



Understanding Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)

What is ECEI?

ECEI is for children who are 0–6 years old with delays in their development or a disability. ECEI gives them access to support that matches what they need.

We provide ECEI supports **for free**.

How we can help your child

We can help you get the information and supports you need if your child has a disability or if you're worried about your child's development. You might be worried about how they:

- communicate what they need and want
- understand what you say to them
- behave
- learn
- play with others
- sit, walk or crawl.

We can also tell you about other services in your community that may be able to help you.

What to expect from us

We will also talk with you about the goals you want your child to achieve as they grow.

We will:

- suggest which supports can best help your child and family. This could mean support from a general practitioner (GP), community health service or the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- work with you to find ways to support your child's development and learning at home
- help you apply for the NDIS if you need it.

If your child is eligible for the NDIS, we can continue to support you with using the NDIS.

You can ask a support person to be with you when you meet with us. If you would like someone there with you during the meeting, you can ask a trusted friend or family member to come with you. Or, you can ask a professional like a:

- family support worker
- therapist
- another professional that works with your child.

We can also organise an interpreter if you need one.



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Not sure if ECEI is right for your child?

If you're not sure ECEI is right for your child, you can talk to a professional about your options. You could talk to your GP, maternal and child health nurse, a therapist, childcare or kindergarten teacher or specialist about your child's needs. This might help you decide if ECEI is right for your child.

Who we can help

We are an early childhood partner with the NDIS. Our ECEI services support children who are 0–6 years old and have delayed development or a disability.

We provide ECEI services in five areas across Melbourne, including North, West and Bayside Peninsula areas.

We have worked with families from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds for over 60 years.

Visit [ndis.bsl.org.au/service-areas](https://www.ndis.bsl.org.au/service-areas) to find out if we offer ECEI in your area.

To find out more about ECEI



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Need an interpreter



Call the Translating and Interpreter Service (TIS) on 131 450 or email or call us. Tell us your language and phone number. We will call you with an interpreter who speaks your language.



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