The New Zealand Disability Strategy

Making a World of Difference Whakanui Oranga

Pictorial Version

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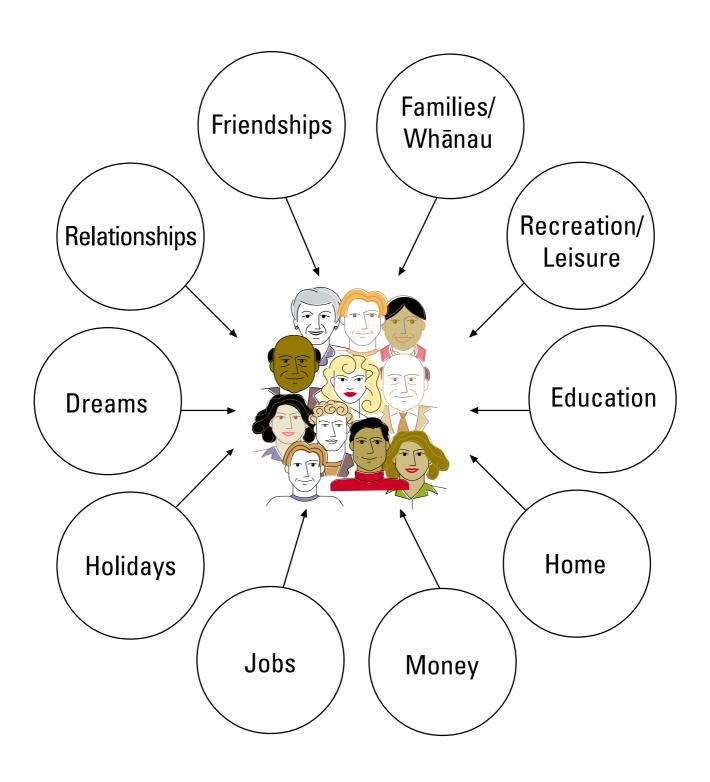
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ALL people want all or some of these things.

BUT

Sometimes this doesn't happen.
The New Zealand Government is concerned about this and wants to change it so:



People are included



People participate



People have a lot of new opportunities in their lives.

What does all this mean?

