

How does my child become a NDIS participant

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NDIS ROLL OUT SITES

From July 1, 2018

- Fraser Coast
- North Burnett & South Burnett
- Cherbourg
- **Brisbane City**

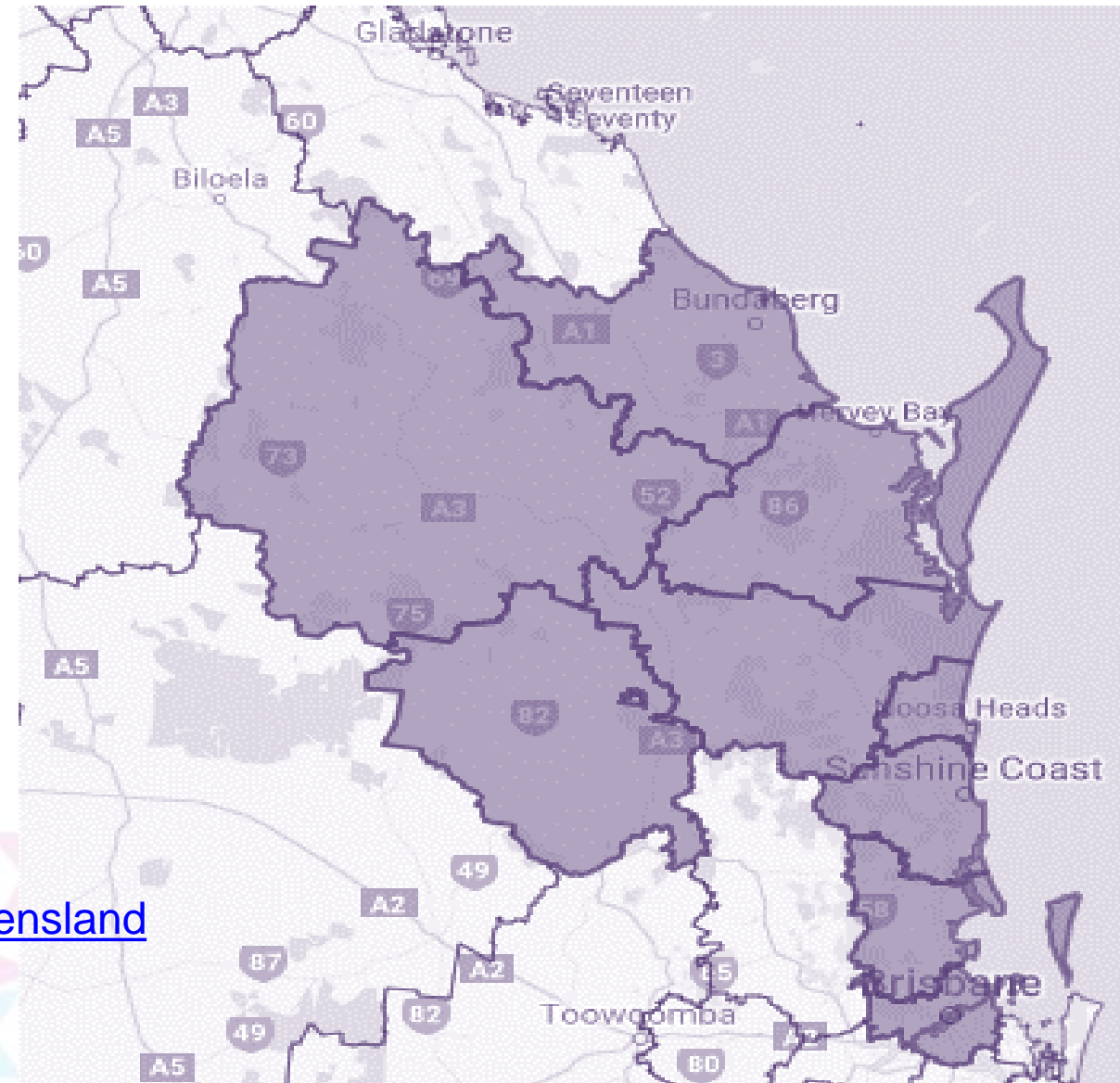
From January 1, 2019

- **Moreton Bay (Strathpine and Caboolture)**
- **Sunshine Coast**
- Noosa
- Gympie

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- To check if you live in a roll out site, go to the below link

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/swe/ndis-rollout-in-queensland>



What is the NDIA?

