

Local Area Coordination Values and Principles:

Local Area Coordination is underpinned by a Vision, Charter and 10 core Principles.

They

- Inform the design and implementation of the programme
- guide our relationships, conversations and behaviours alongside people, families, communities and services.
- help us to reflect as we walk alongside people, their families and local communities.
- help us to think about how best to explain our values and role to people from a range of backgrounds and experience.

1. The Local Area Coordination Vision

‘All people live in welcoming communities that provide friendship, mutual support, equity and opportunities for everyone’.

2. The Local Area Coordination Charter

‘To develop partnerships with individuals and families/carers as they build and pursue their goals and dreams for a good life and with local communities to strengthen their capacity to welcome, include and support all people as valued, contributing citizens.’

The Vision, Charter and Principles are based on those originally developed by Disability Services Commission in Western Australia and subsequent developments internationally.

3. Local Area Coordination – The 10 Principles

The principle	What it means in practice
Citizenship	All people in our communities have the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities to participate in and contribute to the life of the community, respecting and supporting their identity, beliefs, values and practices.
Relationships	Families, friends and personal networks are the foundations of a rich and valued life in the community.
Natural Authority	People and their families are experts in their own lives, have knowledge about themselves and their communities and are best placed to make their own decisions.
Lifelong learning	All people have a life-long capacity for learning, development and contribution.
Information	Access to accurate, timely and relevant information supports informed decision-making, choice and control.
Choice and Control	Individuals, often with support of their families and personal networks, are best placed to lead in making their own decisions and plan, choose and control supports, services and resources.
Community	Communities are further enriched by the inclusion and participation of all people and these communities are the most important way of building friendship, support and a meaningful life.
Contribution	We value and encourage the strengths, knowledge, skills and contribution that all individuals, families and communities bring.
Working together	Effective partnerships with individuals/families, communities and services are vital in strengthening the rights and opportunities for people and their families to achieve their vision for a good life, inclusion and contribution.
Complementary Nature of Services	Services should support and complement the role of individuals, families and communities in supporting people to achieve their aspirations for a good life