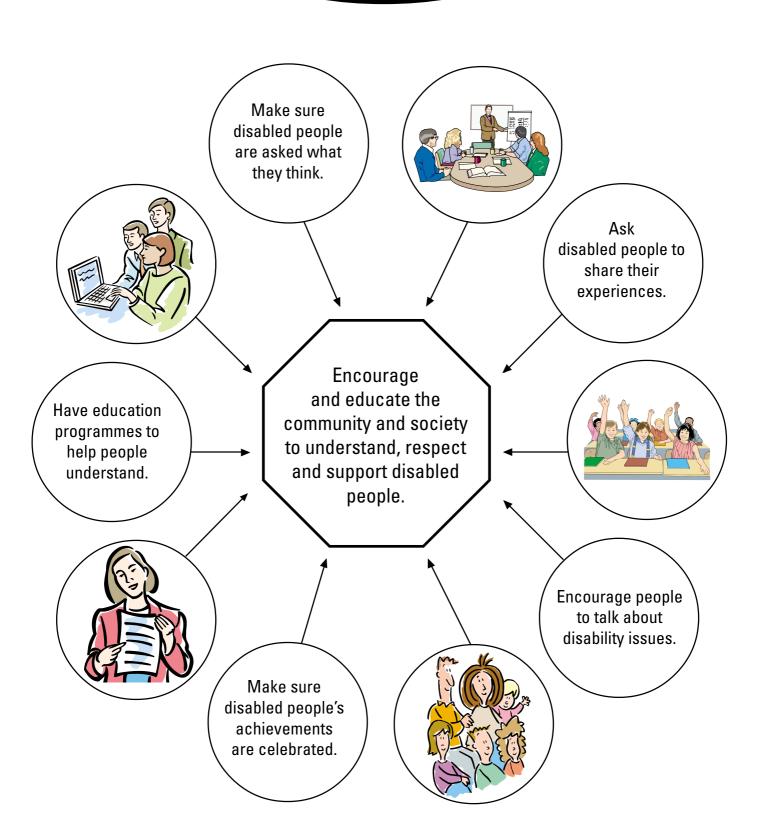


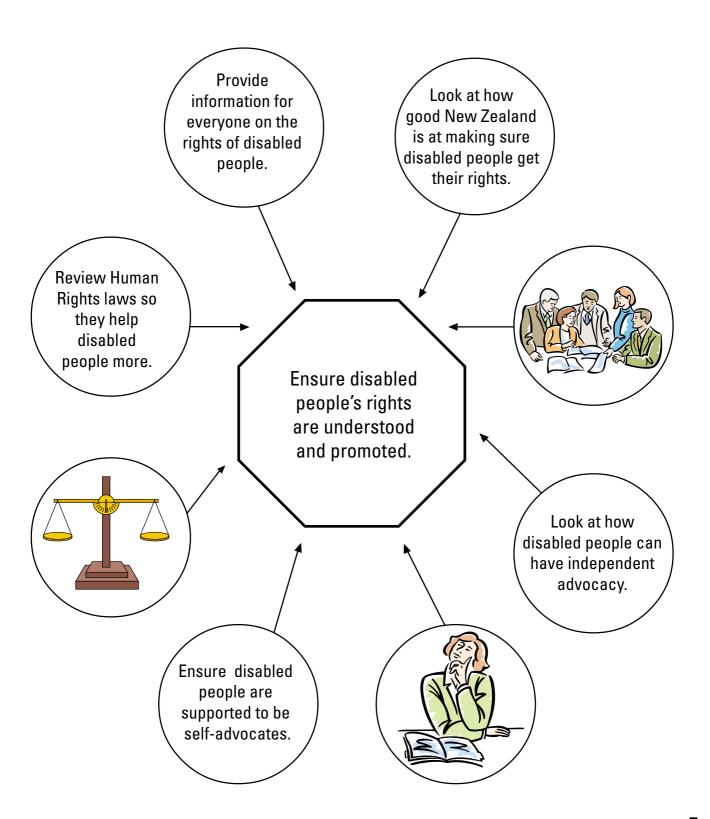
What action will the Government take?

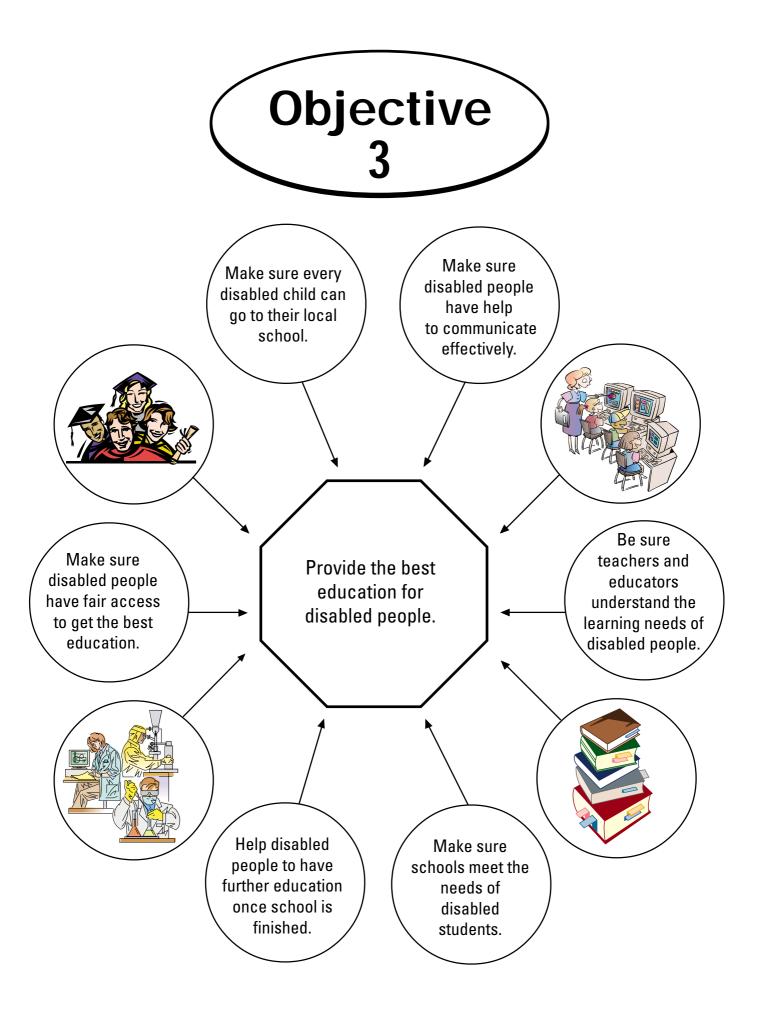


The New Zealand Disability Strategy is the Government's answer.

