health care habits like

- brushing teeth
- visiting a doctor.



We will look at how disability aids and equipment can be reused.

Early support



We want services to be better at working out if someone has a disability.

We want this to happen as soon as possible.



We will make sure health services

- create strong systems to support young children and their families



- help families to get the right support earlier.

Working well together



We want all our services to work well together so people can achieve their goals.



We will make it easier for people with disability to move into safe housing after they leave government services.

Checking that our actions are working



We want to make sure that Action Plan 2 is working.

We want to have information to help build better services.



We will create an **Outcomes Framework** to see if the Strategy and Action Plan are making people's lives better.

An Outcomes Framework is a plan to check if actions are working.



We will collect **data** to help improve services.

Data means

- facts
- information
- records.

More information



There are many ways to get more information about Action Plan 2.



Email

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