- NDIA is the *National Disability Insurance Agency*
- NDIS is the *National Disability Insurance Scheme*

As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.

NDIS TERMS

Participant	Your child
Participants Representative	Parent/Carer
Provider	The organisation/person who provides supports
ECEI (Early Childhood Early Intervention) Partner/Partner	The organisation who is the face of the NDIA in the Community working in ECEI Children under 6 years
ECEI (Early Childhood Early Intervention) Planner/co-ordinator	The person who works for the Partner and is the first point of contact for the family
ECEI National Team	Sent to the NDIA to approve the plans sent by the Partner
LAC	Local area co-ordinator works with people 7yrs and over
Funding	Funded supports

ELIGIBILITY to the scheme:

General requirements



RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- An Australian Citizen OR
- A permanent resident OR
- Hold a Protected Special Category Visa



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AGE REQUIREMENTS

- Be under the age of 65 years

Early
intervention
requirements

DISABILITY and EARLY INTERVENTION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a permanent disability or developmental delay
- be under the age of 7

ECEI Pathway – via the ‘Defined’ list

DEFINED List (generally anyone currently attending a State Govt funded service, like AEIOU)



Access to the scheme should be approved

ECEI Pathway - ELIGIBILITY and ACCESS

Disability
requirements

Early intervention
requirements

EARLY INTERVENTION Pathway

Likely to be Permanent

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For all children under 7 years of age diagnosed with a condition on [List A](#) . – **If you have an Autism diagnosis of level 2 or 3**

OR

If the child has one or more identified intellectual, cognitive, **neurological**, sensory or physical impairments that are, or are **likely** to be permanent.

IMPORTANT: If your child meets the ECEI requirements and as Autism is on **List A**, once they turn 7 the NDIA will re-assess them for eligibility into the scheme

