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Navigating supports for a child under 9 years of age.

Child

Under 9 years of age.

Parents notice a delay

Your child's educator or teacher raises concerns about development

Consult a child & family health nurse

Consult your GP

Consult your Paediatrician

Connect with an Early Childhood Partner (ECP)

Your child does not need a diagnosis to access an ECP.

Find your local Early Childhood Partner here.

Your GP may make a referral for Allied Health Professionals under the following Medicare programs:

- Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDM)
- Better Access (Mental Health Care Plan)
- Complex Neurodevelopmental Disorder Services

Early Childhood Partners will:

- provide information
- connect you to community services and supports
- provide early supports

Early Childhood Partners will:

- assist you to apply for NDIS - if your child meets the NDIS criteria

OR

- assist you to connect to supports if your child is not an Australian citizen.

NDIS Plan

Access Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)

Waiting for Early Childhood Intervention Services or looking for other resources and supports

Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) supports:

- Supported Playgroups - MyTime, Playgroup Australia
- Child Care Support - Inclusion Support Program
- Kindergarten Inclusion Support (KIS) in Victoria
- Kindergarten Inclusion Service in Queensland
- Early Intervention - NSW
- Pre-Prep Priority Cohorts - VIC

Other supports and information:

- Raising Children Network
- Child and Parent Disability Services
- Advocating for children with disabilities - VIC
- Belongside Families - NSW
- Kiind - WA
- Carers Australia
- Disability Gateway

Parent and family support programs:

- Envisage
- Strengthening Parent Support Program
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Families
- Stepping Stones Triple P
- Now & Next

Financial assistance:

- CentreLink Payments for Carers
- Income and finance

Resources on Best Practice in Early Childhood Intervention:

- Family Voices Podcast
- Best Practice in ECI Guide
- Best Practice Information Sheets
- Key Worker role in ECI