



Video: What do you think about the option to self-manage your plan?

Erika:

00:07

I think self-managing is definitely the way to go and I spent the first two

00:13

years saying I could never self manage and then I got this great coordinator

00:19

and he said, well why don't you just self manage a bit of it and we can work out a

00:25

method for you to do it and so I've been self managing one part of it and it's as

00:32

easy as paying bills.

Michael:

00:33

I suppose self-management gives you the maximum amount of choices

00:41

you could possibly think of.

00:43

You can self manage anything that might help you integrate into the community

00:47

and the possibilities are just endless.

00:50

There is some advantages to this because that means

00:53

you can employ anybody, you can employ your neighbour, your friend, or anyone you trust.

Cathy:

01:00

Well in the beginning there was just no way that I was emotionally able

01:07

to manage any part of Daniel's NDIS plan, but since November last year,

01:15

since things are starting to go really well, I have now, am now self managing Daniel's plan.

01:21

I now get the support organisations to email me invoices then I just log on

01:31

to the NDIS portal and submit the invoices then that money gets deposited

01:39

into a bank account that we opened up specifically for the NDIS funding and

01:46

then I pay the invoices.

01:49

Love it!

Janet:

01:51

We didn't want to self-manage

01:53

for a number of reasons, well one is it's not sustainable because we're not going

01:57

to live forever and if we are incapacitated then what happens?

02:02

And also it can cause tension if it's your child, particularly because you're seen

02:11

to have control over the coordination that can tension between you and the person.

Michael:

02:16

I think the best way to make a decision

02:18

about whether you want to self-manage or not is to get someone to sit down with

02:22

you and take you through a couple of scenarios about the advantages and the

02:27

disadvantages of self managing and then you make the decision yourself.

02:32

And like I said, I might have said that self managing is a really good thing, but it

02:36

might not be for everyone, it depends and it's entirely your decision.

Cathy:

02:42

If you can feel that it won't

02:45

be adding too much burden to you I would say go for it

02:50

because it is really quite easy and you can see where the money is spent,

02:56

the balances of each category, and it just gives you that control because people were

03:04

sending you the invoices.