Quick Resource Guide to the NDIS

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1.0   Eligibility

Access checker: key questions to check whether likely to be eligible
https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.htm

There are some conditions for which all the disability requirements are likely to have been met (List A - https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/access/list-a.html, and others for which the NDIA will be satisfied that the person has a disability attributable to one or more impairments and it is likely to be permanent but for which a functional assessment is needed (List B - https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/access/list-b.html (visit: www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/access/disability-requirements.html#8.6 for more information). There is also List C which is those from existing or "defined" programs whose disability requirements have been deemed to have been met.

Psychosocial disability, recovery and the NDIS fact sheet: Some people find the process of requesting access difficult as the notion of permanency conflicts with their notions of recovery and hope. Some people are willing to accept that it is a means to an ends, and once through the access request stage, the NDIS does embrace a strong recovery approach. The NDIS has produced a fact sheet to attempt to address this issue.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/heb/h21/8799160959006/Fact-Sheet-Psychosocial-disability-recovery-and-the-NDIS-PDF-774KB-.pdf

2.0   Making an access request and documenting evidence

Completing the Access Process – Tips for Communicating about Psychosocial Disability.
This is a resource for clinicians to assist them assist consumers access the scheme. It provides a schema for describing the disability using terminology which is useful to NDIA.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/html/sites/default/files/Completing_the_access_process_for_the_NDIS_Tips_for_communicating_about_.._.pdf

Health interface project 2016: a joint project between Deakin University, G21 and Barwon Health, funded by National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Provides templates for use by health practitioners for planning, assessment and report writing, as well as explanations of NDIS terminology and how it relates to commonly used terminology, sample allied health reports and NDIS process and community information.
http://g21hwbpillar.com.au/sites/default/files/resources/ndis_health_interface_toolkit.pdf

How to document evidence for the NDIS: a resource guide developed by PIR in the Hunter Region
http://www.vicserv.org.au/images/PDF/Policy/NDIS/2._Appendix_1.Guide_for_SFs_how_to_document_evidence_for_the_NDIS_resource_from_Hunter_PIR.pdf

Reimagine today – funded by the NDIS and produced by the Mental Health Coordinating Council. A workbook and information to assist people with a psychosocial disability navigate the NDIS. Includes information and examples of supporting evidence.
http://reimagine.today/

A General Practitioner and Allied Health Professionals Guide to the NDIS
https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/gp-factsheet-dec-2017-pdf/GP-Factsheet-4pp-dec-2017.pdf

3.0 Tools and information to support planning

Checklist: getting ready for your planning conversation
https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/h68/h80/8798779670558/Checklist-Getting-ready-for-your-planning-conversation-21.10.16-accessible.pdf

Reimagine today – funded by the NDIS and produced by the Mental Health Coordinating Council. A workbook and information to assist people with a psychosocial disability navigate the NDIS. Includes useful examples of what supports might be relevant for people under the funding categories
http://reimagine.today/

Understanding the mainstream interface:
- Housing. https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/h0a/h10/8800552321054/Factsheet-MainstreamInterfaces-Housing.pdf
- Mental Health https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/h48/hcb/8800552026142/Factsheet-MainstreamInterfaces-Mental-Health.pdf

Early Childhood Early Interevention
https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/hae/h72/8799577505822/ECEI-How-the-NDIS-can-help-your-child.pdf
https://ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/hb4/h2c/8799429427230/Accessing-supports-for-my-child-PDF-203KB-.pdf

4.0 More information:

Fact sheets
Fact sheets for providers and participants on a range of topics. Includes easy to understand and psychosocial disability resources:
https://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/fact-sheets-and-publications.html

Operational Guidelines
The NDIS has operational guidelines for almost every aspect of its service delivery. It is a great place to start when trying to understand how aspects of the scheme work, what needs to be considered when allocating a particular type of support or what the relationship with another part of the service system is.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/overview.html

NDIS guide for price and paying for supports
Lists the main support categories and price (note: different guides for different states). Provides a good indication of what type of support is available and what will be paid.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-and-payment

NIDS providers
The NDIS provides a list of registered providers by State, however, registration does not necessarily mean that the service is being provided.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/document/finding-and-engaging-providers/find-registered-service-providers.html

clickability is an online site in which consumers review disability services. Searching is limited to type of service, funding type and location
https://clickability.com.au/

Quarterly Reports
The NDIA reports quarterly to COAG. They report on progress regarding implementation, including number of participants and expenditure.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/information-publications-and-reports/quarterly-reports.html

Workforce and transition arrangements (Victorian Government)
http://www.vic.gov.au/ndis.html

5.0   Keeping up to date – useful websites and mailing lists

VICSERV (peak body for Community Managed Mental Health Services)
NDIA bulletin (and Factsline)
Sign up for the weekly NDIA bulletin which summarises key news. Quickly locate key documents and the sector's policy position regarding all things NDIS.
http://www.vicserv.org.au

Disability Consulting Australia
Consulting firm that provide training and other consultancy services. However, they also publish opinion pieces and will often comment on any key developments.
http://www.disabilityservicesconsulting.com.au/

NDIS newsletters
Monthly newsletters from the NDIA (these are generally targeted at consumers but will identify key developments)
https://ndis.gov.au/news.html
NDIS provider newsletter (these are generally about administrative or technical things such as payments)
https://ndis.gov.au/news/subscribe.html

NDIA website
You will find a wealth of information on this website. If you know what you want it is often easier to use a google search rather than the navigation tools.
https://www.ndis.gov.au/index.html

Mental Health Australia
Peak national body for mental health services, consumers and carers. Has undertaken a capacity building project for consumers and carers to participate in the NDIS as well as the design of psychosocial supports project.
https://mhaustralia.org

Community Mental Health Australia
Peak body for the community mental health organisations across Australia, including VICSERV. Provides a national and coordinated voice. There is a not a lot of information on the site but provides good links.
http://www.cmha.org.au

6.0   Advocacy Services

Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability (VALID)
https://www.valid.org.au/sites/default/files/My%20Meeting%20My%20Choice%20%28Dis%20Act%20Poster%29%2029.pdf

Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council. Peak Victorian non-government organisation for people with lived experience of mental health or emotional issues. https://www.vmiac.org.au/services/ndis/

Association for Children with a Disability
https://acd.org.au/ndis-support/
https://acd.org.au/ndis-support/ndis-planning-workbook/

Youth Disability Advocacy Service
Hosting a number of events including 'map my future' - Map Your Future will help you to think about what you want. Thinking about what you want will help you to work out what kind of support you need and where you want to go in life.
https://www.yacvic.org.au/ydas/map-your-future/ persons aged 15-18 can register for this support online.

Disability Services Commissioner
http://www.odsc.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/InfoSheets_PEng_NDIS_WEB.pdf