The Strategy has 15 objectives and actions for all of these.









Provide
education and
training to help
disabled people
get jobs.

Educate employers about the abilities of disabled people.



Make sure
disabled people
have the same
employment rights
as everyone else.

Provide
opportunities for
employment and
make sure
disabled people
have adequate
incomes.

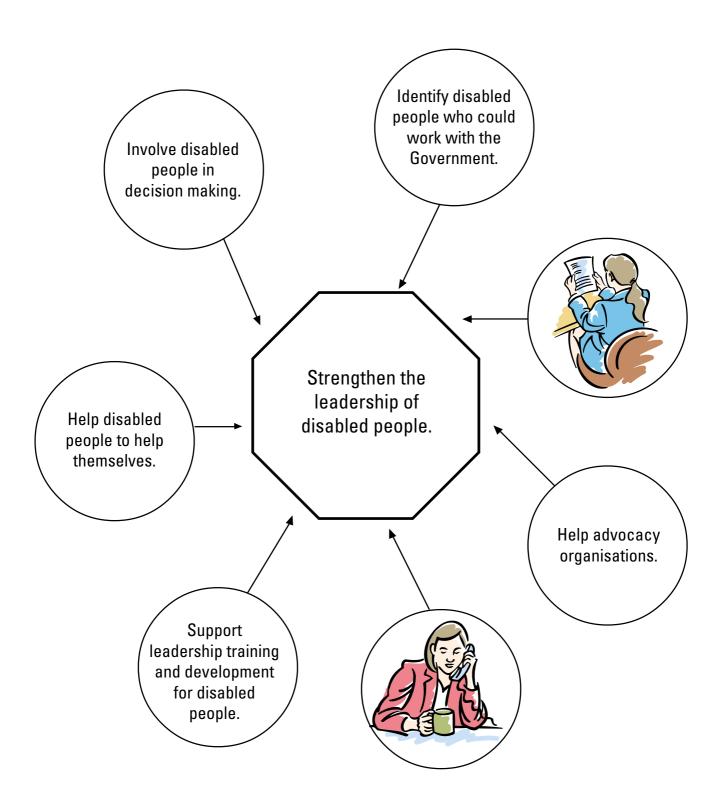
Provide
information so
disabled
people know
what help they
can get.



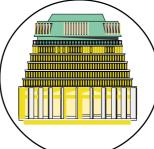
Look at what income disabled people get and make sure it is enough.

Make the move from school to work easier for disabled people.





Train people
to know what
the Disability
Strategy says and
what disabled
people expect.



Improve information available for disabled people.

Make sure
that government
organisations
support what the
Disability Strategy
wants to have
happen.

Make sure government organisations, and organisations that get money from the Government, know about and respond to disabled people.

