

# Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)

Providing quality intervention early in your child's life may reduce the need for longer-term intervention and can support them over time to lead an ordinary life.

If your child is aged between 0 and 6 years and has a disability or if there are concerns with their development, they may be eligible to receive support from the NDIS. Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) is an approach designed to support families to help their child develop the skills they need to take part in daily activities and achieve the best possible outcomes throughout their life. ECEI is a family-centred approach that supports greater inclusion in mainstream settings and builds the capacity of your child and family.

## HOW IT WORKS

If your child has a disability and/or you have concerns about your child's development, you can contact an Early Childhood Partner (ECP). Early Childhood Partners will tailor support to your child's individual needs and circumstances. They will work with you to:

- Connect you and your child with the most appropriate supports in your area, such as the community health centre, educational settings and playgroup
- Provide some short-term early intervention where it has been identified as the most appropriate support
- Help you to request NDIS access if your child requires longer-term early childhood intervention supports.

## ACCESSING ECEI

If your child is already a NDIS Participant, their current arrangements will continue. An NDIA representative will talk to you about the different ECEI options for your child at their next scheduled Plan Review.

If your child is not currently supported by the NDIS, but they are receiving government funded supports, they will continue to receive these supports until the NDIS becomes available in your area. You will be contacted by a representative of the NDIA when the NDIS becomes available where you live.

If your child is not currently receiving support, details of your Early Childhood Partner or interim arrangements will be available on the NDIS website, when available in your area.

**For more information, contact one of our friendly Family Support Officers, all of whom have personal experience of raising a child with additional needs.**

### Family Resource Centre

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