

# Services/Support & Mainstreaming

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# More traditional model of self/mutual Support

- Child with disability attends day/other services provided by a service provider
- Parents form a mutual support group
- Activities of the group relate directly to ID/P&S issues:
  - Advocacy for disability services,
  - Support for each other as parents
  - Medical /health service needs of children
  - Social outlets for parents siblings
  - Fundraising for activities for the children with disabilities
  - Support for independent living /campus style accommodation

# Mutual Support & Mainstreaming

- Mutual support group continues to work in traditional way  
**PLUS has to work outside of disability sector alone-must now**
- Engage in structures and activities outside of the disability sector eg Local Govt.
- Actively participating in the broader community- not just the disability sector eg C&V Foras, FRCs, other groups
- Actively engage with the issues of mainstream community activities/groups- eg: have their needs visible in the 5 year Community Plan
- Link themselves and their children into broader community based supports setting the foundation for life in the Mainstream Community for their children in the future