



My Home, My Way

A webinar to assist people with a disability to create and thrive in their own home

2 Part Webinar Series



11 October and 18 October 2022 | 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

What is this webinar about?

Home is a vital part of our lives. It not only provides us with security, privacy, comfort and control but it reflects our identity, our adulthood and our deep sense of who we are and how we connect and belong in our neighbourhood. Yet for many people, particularly with intellectual disability and Autism, home is designed by others with little control over the decisions that most people take for granted. In this webinar series, through the journey of others, we will explore individualised and innovative ways that people with a disability have created their own home, while getting the support they need.

In these practical and down to earth sessions we will explore some of the essential elements of what makes a house a home.

What we will discuss in this webinar series

- What does it really mean to have your own home and is it possible?
- Creating and holding a personalised vision for home,
- First steps to consider when creating a home of your own that's unique to you,
- Living in your own home and settling in,
- A range of home options and creative supports,
- Addressing barriers, challenges and fears,
- Home as a part of community and neighbourhood,
- Setting up for long term safety and success, and
- Stories about people living in their own home with a range of supports.

Who is this webinar for?

This webinar series will be relevant to those supporting people with developmental disabilities. It will be of particular interest to families and advocates as they think through how their son or daughter might move into, and thrive in a home they can call their own.

Speakers



Deb Rouget is the CEO of Belonging Matters. For nearly 30 years, she has been involved in the lives of people with a disability and their families and has gained much practical experience and wisdom about imagining and designing supports that enable people with intellectual disability to live in their own home with a range of personally tailored support. Through her work at Belonging Matters, she has led a number of initiatives including the Building Community Networks project which facilitates Circles of Support, 19 Stories of Inclusion and Talks That Matter. Currently she is leading the National Alliance of Capacity Building Organisations' (NACBO) My Home, My Way project. She also mentors and consults with people with a disabilities, families and others in regard to community and belonging.



Teresa Micallef has always chosen to work at the cutting edge of change in community and has worked alongside people with disabilities and their families for over 20 years. For 9 years she was the Coordinator of a family governed service called Living Distinctive Lives in which each person with intellectual disability and/or Autism developed their own vision for home and then moved into their own place with a range of personally tailored support. Currently Teresa is the Project Manager of Building Community Networks at Belonging Matters which facilitates Circle of Support. Teresa has been impressed by the power, creativity and resilience of people who experience disability, their families and networks to foster community pathways and opportunities for genuine inclusion.



Janice Chan is the proud mother of Lincoln. Lincoln is 28 years of age and has recently moved into his own home. In this presentation, Janice will describe the long held vision for Lincoln to live in his own home, even though, this is not always the option offered when you have a child with Down Syndrome. Janice will also explain why it was important to start planning early, how Lincoln was involved, important aspects of planning and how this became a reality. Janice will also describe some of the wonderful outcomes for Lincoln and her as a parent.

Feedback from previous participants

“Transformational. Real life stories. It’s possible for our son to have a “normal” good living arrangement in the future. Enlightening and fantastic – I look forward to taking the information back to others. Inspiring, refreshing and wonderful. Changed my mindset about planning for my daughter’s future. It’s a progressive thinking and empowering way of action. Motivating. Thought provoking. Just excellent. It’s all possible. Creativity. Informative in an area I have not had the opportunity to explore.”

Accessibility

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Booking Information for My Home, My Way 2 Part Webinar Series



When

Session 1

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

10am—1.00pm

Session 2

Tuesday, 18 October 2022



Registration

Through Eventbrite

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One booking process to attend both sessions.



Where

This event is hosted on
the video platform

Zoom



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