

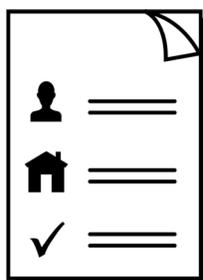


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Children and their families

NDIS Review fact sheet



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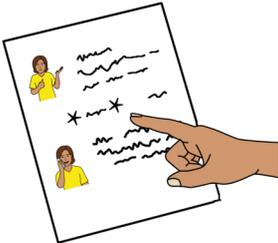


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This fact sheet is written in a way that is easy to understand.



We add a star before and after ***hard words***. Then we explain what the words mean.



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The NDIS Review



Our review started in October 2022.



We talked to lots of people.

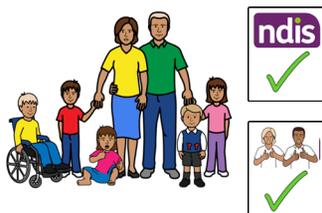


We heard about problems with the NDIS and what needs to change.

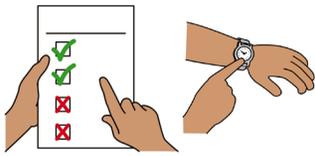
What we learnt about children and their families



We need a new connected system of support for children with delays or disability.



This new system would give children and their families support in and outside the NDIS.



Better checks would help find issues early.



Early intervention would help children to grow and learn.



Early intervention means children get services and supports as soon as possible.



Mainstream services must be more

- ***accessible***

- accessible means everyone can use the services



- ***inclusive***

- inclusive means everyone is welcome.



Mainstream services include childcare and schools.



Families need more ***foundational supports***.

Foundational supports might be information and support groups.

What are the problems?



In Australia 1 in 5 children have delays or disability but many families do not get help early.



We heard that

- delays or disability are not always found early in life



- families do not know how to find support



- children with delays or disability may not go to childcare

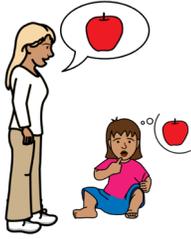


- families find it hard to get their children into schools they choose



- it is hard to access the NDIS.

What needs to happen?



We think children will grow and learn if

- there are better checks to find delays early



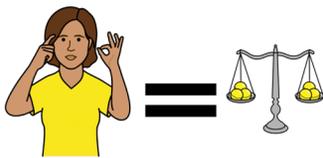
- there is more help for families



- there are better mainstream services that meet the needs of all children.



Children who need lots of support should have easier access to the NDIS.



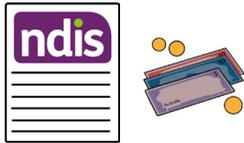
Access to the NDIS should be

- clear and fair



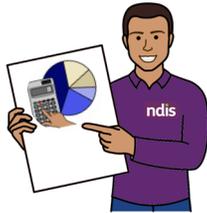
- based on a child's needs, not their ***diagnosis***.

Diagnosis is the medical name for a disability.

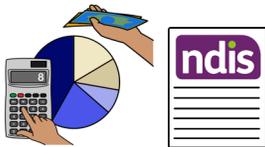


The ***NDIA*** should pay for reports needed to make a decision.

The NDIA is the agency that manages the NDIS.



An NDIS ***budget*** should be set after an ***assessment***.



Budget means money in NDIS plans.



Assessment means understanding your needs and setting the right budget.



The assessment should include information from families and other experts.

For example, doctors, teachers and therapists.



When the budget is set families should get help to find supports that work well.



Families should get help from ***navigators***.

Navigators would find good services outside the NDIS.



Families with children who need more support should get help from navigators and ***lead practitioners***.



Lead practitioners are experts who help children learn new skills in their home, at childcare and at school.



For example, a lead practitioner might be a speech therapist or occupational therapist.



Lead practitioners and navigators would check in with families to make sure supports work well.



These changes should happen over time.

How will the changes help?

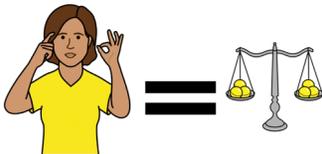


Children and families will

- get support as early as possible



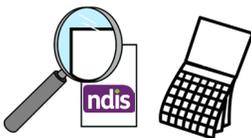
- get better services and supports in and outside the NDIS



- have access to the NDIS in a way that is clear and fair



- get good supports from people with the right skills and experience.



We think these ideas should be tested and changes should be made slowly.



More information



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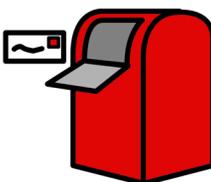
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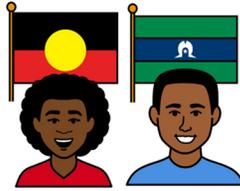
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