

# NAVIGATING

## The Challenges

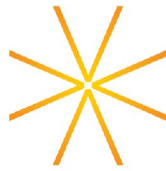
Needs Assessment and Service Coordination  
Christchurch, 1 & 2 December 2008

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

NASCA Conference  
1 – 2 December 2008

Hotel Grand Chancellor  
Christchurch  
New Zealand

**Navigating the Challenges –**  
Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination



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## OVERVIEW

The Needs Assessment Service Coordination Association of New Zealand (NASCA) wishes to notify you of their second national conference – “Navigating the Challenges – Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination” which will be held in the beautiful city of Christchurch on December 1 & 2, 2008.

In terms of human services across the ages, Needs Assessment and Service-ordination is a very young service methodology. In its current form, the Needs Assessment Service Coordination (NASC) process has been around for a little over a decade, which relatively speaking makes it still in its infancy. Much of the NASC process works well and we wish to continue building and developing the successes while developing solutions to those challenges that frequently present to be negotiated and ultimately navigated. It is the purpose of this conference to assist us in this process of navigation as we continue to grapple with real life events, resource limitations and wide ranges of service issues.

While tackling some challenging issues you will have opportunities for networking, informal problem-solving spending time with peers from around the nation and to make new connections and strengthen relationships.

## Purpose

It will offer opportunities for the professionals in the field to be able to continue to identify (and make progress with) some of the challenges that create the day to day difficulties for individuals, families, NASC, providers and funders.

Ultimately the purpose of this event is to deepen our awareness of the challenges faced by disabled people and their loved ones as they navigate through the NASC processes.

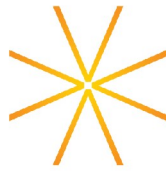
The conference will seek to meet this purpose by:

- Providing a focus on leadership development
- Seek to investigate best practice
- Provide a forum for professional & skill development
- Offer practical day to day suggestions to day to day challenges

## Who / What is NASC / NASCA

This event is hosted by NASCA NZ. NASCA is the national body representing and providing NASC Managers and their organizations with opportunities for peer support and professional collaboration and development. As an Association it provides an invaluable forum for discussion and the development of national strategy to help ensure the best possible approaches to meeting the demands running a NASC agency can present.

NASCA provides a unique opportunity to assist with the development of a nationally consistent approach within the disability sector.



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## How to submit an abstract

Individuals and groups are invited to submit an abstract on any topic that is related to the theme “**Navigating the Challenges**”.

We are looking for as many high-quality presentations as possible, and will select and group these to present an exciting, thought provoking programme. We aim to bring together people and presenters with different perspectives to stimulate debate and encourage the spread of ideas.

The Conference media facilities will include over-head projection, display boards, and PowerPoint Projection (the preferred medium for visual presentation).

We welcome your contributions and innovative ideas.

### Conditions

If you submit an abstract to present please be aware that as a presenter you must pay for your own travel and accommodation costs, and register (and pay) to attend the conference if you wish to stay for the duration of the conference.

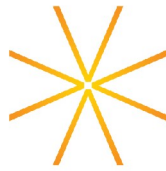
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### Deadline Dates

<b>Receipt of Abstracts</b>	<b>15 August 2008</b>
<b>Notification of Acceptance</b>	<b>29 August 2008</b>
<b>Receipt of Final Papers</b>	<b>30 September 2008</b>

### Format

- Please submit abstracts by 15 August 2008
- All abstracts must be submitted electronically on the official abstract form provided on the following page. Email the form to [glenda@hardingconsultants.co.nz](mailto:glenda@hardingconsultants.co.nz)
- For ease of sorting please name your abstract file by your surname (the surname of the principal or first presenter) and send by email as an attachment.
- Include a short profile of the author (maximum 100 words) with your abstract
- If you are submitting more than one abstract, please submit one per form
- Priority will be given to abstracts that provide a wide range of perspectives from various relevant sectors
- Please note that we may not have space to include all papers offered
- Please ring 03 352 5598 if you have any queries



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Submissions are invited on the following major themes:

1. ***Leadership Development***
2. ***Best Practice***
3. ***Professional and Skill Development***
4. ***Practical Day To Day Suggestions For Day To Day Challenges***
5. ***General***

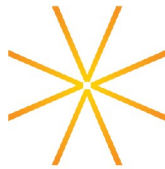
## WHY “Navigating the Challenges – Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination”?

Disabled people, families, advocates, service providers, NASC staff and all key stakeholders understand that the NASC process which aims to support people to gain access to services and supports (natural and/or funded) for the purpose of making life easier, can also at times, potentially make life harder. There are many reasons for this and it is not a one issue dilemma.

Our theme wishes to open up some of the many threads of these issues for the benefit of all. Through a wide variety of presentations that look to identify and demystify some of the issues through to workshops which aim to provide day to day practical suggestions, this years event will provide you with an opportunity to develop personally and professionally.

## Who Should Attend?

- Needs Assessment and Service Coordination facilitators
- NASC Managers
- Disabled people and their families
- Older people and their families
- DHB portfolio managers
- Ministry of Health Contract Relationship Managers
- Any interested parties.



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### ABSTRACT FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REMIT)

Note: Priority will be given to remits that encourage discussion over those that simply supply information.

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<b>Organisation</b>			
<b>Postal address</b>			
<b>E-mail Address</b>			
<b>Phone number</b>		<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Presentation topic</b>	<b>Please check the box to identify your topic area:</b>		
	➤ <b>Leadership Development</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	➤ <b>Best Practice</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	➤ <b>Professional and Skill Development</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	➤ <b>Practical Day To Day Suggestions For Day To Day Challenges</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	➤ <b>General</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Estimated Time Required</b>	<b>15-20 minutes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30 minutes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1 hour</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Overview of Presentation</b> (100 word maximum)			

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