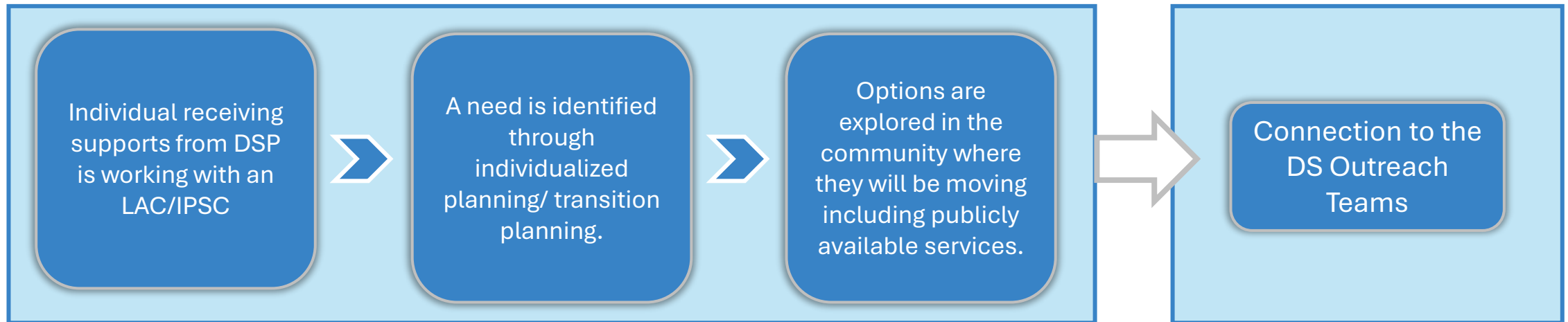


# Disability Support Outreach Teams | Connection Pathway

As part of individualized planning, individuals will receive supports from their LAC/IPSC to explore options related to allied health supports within their community of choice, and if appropriate, they will be connected to the DSOTs.



## Reasons for connection may include the following but are not limited to :

- Delays in accessing supports that can postpone transitions to community living or impact an individual's abilities to be independent.
- Services may not be available in rural or underserved areas where individuals live.
- Existing services often have strict eligibility criteria that may not align with the specific needs or diagnoses of individuals supported by DSP.
- Individuals often require multiple coordinated supports (e.g., OT, PT, behavior support), which the public system may not deliver in an integrated or team-based way.
- Traveling to centralized health facilities can be challenging due to lack of transportation, physical accessibility barriers, or support needs during travel.
- Families and caregivers may need more hands-on guidance, coaching, and capacity-building than what standard health services provide.
- Individuals may face challenges accessing culturally safe care or communicating effectively in settings not designed for their needs (e.g., non-verbal individuals, AAC users).

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People within the circle of support for an individual receiving Disability Support Program (DSP) supports who seek to consult with the Disability Support Outreach Teams can follow the connection pathway outlined below to access the Teams' capacity-building services.

These multidisciplinary Allied Health teams offer a range of services designed to strengthen the capacity of staff and support networks to provide responsive, person-centered care to individuals with disabilities.

- Education and training sessions tailored to the needs of staff, support networks, and service providers
- Awareness-building webinars or workshops focused on understanding specific disabilities, communication strategies, or sensory and behavioural supports
- Consultation and coaching to support implementation of best practices in daily supports
- Collaborative problem-solving to address complex support needs and promote inclusion
- Resource sharing and guidance on adaptive tools, therapeutic strategies, and environmental modifications

