
EARLY CHILDHOOD EARLY INTERVENTION (ECEI) PATHWAY FOR 0-6 YEARS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note – this information should be used as a guide only. It has been brought together by the Children with Additional Needs Working Group (CWANWG) to help families with visualising a pathway for when you think that your child/ren needs extra support. It does not stop you working with those that you trust.

“The NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life”

The Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach is available to all children aged under 7 with a developmental delay or disability. The information below is taken directly from the NDIS Website and lays out the pathway if you suspect that your child/ren is experiencing difficulties. For East Gippsland, the correct number to contact is 1800 546 532 or email on ecei@linkhc.org.au

PATHWAY:

1

Contact an Early Childhood Partner (ECP)

- You can contact an ECP if concerns about your child have been identified

2

Get some helpful information

- As every child is different, your ECP will tailor support to your child's individual needs and circumstances. Your ECP will provide you with helpful information

3

Work out your child's support needs

- Your ECP will connect you and your child with the most appropriate supports in your area, such as the community health centre, educational setting and playgroup. Some short-term early intervention will be provided where it has been identified as the most appropriate.

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Referral Services and Supports

- Your ECP will provide you with information about the supports and services available in your local community to help your child achieve their goals. The type of support provided is about what is best for your child and family. This might include:
 - Information and linkages to help you access supports and services available in your local community
 - Short-term early intervention supports if this is the best way to support your child
 - Where your child may require longer term early intervention supports, the ECP can help you request access to the NDIS

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Monitor your child's progress

- The ECP will monitor and review your child's progress against the goals you have set. Your ECP and service providers will support your family to improve your child's independence and participation in every day activities

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

If you are deemed as being eligible for an NDIS plan after working with your ECEI partner, you will continue to work with the NDIS to ensure a plan is developed that will fit your child/ren's needs. If you are unsuccessful in receiving a NDIS plan, please find the following information to assist you with your child/children's pathway.

NDIS Success



ECEI Coordinators help you navigate the NDIS

NDIS Unsuccessful



NDIS will help refer you to community supports



Your local GP can help you access a series of supports through medicare



Privately fund supports needed (use your own money and pay privately or through health insurance)



If there is a 'no' for NDIS eligibility, ask for feedback and try again!

ADVOCACY GROUPS IN GIPPSLAND



Association for Children
with Disability (ACD)

 <https://www.acd.org.au/>



1300 654 013

Gippsland Disability
Advocacy (GDA)

 www.gdai.com.au/



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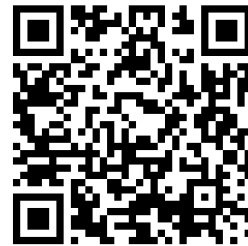
NDIS COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS

If you choose to make a complaint about your experience (LINK who provide ECEI services for East Gippsland – your Early Childhood Partner), we can use their feedback form and/or the NDIS pathway.

LINK – Early Childhood Partners



NDIS



If you would like to make a complaint about a NDIS provider, please contact the NDIS Commission

Easy Language



Website



FURTHER READING AND REFERENCES



NDIS ECEI steps



Medicare
Information



OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

If you have any stories you would like to share about your experiences, we would love to hear from you. Confidentiality will be maintained.

Please contact:

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