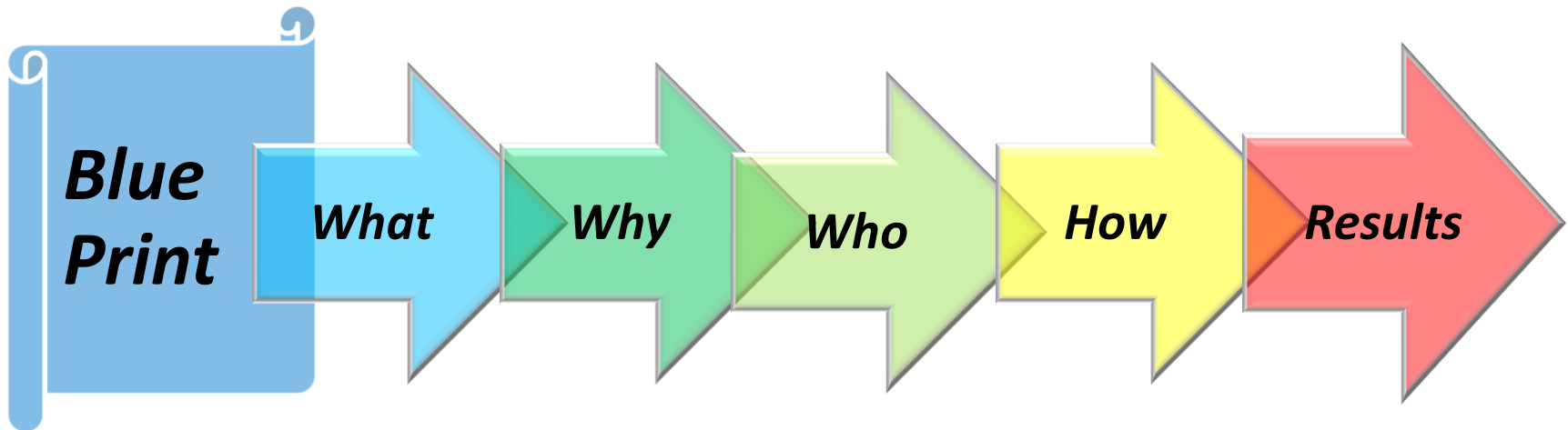


# Futures Alliance – Blue Print *for People with Disability who are Ageing*



# What Do We Want For People with a Disability who are Ageing:

Adequate resources and supports to remain active

Avoiding unnecessary and inappropriate institutionalisation

Enablement of the disability and aged care sectors to respond to their needs

The option of self directed individualised funding for life

Have the same choices that reflect the range of options available to other people in their retirement

Recognition of the increased complexity of support needs of people with disabilities as they age

Clear and uniform access to supports to meet needs

Maintaining and improving quality of life

Recognition that people with disabilities often experience the ageing process at an earlier age than the general population

Support to have choice and control over where they live as they age

# Why

## People with a Disability who are Ageing:

Are now living longer and  
reaching retirement age

Their needs are not being met

People with disability who are  
ageing fall into cracks

Lack of cohesion between  
funding and policy frameworks  
results in disjointed service  
provision

People with disabilities would  
like access to a system that  
allows them to plan their  
future and to participate in the  
implementation of these plans

# Who

To achieve  
better  
outcomes  
for people  
with a  
disability  
who are  
ageing:

Government:  
Commonwealth  
State  
Local

People with a disability

Aged care services

Disability Services

Human Services  
providers

Community:  
social networks, family,  
advocates & volunteers

# How

For people with a disability who are ageing:

Genuine consultation about what they want and how their aged care needs will be met

Self directed individual funding options with the flexibility to meet complex and changing needs

Recognition as a 'Special Needs' group within the Aged Care funding and legislative framework

Eligibility and access based on assessments that are sensitive to ageing changes for people with a disability

Access to all Commonwealth Aged Care Programs, including packaged and flexible care options

Flexibility and collaboration between all levels of government and their departments

Access to health, and allied geriatric expertise

Funded partnerships between disability and aged care providers to allow collaboration and cross sector development

Ongoing research to provide a solid evidence base for policy, planning and service provision

Professional development of a workforce that addresses ageing and disability issues in practice

Consistency between disability and aged care standards to ensure human rights and accountability

# Results

## **People with a disability who are ageing are saying life is good because:**

I have chosen the supports I need

I was able to do this easily

I can live where I want to live

I have my own plan for the future

I am a valued active citizen

### **For Governments:**

Improvements to planning and service delivery which minimises the likelihood of people with a disability who are ageing falling into crisis

Reductions in unnecessary use of expensive health interventions, such as hospitalisation

A more equitable system, where people's needs are met irrespective of how they arise

### **For Service providers:**

Better exchange of knowledge across aged care and disability services

More effective use of resources through better targeted assessment

Capacity to support people to continue to live in the community as they age

### **For Community and families:**

Reassurance that people with a disability who are ageing will have their needs met.

More effective support for carers.

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