

# Family guide

## What young people told us about early childhood intervention



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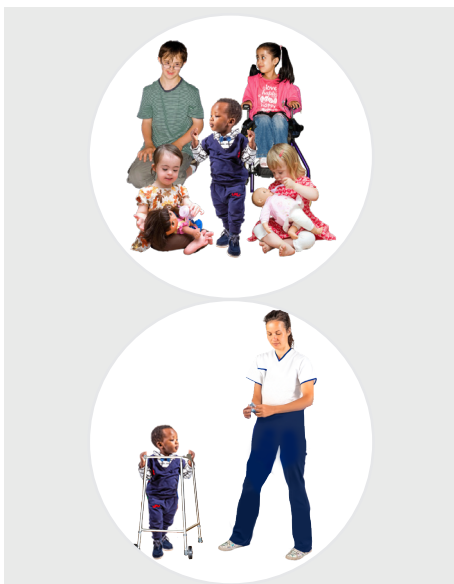


This information is about **early childhood intervention**.

We call it **ECI** for short.



ECI is a type of support for your child if they are younger than 9 years old.



Your child might need ECI if they have a

- Disability
- **Developmental delay.**



A **developmental delay** is when a child needs more time to learn and grow.

ECI activities and services can support your child to



- Grow strong



- Make friends and play with others



- Enjoy their life.



They will also work with you and the whole family.

There might be a team of ECI workers who support your child with different things like



- Talking



- Playing with others



- Moving their body



- How they think and feel.

## What young people with disability said about ECI



We talked to young people with disability who had ECI when they were children.



We asked them what they think families should know about ECI.



Their ideas might help you understand more about ECI and your child.



We will talk about what they said next.

## What young people with disability told us



Young people with disability told us what they want families to know about ECI.



They said disability does not mean there is something wrong with your child.



They said disability is not something you need to fix.



They said it is good when families ask for support like ECI.



They said ECI gives everyone in the family new skills.





Young people with disability said the way ECI is done must

- Be safe for your child
- Respect your child.



They said you should watch how your child is when they get ECI.



This is so you can check if they feel okay about it.



Young people with disability said your child should have a say in what happens with their ECI.



They said you should speak up if something feels wrong with the ECI your child gets.

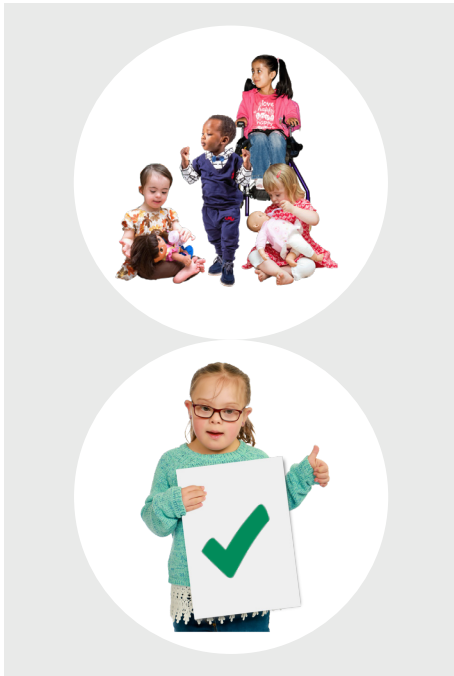


There are other things that can make things hard for children with disability.



It can be hard when other people think disability is a bad thing.





We need to change the way people think about disability so all children can

- Take part in the things they want to
- Do well in life.



Young people with disability said it is good to join in with other families who have disability.



You can share ideas and support each other.



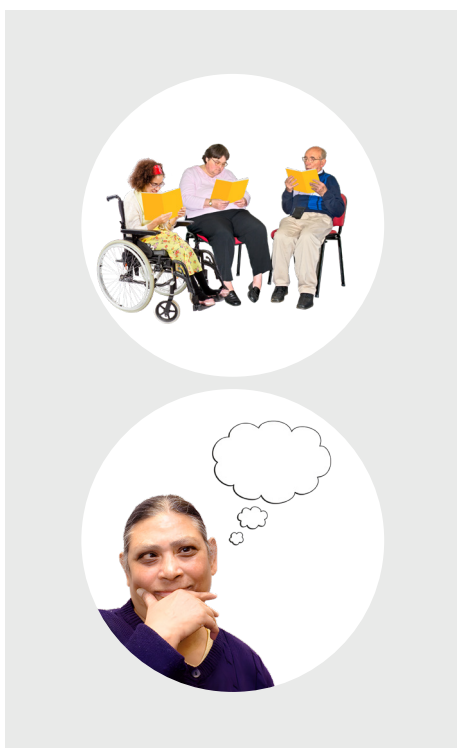
Young people said it is important to think in a good way about what your child

- Can already do now
- Could do in the future.

## What young people with disability want families to do



Young people with disability told us what they want families to do.



They said it is good to listen to people with disability to

- Learn new things
- Think in new ways about your child.



This can help you support your child better.

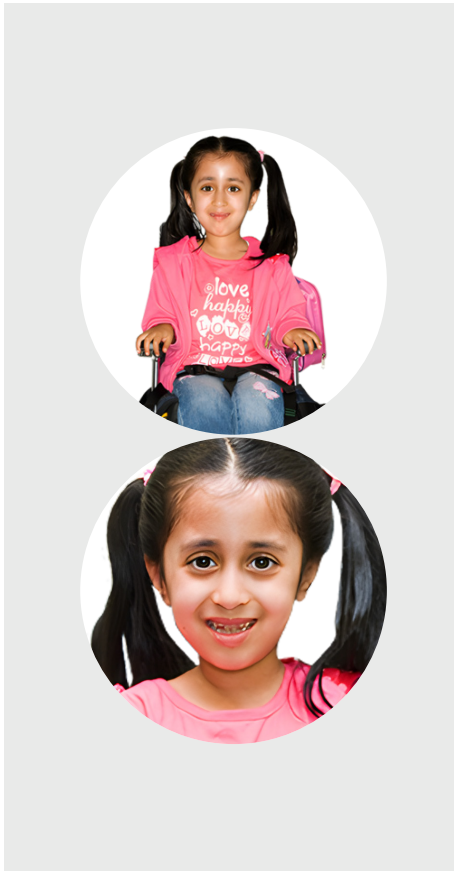
They said ECI should support your child to feel good about



- Who they are
- What they can do.



They said you should talk to your child about their disability.



This helps your child to

- Know themselves
- Feel proud of who they are.



It is good to spend time with people who know what you are going through.

## More information



This guide was made as part of a project to make a **National Best Practice Framework for Early Childhood Intervention**.

We will say **Framework** for short.



The **Framework** was made to help you know what ECI will be like.

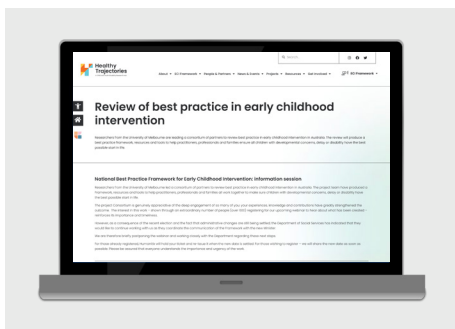


The Framework will help you feel confident to work well with services.



It will help you feel confident to work out what is best for your child.





To to look at the Framework you can go to

**[www.healthy-trajectories.com.au/eci-framework](http://www.healthy-trajectories.com.au/eci-framework)**



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