

Family guide

Words we use in early childhood intervention



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About this information



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



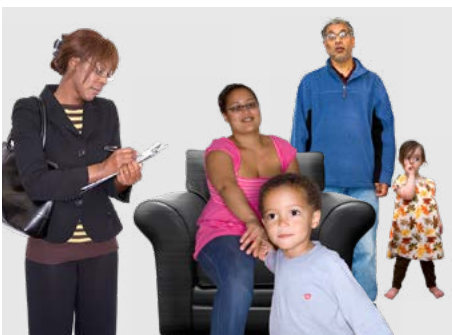
- Grow strong



- 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.



The workers might use big words when they talk about ECI.

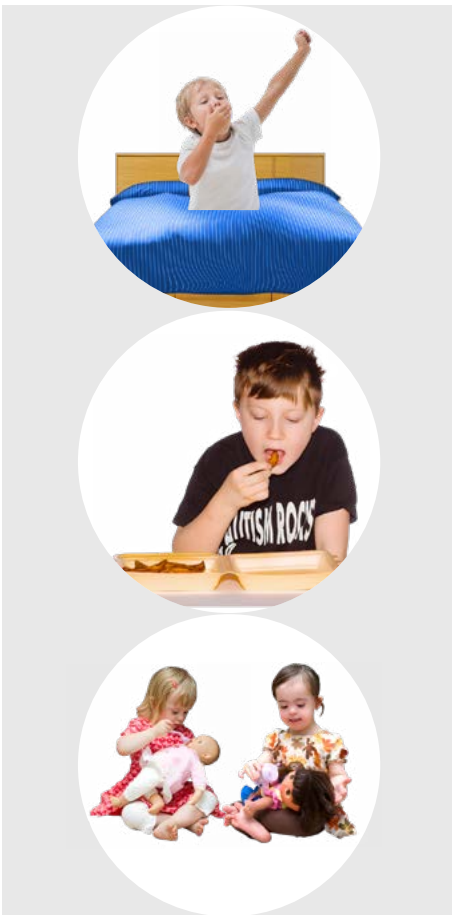


We have information about what the big words mean next.

The people who work in ECI

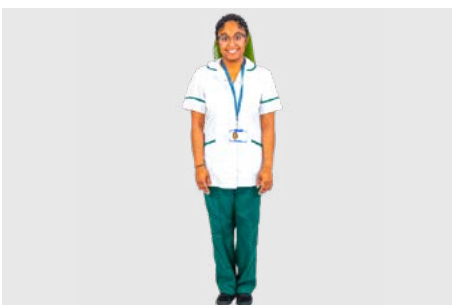


Allied health practitioner means the therapist who works with your child.



Occupational Therapists support children with disability with everyday things like

- Sleeping
- Eating
- Playing.

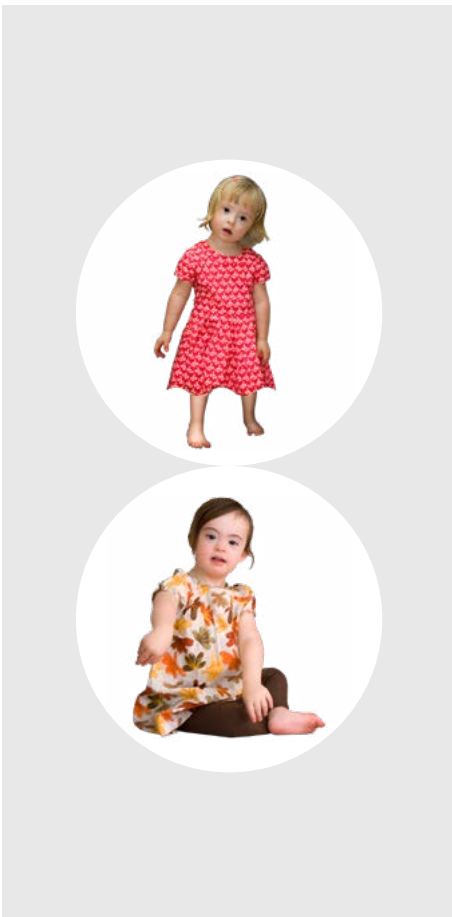


We say **OT** for short.



