



# NorthAble Navigation Services

## NNS - History

During 2006, a Northland Early Support Pilot Project was implemented. This was in response to an analysis of data by NorthAble NASC that identified a trend whereby young disabled people were moving to residential services out of the Northland region. A lack of resilience and resources within the family and fragmented disability support was thought to be significant contributing factors.

A children stakeholder group, including NorthAble NASC, determined a one year pilot to provide cohesive support to families when their children were very young, strengthening family resilience. The Project methodology involved a person in a lead coordinator role working alongside families where large numbers of agency partners were involved, with the objective of building capacity in the family. Funding was secured by NorthAble NASC and support was outsourced to a stakeholder agency in the community.

At the conclusion of the one year pilot, it was determined that the service added value to the lives of the individuals and families involved, and that the model should continue to be implemented with ongoing development of what was now known as the Navigator role.

Over that year NorthAble NASC took up the challenge of developing the Navigator role and the Navigator model of service delivery, including contracting with independent providers for Navigator services. NASC defined and consolidated learning into a service framework to be funded and delivered by NorthAble - Navigation.