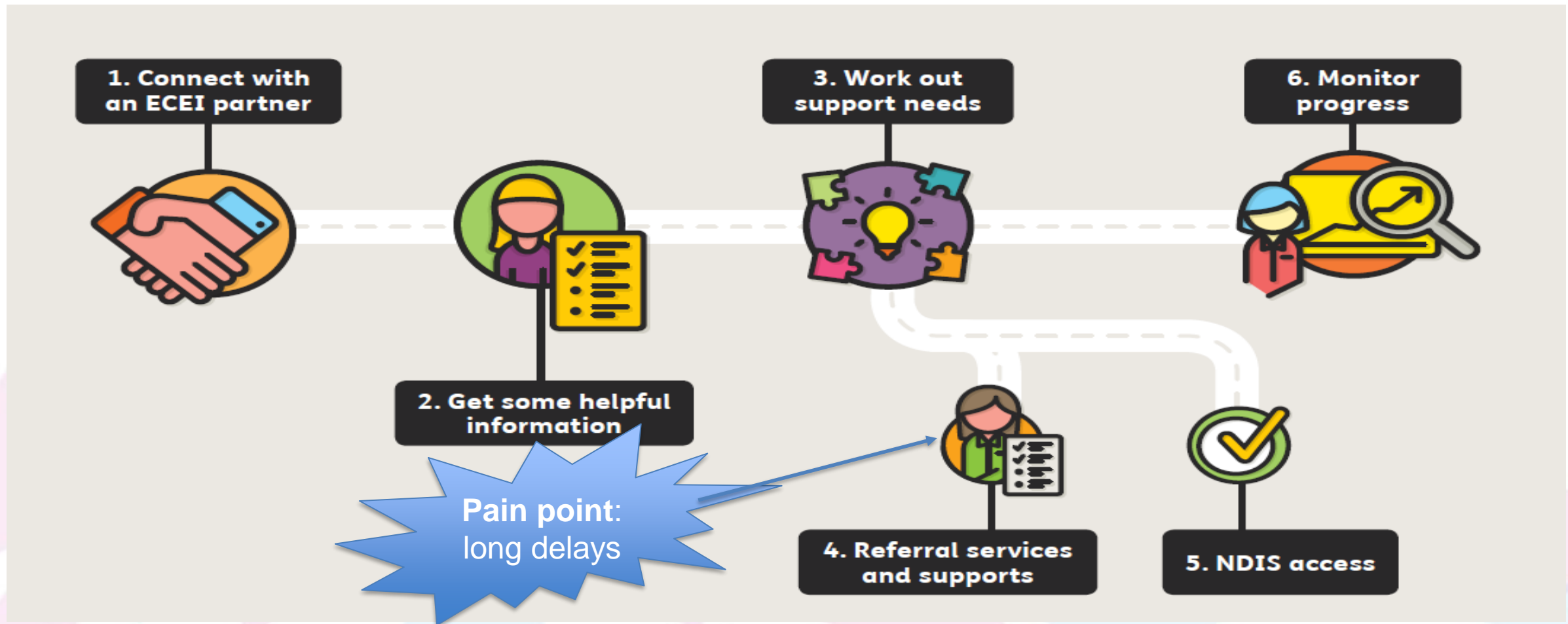
Developmental Delay

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Developmental Delay means a delay in the child's development it can be a mental and or physical impairment and results in substantial reduction in **functional capacity** in one or more of the following areas:

- **self care;**
- **Communication (includes articulation)**
- **Social interaction**
- **Learning;**
- **Self-care or self-management;**

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE ECEI PARTNER and LAC?



What is the process for Access then a Plan?



Check you
meet the
eligibility
requirements

Call NDIS 1800 800110
Ask the NDIA to send you
an access request form to
complete and return with
supporting evidence e.g.
Diagnosis.
or
Call the ECEI Partner
once they have been
announced

The ECEI Partner
will call you to
organise a time for
a face-to-face
planning meeting

AEIOU will
provide the ECEI
Partner with a
letter of
recommendation
or supporting
evidence





The Partner will submit the plan to the ECEI National Team. The team will send back to the Partner when they are happy.

Your Plan will be available on the My Gov portal within 7 days. The ECEI Partner will let you know.

Please share your plan with AEIOU.

You get your NDIS plan/
funded supports

Questions

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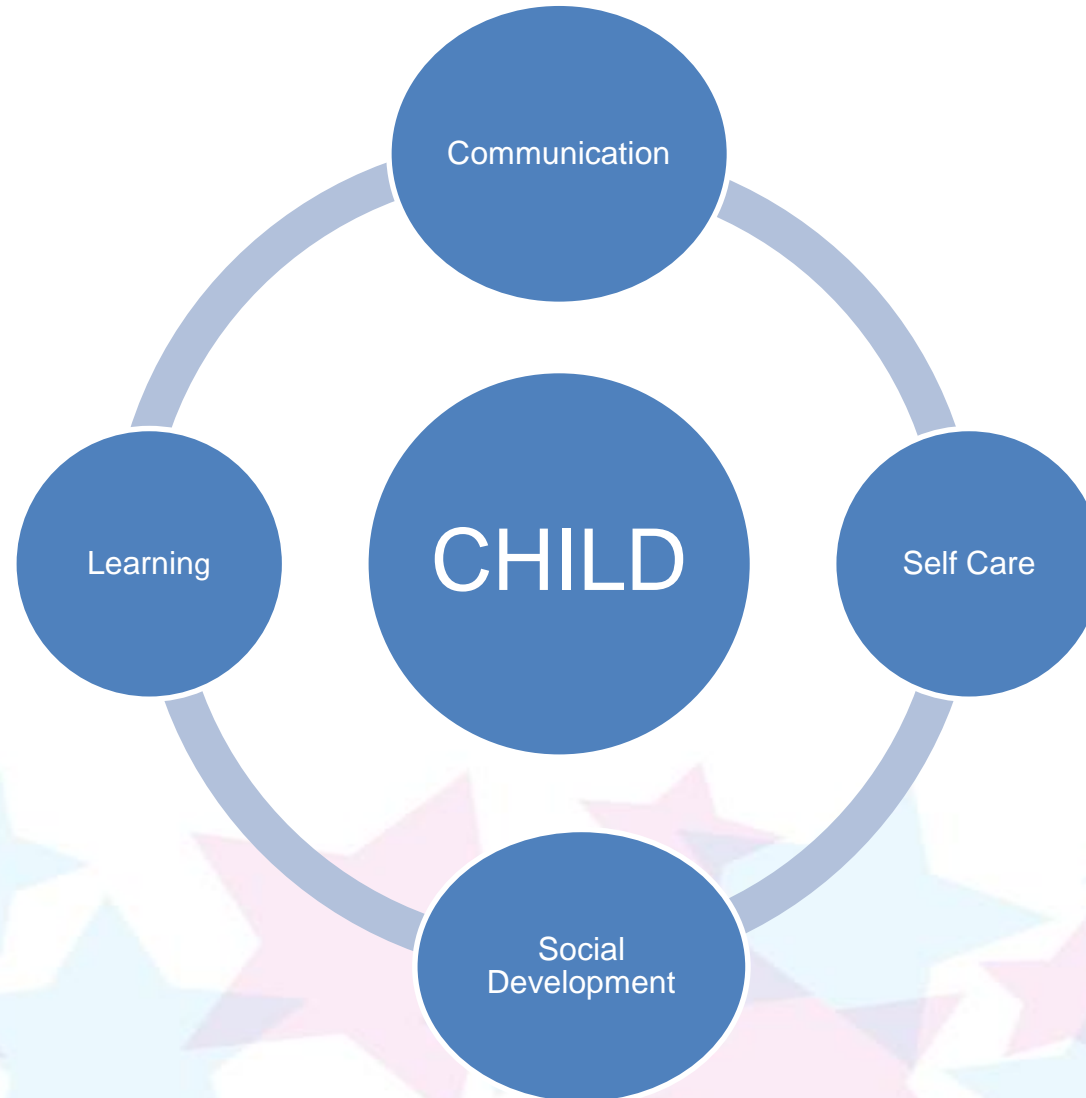
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What questions will my planner ask me?