Physiotherapists support children to move their bodies well.

We say **physio** for short.



Physios support children with things like to

- Walk and run
- Stand or sit.

Speech pathologists support children to



- Speak



- Understand what other people say



- Swallow or eat



- Use **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**.



Augmentative and Alternative Communication is support for your child if they find talking hard.

We call it **AAC** for short.

Therapy assistants work with



- The therapists



- Your child



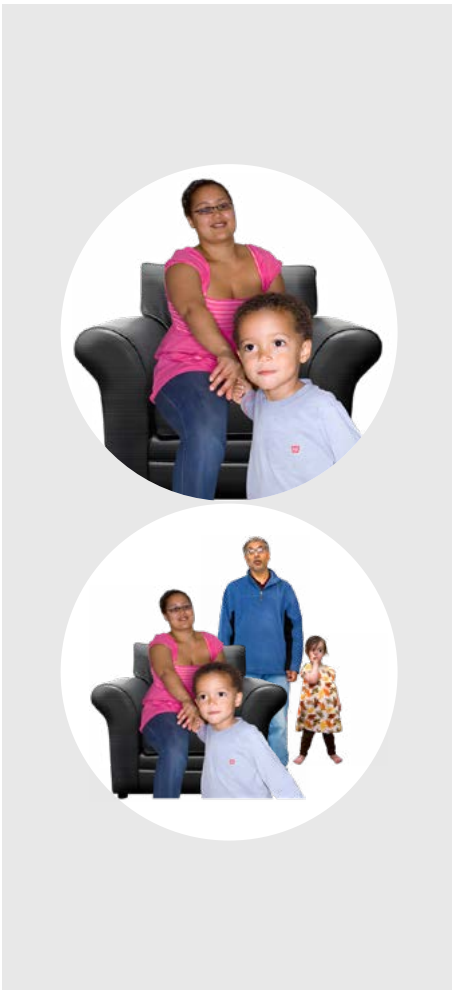
- Your family.



They are part of the ECI team.



A **lead practitioner** is the main worker who does ECI with your family.



They make sure the ECI team works together to support

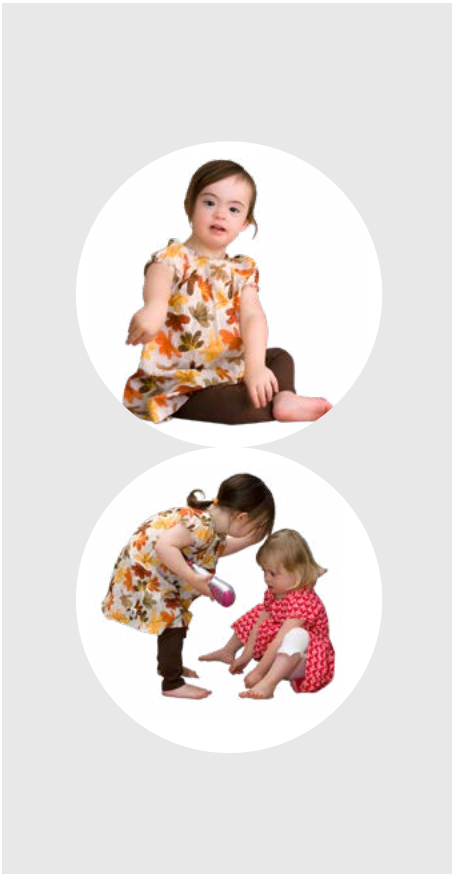
- Your child
- The whole family.



The lead practitioner can also be called a **key worker**.



