

# NorthAble - Disability Services

NorthAble is contracted to provide a DIAS (Disability, Information and Advisory Service), NASC (Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination Service), & a VHN (Very High Needs Service) throughout Northland Te Tai Tokerau, and a Community Participation & Vocational Programme known as LYNKZ in Whangarei. There is also a user pays LYNKZ programme in Dargaville



## Services Provided

**DIAS** NorthAble is 'Your First Stop' for Disability Information and Service. Our aim is to link you to information and services that can support and empower you.

**NASC** is for people aged 0 to 65 years who have an intellectual, physical, or sensory disability, or a combination of these, where the disability is likely to continue for a minimum of six months and result in a reduction of independent functioning. Upon receiving a referral, NASC will determine eligibility for MoH funded support services, undertake an assessment, identify strengths and support needs. A Service Coordinator then works with the person/whanau to explore how individual needs can be met within the services available. NASC can also provide information on Individualised Funding and Family Funded Care.

**LYNKZ** is a Community Participation programme incorporating Vocational Support providing life skills such as cooking and social activities. LYNKZ is for people living with a physical, intellectual or sensory disability who are 16-64yrs of age. The Whangarei programme is funded by the MSD. A "user pays" programme is offered in Dargaville.

**VHN** is an individual vocational and community participation service for people 16 - 64yrs with Very High Needs, as assessed by the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS).

**Equipment Plus (EQ+) Shop & Outlets:** EQ+ are Northland Suppliers of Senior & Disability Aids & Equipment and offer a wide product range from our shop on the cnr John & Dent Streets, Whangarei (accessible car parking). Outlets are also in Dargaville at Greenways Trust, 16 Edward Street or in Kaikohe at Greenworld Health and Lifestyle, 97 Broadway. Phone us on 09 430 3469 or shop online at [www.equipmentplus.org.nz](http://www.equipmentplus.org.nz)

**Mobile Service:** Our mobile van services rural Northland on a regular schedule providing disability information and selling a wide range of disability equipment and aids for daily living. Home demonstration of equipment easily arranged. Ring 09 430 3469 or visit [www.northable.org.nz](http://www.northable.org.nz) for the timetable.

## Contact Details

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[tiaho.org.nz/northable](http://tiaho.org.nz/northable)

## Other Offices

**LYNKZ Community Participation and Vocational Programme**  
65 John Street, Whangarei  
Also at C/- CMA Building,  
Tirarau Street, Dargaville

**Telephone:**  
09 430 0988 or 0508 637 200

**EQ+ Shop Outlets:**  
Dargaville – GreenWays Trust  
Kaikohe – Greenworld Health