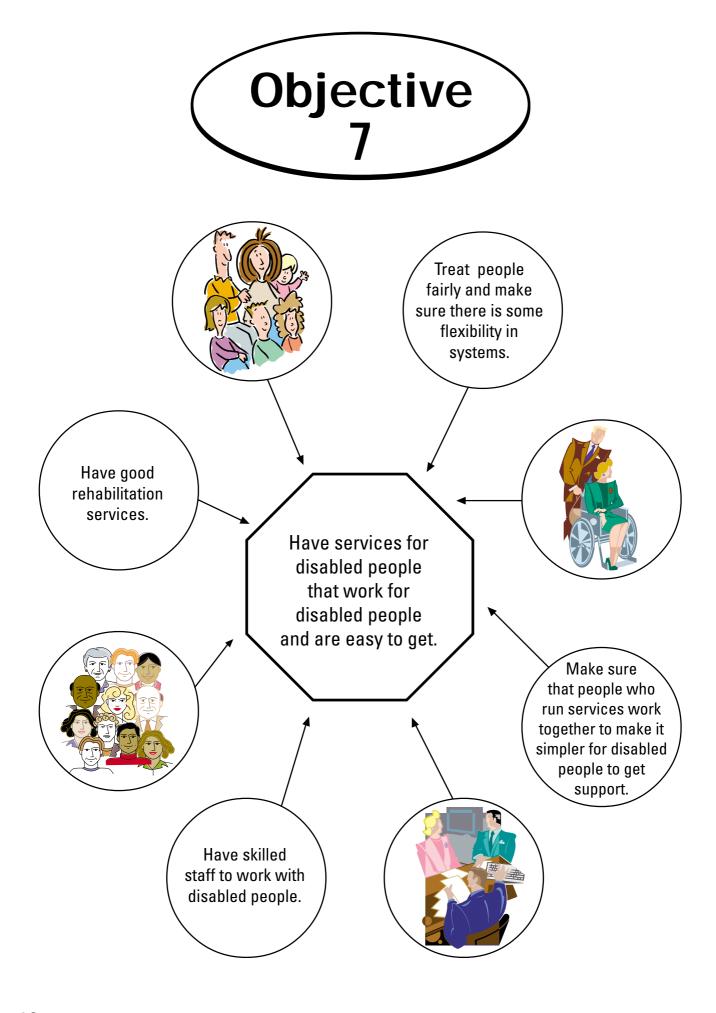


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Make sure all government organisations treat disabled people the same as everybody else.

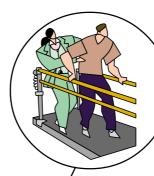


Make sure all buildings of government organisations are accessible.





Make sure disabled people can get health services in their community.



Make sure all disabled people have access to public transport if they want it.

Make it easier
to get between
buildings, public
transport and public
places like footpaths,
streets and parks.

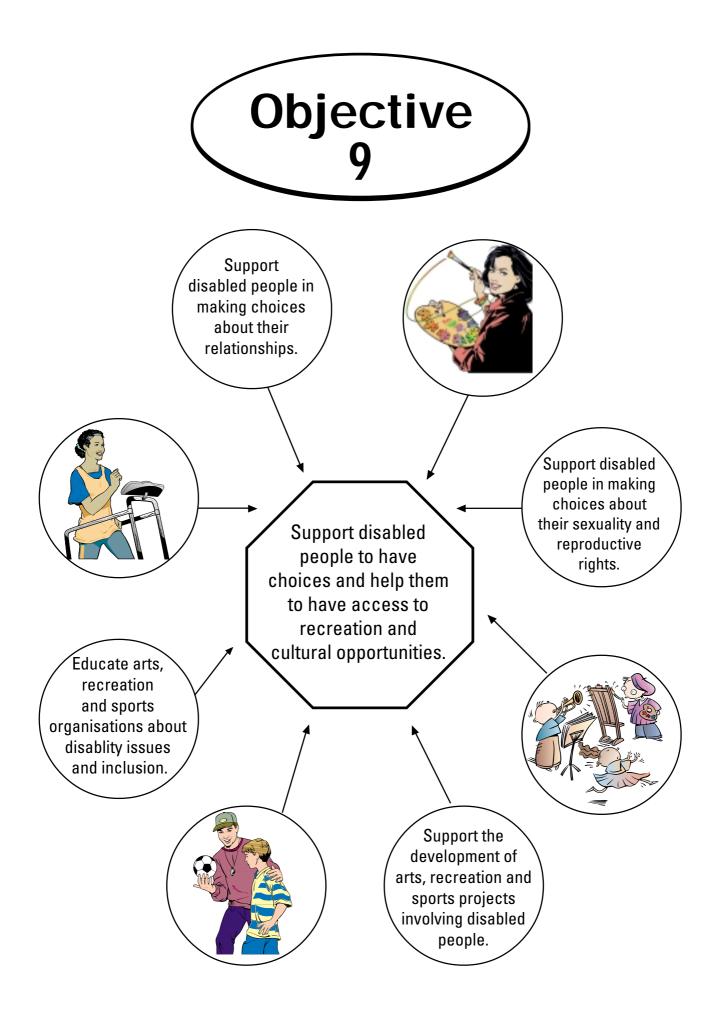
Support disabled people to have a good life in the community and to have the opportunity to live in their own homes.

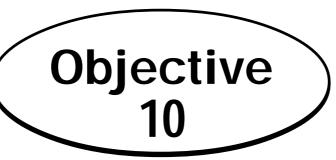


Help disabled people to live in the community in their own homes.



Help disabled people living in rural areas by improving access to services.





Make sure research information is presented in a way that disabled people can understand.



Make sure
disabled people
are involved with
research.

Collect only useful information about disabled people.

Collect information about disabled people to help with planning and understanding what disabled people want and need.



Use research information to help with planning and developing services.



