

Who provides services to families?

Early childhood intervention services are provided by a range of people.

These include:

- Early childhood special education teachers
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Speech pathologists
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Vision and hearing specialists
- Doctors

Early childhood intervention staff work with the child's family to plan and coordinate services that meet their individual needs.



Who can I talk to about services in my area?

Call the Early Childhood Intervention Infoline

1300 65 68 65

you can ring from anywhere in NSW for the cost of a local call to *find out about services near you.*

If you require **interpreter assistance** please call TIS on **131 450**

Or your local service:



Are you worried about your child's development?



NSW Department of Ageing,
Disability and Home Care
NSW Department of Education
and Training
NSW Health

Have you or others noticed that your child is slow to:

- Sit up or walk.
- Learn new things.
- Talk.



Does your child have difficulty with:

- Learning things that other children of the same age find easy?
- Talking or understanding what others are saying?
- Playing with other children or playing alone?
- Behaviour – is your child often very difficult to manage?
- Looking at faces and making eye contact?
- Swallowing or chewing?

What is early childhood intervention?

Early childhood intervention

- Includes health, therapy, education and support services.
- Supports families who have a child with a delay in development or a disability.
- Assists families to help their child grow and develop.

Remember:

It is very important for your child's development to seek help as soon as you are concerned.

If you are concerned about your child ask for help from one of the services listed here. They will give you information about your child and about what you need to do next.

Then, if you need it, early childhood intervention services will provide information, and will assist you to arrange assessment, support and a program to help your child.



Who can I talk to about my child?

For children under school age:

Your local *early childhood intervention service* may have a number of different professionals who can give you information and help you to meet your child's needs.

Your local Department of Community Services *Community Service Centre* will have information about services that are available and may also have professionals who can help you and your child.

Your *child care centre or preschool teacher* can give you information about your child's development and about services in your area.

or

Your *early childhood nurse* will have information about how children develop.

Your *local family doctor* can talk to you about your concerns and what may be causing them. You can ask your doctor to refer your child to a *paediatrician*.

Your local *Community Health Centre*. (Look in the White Pages telephone directory under Community Health Centres for information about your local Community Health Centre.)

