



Early Childhood

Early Childhood is an approach to assist children younger than nine who may have a developmental delay or disability, and their families/carers. The approach supports children and their families in developing the skills they need to participate in daily activities and achieve the best possible outcomes throughout their lives.

How does it work?

The Early Childhood Approach provides families with Early Connections, including information about the supports and services available in their local community to help their child achieve their goals. The type of support provided is about what is best for the child and family. This might include:

- Information and linkages to help the family access supports and services available in their local community;
- Short-term early intervention supports if this is the best way to support the child (short-term early interventions is now known as Early Supports);
- Building the family's capacity and confidence to support their child; and
- Where the child may require longer-term early childhood intervention supports, help to request access to the NDIS (the scheme).

Once a child has access to the scheme, the EC Coordinator will work with the family to develop a plan that supports the child's goals, explain the plan and support the family to link with their choice of providers.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to access Early Childhood services.

Where is it available?

Early Childhood services are available across our Murrumbidgee, Mallee, Loddon and Goulburn regions.

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