

Building Bridges

Strengthening Family Relationships

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Importance of Family Relationships

- Families form a significant structure in the life of our clients and of the wider community
- Family History – Provides a background to the life and history of the client.
- Knowledge - Resources, Networks.
- Good relationships between the families, the client and the service increases the clients quality of life.
- Positive benefits, extended family, social networks & advocacy

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How we link & learn

- Compile all the information from the families as part of the Global assessment.
- Produce a draft IP from the Global assessment.
- Meet with all stake holders to produce the final IP

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How we link & learn

- Identify family needs
- What can we do to improve access between family & clients
- Increase participation
- Flexible to family needs
- Improve informal structures

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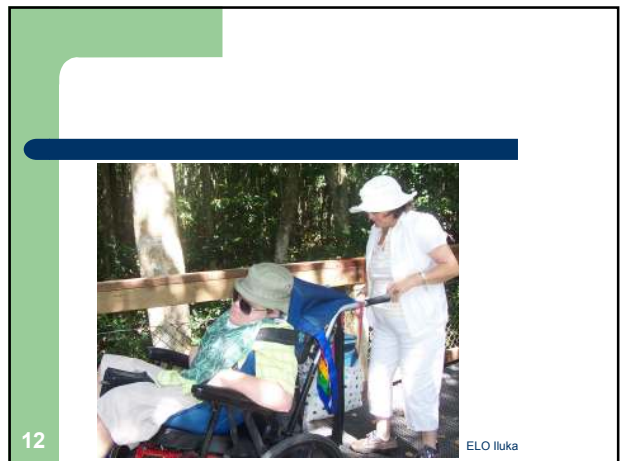
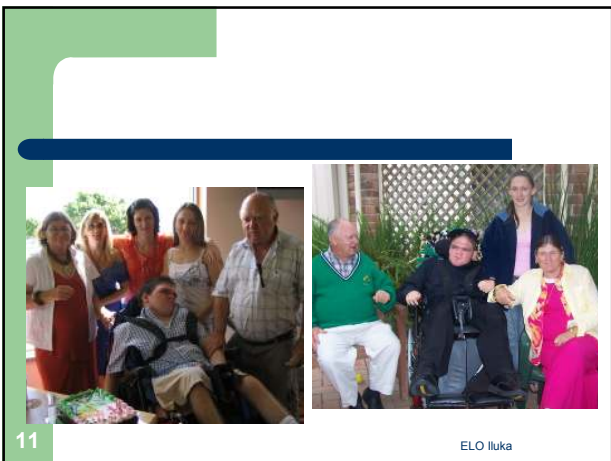
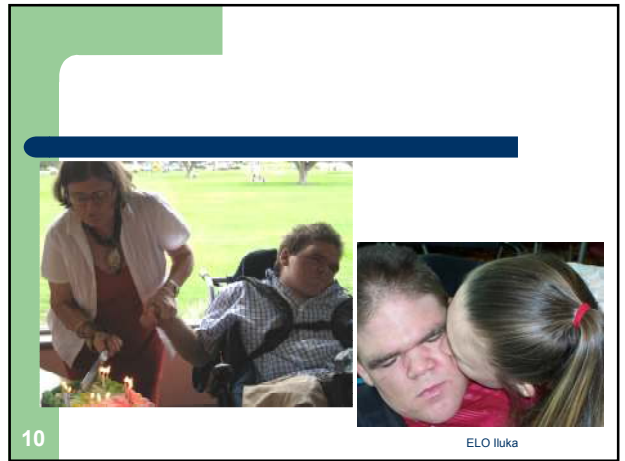
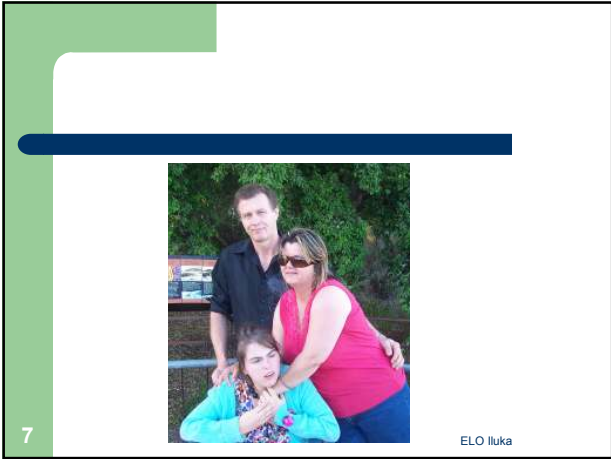
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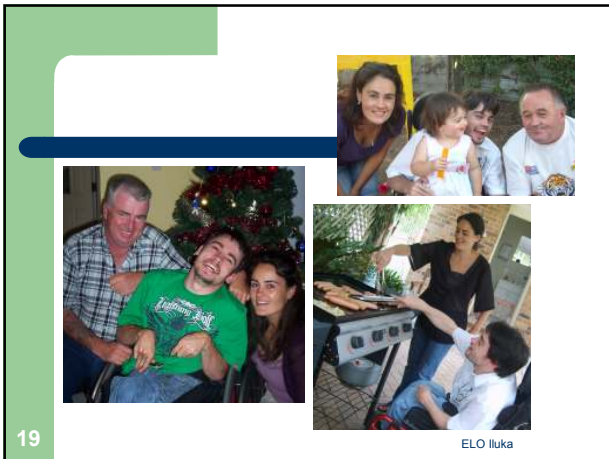
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Where we are now!

- We have ageing parents and care givers.
- Identifying other resources and linkages in the wider community
- We are working on broadening friendships & relationships.

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Where to from here!

- Making links with the services identified within the community.
- Continue the open communication with families to meet the ongoing changing needs of the client and their families.
- Include partnerships between the service, families & the wider community in the service strategic plan and PEPS.

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Family Quotes

Call it a clan, Call it a network, Call it a tribe,
Call it a family: Whatever you call it,
whoever you are, you need one.
--Jane Howard

Family & Love must be cultivated like a garden.
Time, effort, and imagination are necessary for any
relationship to flourish and grow.
--Unknown

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