Paediatricians are doctors who know about what children need to be well.



Psychologists support children with

- How they think and feel
- How they are with other people.

Words about ECI



Evidence informed services means workers use good information to know what is best for a child with disability.



They will get information from

- Your family
- **Research.**



Research means we look into something to find out more about it.

Everyday settings are places your child knows well like

- Your home



- The park



- Their preschool.



Routines are things that happen every day like getting ready for school in the morning.

Words about development and disability

A **child with disability** has something that makes it harder for them to do things like



- Move their body



- Hear or see



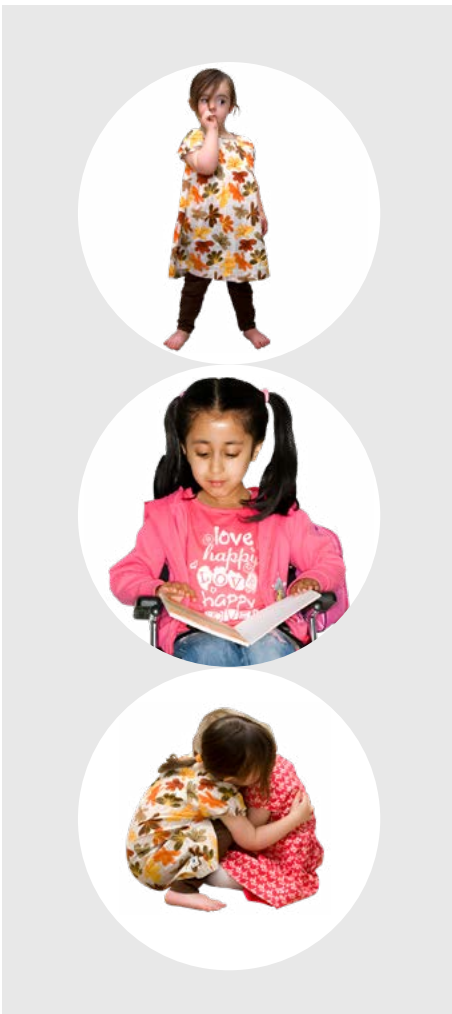
- Think or learn



- Understand their feelings.



Development means how your child changes as they get older.



This might be changes in

- Their body
- How well they can do things like walking or reading
- How they feel about themselves or other people.



A **developmental concern** is a worry or question about your child's development.

When a child has a **developmental delay** it might change the way they



- Move their body



- Talk



- Play



- Do things by themselves.

Words about funding



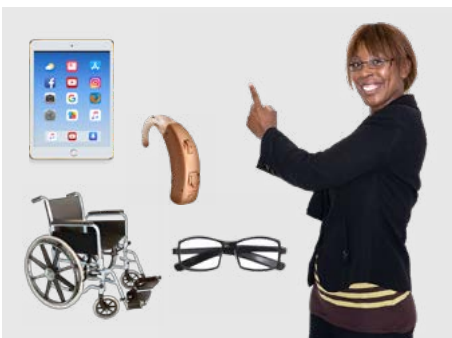
The **National Disability Insurance Agency** is the part of the government that runs the NDIS.

It is called **NDIA** for short.



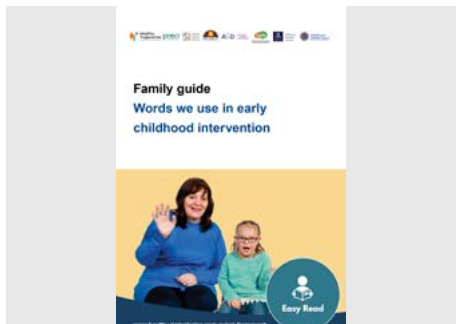
The **National Disability Insurance Scheme** pays for supports for children with disability.

It is called **NDIS** for short.



NDIS early childhood partners are services that can tell you what supports your child can get.

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



The Framework is not in Easy Read.

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