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Future is bright for children with autism

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CHILDREN with autism have the opportunity to create a brighter future, with the help of the AEIOU Foundation.

AEIOU Toowoomba is hosting an open day next week to allow families and carers of children with autism to find out more

about its early intervention program.

Centre manager Gemma Moore said when children were first diagnosed, for parents it could be a difficult point and a questionable future.

"We are an evidence-based program and essentially what we want to show is that our program helps develop essential life skills independence, competence and inclusion," Ms Moore said.

The centre meets individual needs with their own program.

"For AEIOU this year we are really excited about the prospect of the NDIS, because the NDIS is going

to give families an opportunity to gain access to the service," she said.

"Some families have been concerned and challenged with finances in the past, but the NDIS is really going to create an opportunity for everyone to access the service."

The centre is made up of a teacher, speech

pathologist, occupational

therapist, behavioural therapist, who is also a program manager, and learning facilitators.

The open day and a workshop on challenging behaviours will be held on Thursday, from 9am.

To RSVP call Ms Moore on 4636 3600 or email toowoomba@aeiou.org.au.



LIFE CHANGING: Enjoying time at the AEIOU Foundation Toowoomba is centre manager Gemma Moore with four-year-olds William Kruse (back) and Robert Hohn.

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