Make sure that research involving disabled people is of a high standard.



Make sure disabled Māori have a say about what they want.



Make sure disabled Māori are in leadership roles. Have more
support services
developed and
provided by Māori.

Involve Māori
in providing advice
and developing
services.

Promote the involvement of disabled Māori so their culture is understood and recognised.

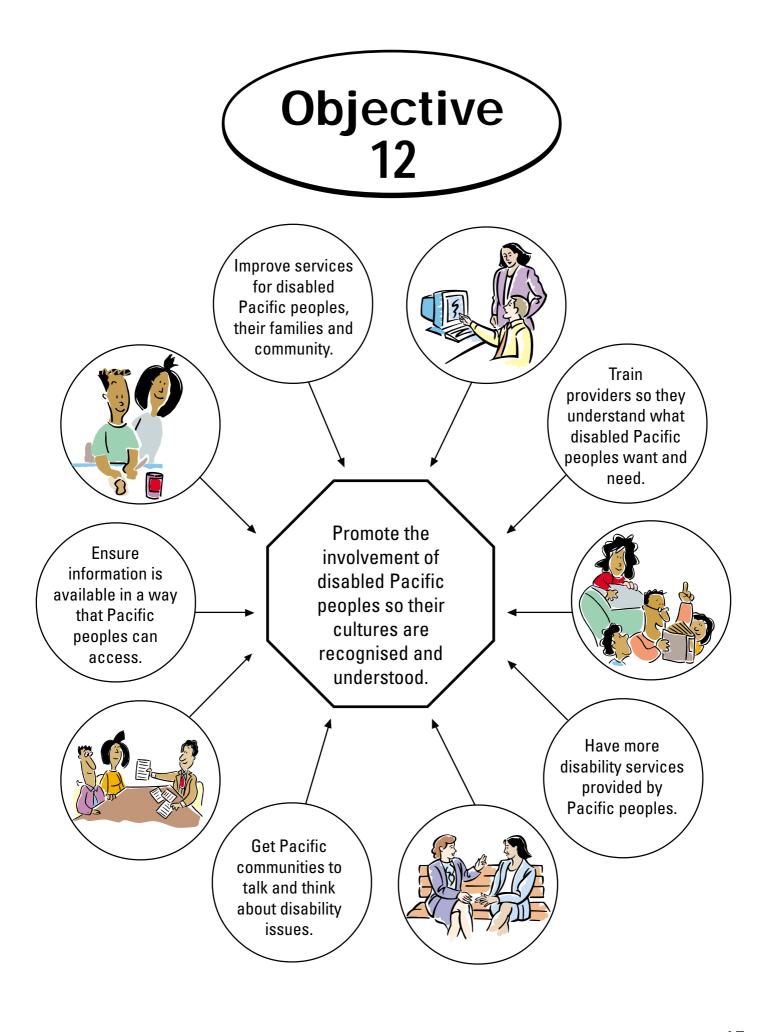


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Train providers about what Māori want and need.



Ensure
information is
available in a way
that Māori can
access.



Make transition from childhood education through to employment easier.



Identify
disabled children
and young people as
leaders and make
sure government
organisations
involve them.

Make sure
anything happening
for New Zealand
children involves
disabled children
and young
people.

Help disabled children and young people to have good lives that prepare them to be adults.

