



## **Culturally diverse Parents' Support Group Meeting** (Caring for disabled/special-needs family members)

**Tuesday 15th November 2016 (5.30pm-8.00pm)**  
**Whanau Room, Mt Richmond School**  
**30 Albion Road, Otahuhu, Auckland**

FREE ENTRY and ample FREE car parking  
Complementary light supper included

Disability Connect is delighted to announce the **November 2016** Support Group meeting.

In keeping with our ethos of working inclusively and cross-culturally with an ethnically diverse community, this month we are extending our invitation to families of all ethnicities caring for a person with a disability.

**Lawrence Chok of Families Action Support Team Inc. is our guest speaker this month (more information about Lawrence and his work at [http://inclusionaotearoa.co.nz/6\\_2.html](http://inclusionaotearoa.co.nz/6_2.html))**

Lawrence came into the disability field as a parent. He has been working towards establishing 'family collectives', an innovative model based around the Family Governance Model of living for people with a disability. He coaches groups of families and supports to create their own family collective and/or work with other organisations to enrich the life of their disabled family members. Lawrence's innovative and enterprising ideas have led his own son and many other young people with a disability to lead productive and independent lives.

In his presentation he will share real-life success stories from all over Aotearoa based on the 'family collective' model. There will be opportunity for families to ask questions and discuss their own ideas. Those families who wish to be coached by Lawrence can register to attend a free 2 day weekend workshop to be held on a selection of dates in late 2016 and early 2017.

### **Programme for the day:**

5:30pm - Registrations Open and networking (refreshments and light supper provided)  
6.00pm - Presentation: Establishing 'Family Collectives' by Lawrence Chok  
8.00pm - Finish.

**For catering purposes it is important to register for this informative evening meeting.** You can register by emailing Disability Connect ([admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz)), phone 09 636 0351 or text Asoka at 027 457 8571 or email ([asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz)) to book. [Click here](#) for a map link to the venue.

Our main aim in hosting these parents' meetings is to encourage and enable building a supportive community. We welcome children, provided they are supervised by a family member.

Please note there is a charge of \$50.00 for professionals who wish to attend this meeting.