

Early Childhood Intervention

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What is Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)?

- ECEI provides specialised support for infants and young children to maximise their development and facilitate their participation in family and community life
- ECEI aims to support parents/carers to provide their child with opportunities and experiences for a meaningful life, and to support their child to develop to his or her own individual potential
- The aim of early intervention is to provide more intensive support during a time where children are undergoing their most rapid growth and development. This early support may for some reduce the amount of support required later on.
- Early intervention intends to provide parents/carers with the knowledge and skills to understand their child's needs and to continue to foster their development into the future
- ECEI has, as a basis, the principles of family centred practice where it is recognized that families are most knowledgeable and the experts regarding their child, and that children learn best in everyday activities in their natural environments (e.g. home, childcare, preschool, community)

ECEI and the NDIS

- ECEI is available to children aged under 7 with a developmental delay or disability. This support may include linking families to other services in the community or providing short-term early intervention support
- Where children will require longer term intervention, a request may be made to access NDIS funds
- NDIS funded supports are tailored to individual children's needs and funding may vary from year to year
- Most ECEI NDIS Plans have funding for at least one allied health discipline (e.g. Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy)
- Some Plans specify how the funding has to be used where others have more flexibility

Xavier as an ECEI Provider

- Xavier is committed to working with families to provide therapy supports that will promote and maximise individual children's development and assist families to make best use of available funds.
- Xavier is able to
 - Assist you to make informed decisions to prioritise your child's goals and needs in order to achieve best outcomes with the resources available to you
 - Work with you to develop a therapy Support Plan based on your child's goals and to achieve functional outcomes
 - Continually revise the support plan with you to ensure that it remains relevant to your child's changing needs
 - Assist you to prepare and plan for the future needs of your child
 - Assist you to be able to support the development of your child in everyday life to maximise his/her potential
- Xavier can provide a variety of service delivery options including
 - Therapy in your home, other community setting or at a Xavier clinic
 - Direct therapy with a specific therapy discipline
 - Joint therapy sessions where a child may benefit from the knowledge of two therapists working together (e.g. a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist)
 - Transdisciplinary approach if appropriate for your child (see Factsheet)
 - Key Worker model (see Factsheet)
 - Training caregivers, including Support Workers, around how to best support your child
 - Providing programs for you to continue to support your child at home
 - Collaboration with other services (e.g. health, childcare) to ensure coordination of supports and services to facilitate holistic care for your child

**For further information, please contact
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