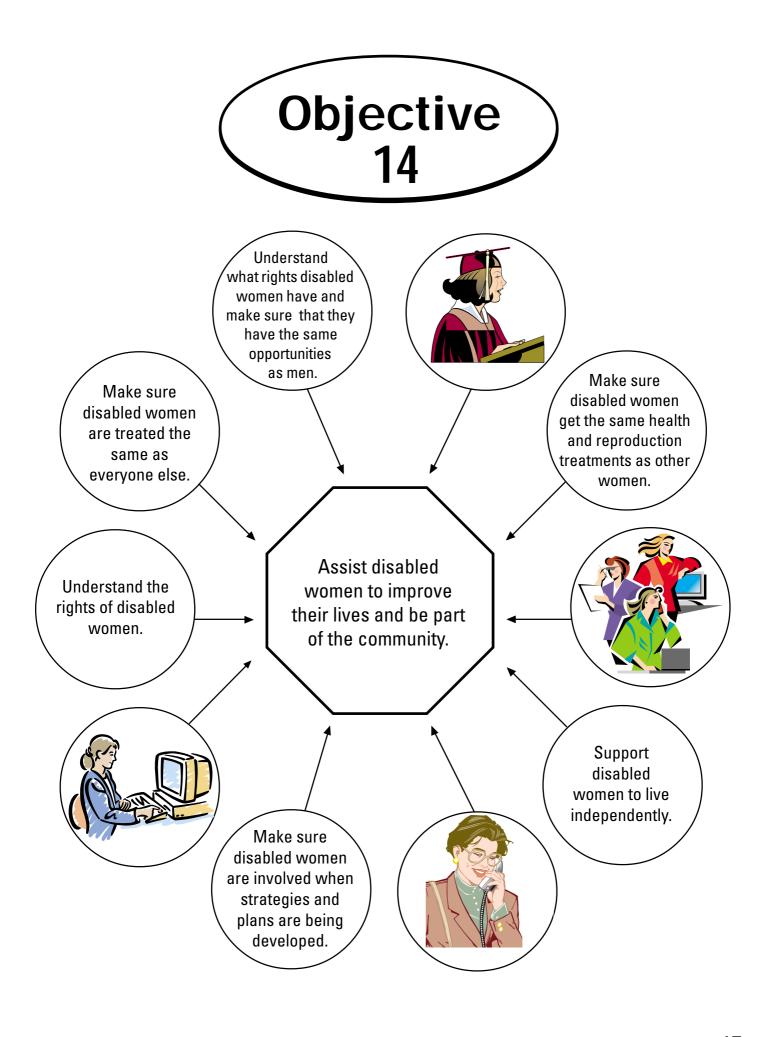


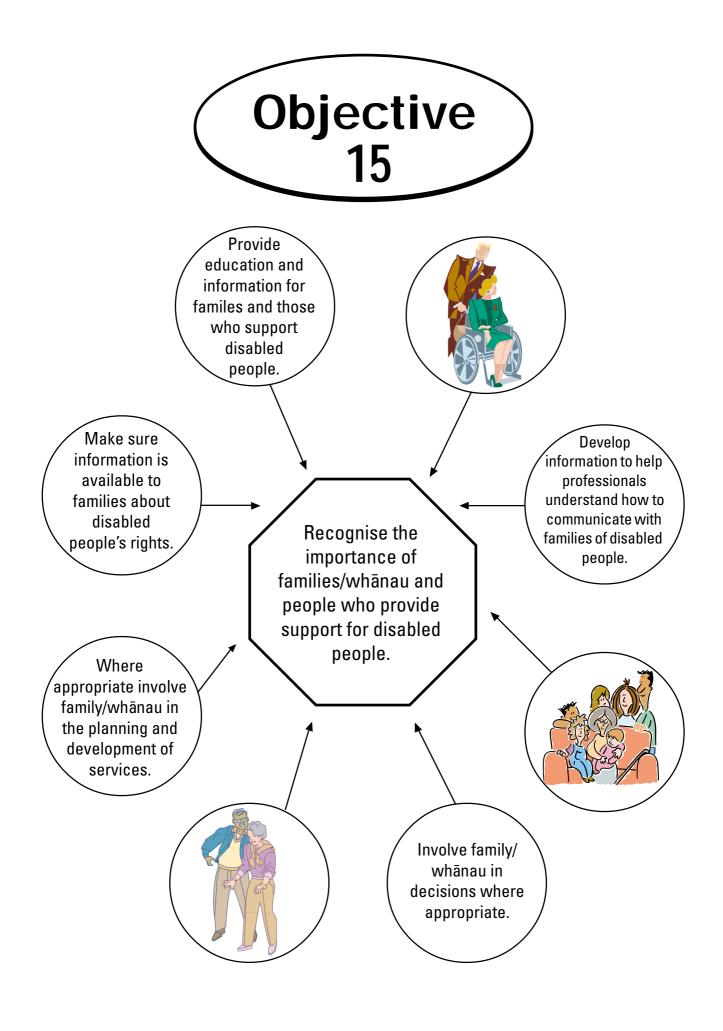
Educate people to understand the needs and wants of disabled children and young people.

Ask disabled children and young people what they want.



Make sure
services are
available for
disabled children
and young
people.





So what next ...

- All government departments/organisations will have to work towards making the things in the New Zealand Disability Strategy happen.
- All government departments will have to make a plan.
- Disabled people need to make sure the Government does what it says it is going to do.