



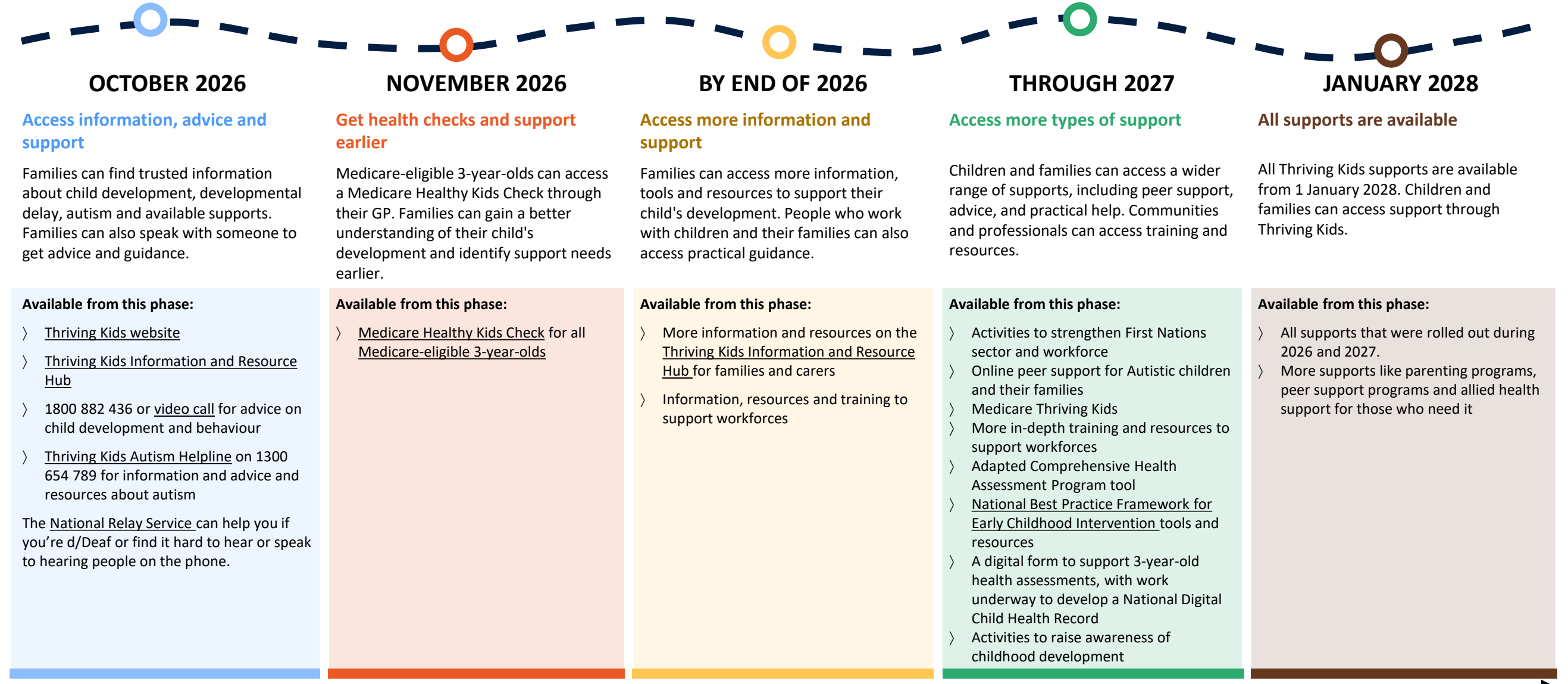
Thriving Kids | Implementation of Australian Government supports



An improved approach to early intervention for children aged 8 and under with extra developmental needs.

Thriving Kids started to rollout from October 2026 for children aged 8 and under with developmental delay and/or autism and their families. Supports will grow through 2027. All supports will be available by 1 January 2028.

Governments are working together – and jointly investing – to strengthen supports available in the community for children and families. This roadmap explains the national supports the Australian Government is delivering, and when they will roll out. These supports will complement those being delivered by state and territory governments.



Throughout the rollout

We will keep working with families, communities, and experts. This will include ongoing engagement with First Nations peaks and communities, culturally and linguistically diverse organisations and communities and engagement with the Autistic and autism community.

What does this mean for families accessing the NDIS?

Until January 2028: Children can continue to access the NDIS, and its Early Childhood Approach, as they do now. Children aged 8 and under with low to moderate support needs can also choose to access Thriving Kids supports as they become available.	From January 2028: Children aged 8 and under with developmental delay and/or autism with low to moderate support needs will be supported by Thriving Kids and mainstream supports. Children with permanent and significant disability and children aged 8 and under with developmental delay and/or autism who have substantially reduced functional capacity (higher support needs) will remain eligible for the NDIS.	Read more about how access to the NDIS is changing from 1 January 2028.
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Disclaimer: The information on this roadmap is based on current plans and may change over time. Timing and activities will be updated as implementation progresses.