

Disability Services Commission Project: Develop Disability Sector capacity to respond to crisis events

Goal:

Develop Disability Sector capacity to respond to crisis events in the lives of people with disabilities who experience challenging behaviour through the use of positive behaviour strategies.

Outcomes:

Crisis Response Strategies (Please refer page two, Figure1) in which Disability Sector Organisations (DSOs) use Positive Behaviour Support to:

- Plan for crisis management
- Prepare and implement safety plans
- Develop a joined-up approach to managing risk as part of a person's behaviour support plan

In Scope (inclusions)

Disability Sector Organisation's:

- in the Perth metropolitan and regional areas
- People funded by Disability Services Commission, NDIA or NDIS My Way
- supporting people with disability who live with family or separately or live in supported accommodation

Out of Scope (exclusions)

- Disability Sector Organisations working exclusively in respite or homelessness
- Resolving identified issues/gaps or conducting trials/pilots (though cataloguing, suggestions and costings – where available - will be captured in the final report)
- Directly funding organisations to build organisational capacity
- Social return on investment/community cost benefit analysis and/ or costing identified barriers

Methodology:

- The project will be introduced to the sector at a Positive Behaviour Framework Sector Wide workshop. Positive Behaviour In Action (PBIA) and Behaviour Support Consultancy (BSC) forums will be used during the course of the project to reach out to the disability sector and share knowledge from the sector.
- The project will take a very collaborative approach, brainstorming sessions and sector wide workshops will be organised within the Disability Sector. These workshops will seek feedback or inputs from CEOs, Delivery Managers and support workers to better understand the current mechanisms and concerns.
- Expressions of Interests will be sent out to Disability organisations to be part of the Exploration Group. This group will be responsible for designing the Crisis response strategies. To be a member of the Exploration Group, a commitment to attend and actively participate in workshops and provide feedback will be needed.
- The crisis response strategies will then be collated in to a report and will be sent for review by Positive Behaviour Support Guiding Committee before being submitted to Disability Services Commission.

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Project Context:

Positive Behaviour Support – Effective Support Design Checklist

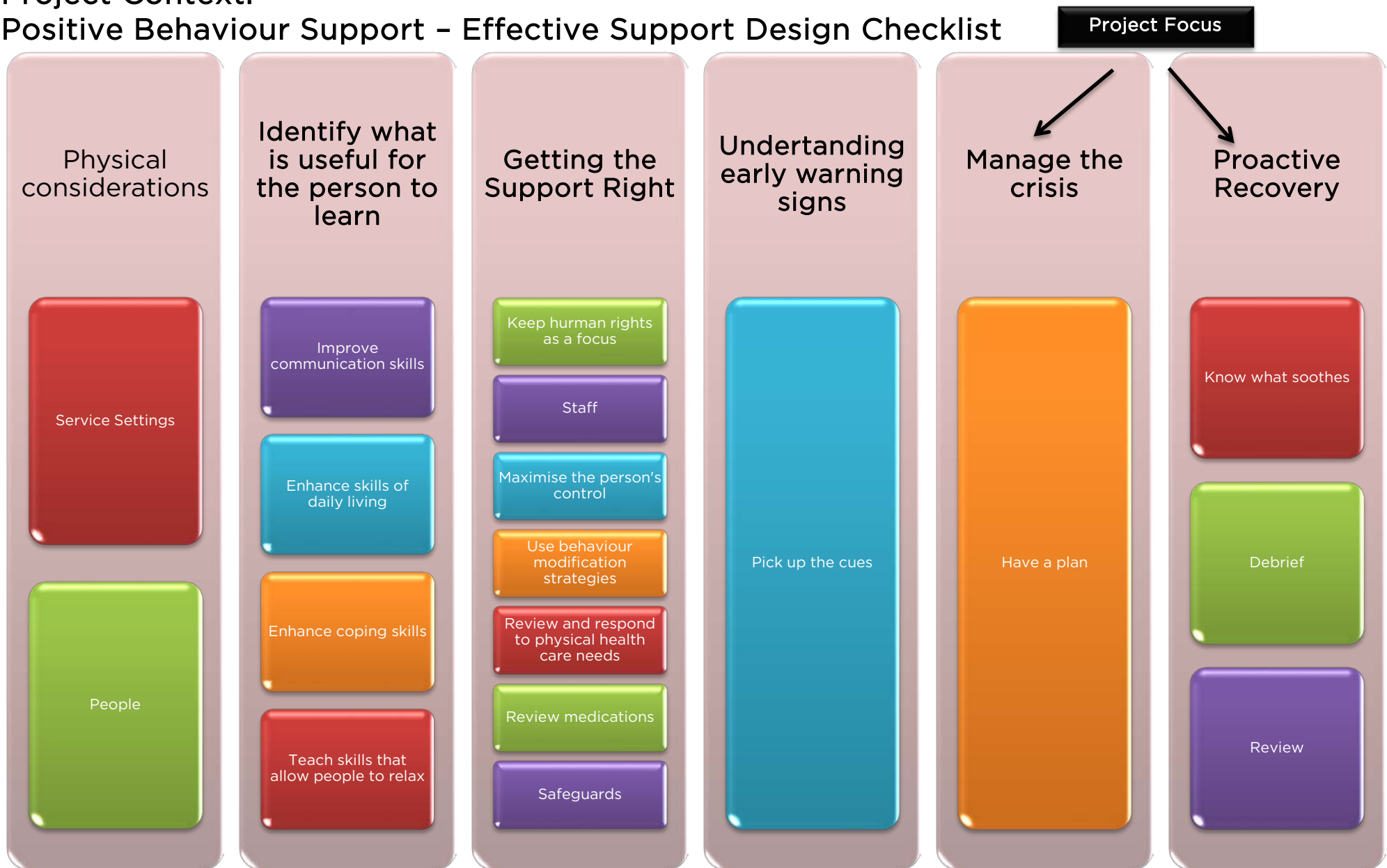


Figure 1: Adapted from Disability Services Commission's Positive Behaviour Framework Effective Service Design booklet (pages 18-19)