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**LIFE CHANGING:** (From left) AEIOU foundation Toowoomba centre manager Gemma Moore, William Kruse, 4, and Robert Hohn, 4. PHOTO: NEV MADSEN

# Early intervention helps with autism

SEEING children with autism achieve their goals is a highlight for AEIOU Toowoomba centre manager Gemma Moore.

“At AEIOU Foundation we work with each child as an individual, identifying their strengths and needs and supporting them to reach their full potential,” Ms Moore said.

“Our intensive evidence-based program is delivered in a fun and friendly environment by a transdisciplinary therapy team of behaviour analysts, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and qualified educators.

“We use evidence-based practices and a big focus is developing essential independence and communication skills while reducing challenging behaviours.

Their program includes a minimum of 20 hours of early intervention therapy per week, as recommended in a report released by the NDIA in February last year.

“In addition, we provide regular training and support to parents and carers, along with tools to achieve therapy goals in the home,” Ms Moore added.

With the NDIS now accessible to Toowoomba

residents, AEIOU is continually educating families and providing them with information to access the supports they need.

“We’re already well-versed in the scheme and know how it can best support families to achieve their goals and priorities.”

AEIOU Toowoomba caters for children with an autism diagnosis, aged from two to six years.

The centre is open Monday to Friday from 7am to 5pm.

For more information on AEIOU visit [www.aeiou.org.au](http://www.aeiou.org.au) or phone 4636 3600.