General conversation about your child and your family:

- May ask you about your child's family life, who lives at home, if they have any siblings etc.
- What things your child likes to do, play with, favourite things they may like to eat, shows they like to watch
- Do you access any community supports, do you have any family supports e.g. grandparents

What short and long term goals do you have for your child?





Communication

- How your child expresses their needs and wants?
- Does your child understand others?
- Does your child have conversation skills?
- Does your child speak spontaneously?

Social Interaction



- How the child copes with feelings and emotions
- How the child interacts with others

Learning

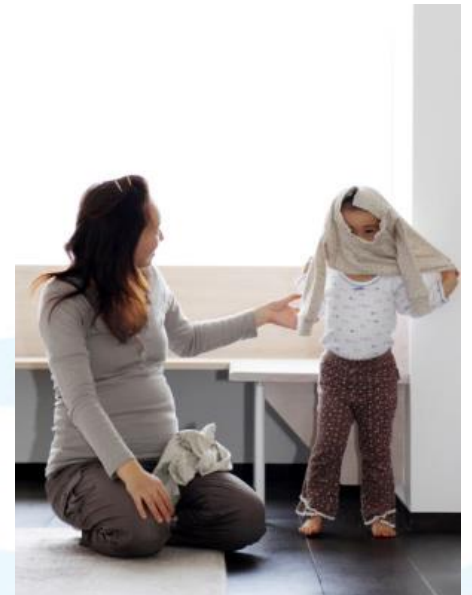


- How the child learns new things
- Understands/remembers new information
- Practices and uses new skills
- What supports do you think your child requires due to a barrier they have in learning?



Self-care skills

- This area may not be discussed for children who are under 2 years
- Self-care skills such as:
 - Showering /bathing
 - Eating
 - Toileting
 - Dressing



The child's NDIS goals

- The number of goals each child has in their plan varies (e.g. 2 short term goals and 1 long term goal, we have seen up to 5 goals)
- Sometimes these are broad goals (e.g. I would like *Katrina* **to** improve her communication skills)
- Sometimes these are more specific goals (e.g. I'd like *Katrina* say hello to people when they visit)
- Broad goals are good as they allow for flexibility (and priorities may change)

Important sections in your plan

- ❖ Goals sections
- ❖ Reasonable and necessary support **budget** section

Your plan can be for a period of

- 12 months
- 9 months
- 6 months
- 3 months

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The NDIA only funds ...

Reasonable and necessary supports

AEIOU's intensive program meets the reasonable and necessary criteria. It is;

- ✓ Effective and beneficial – evidence based
- ✓ Value for money
- ✓ Most appropriately funded by the NDIS and not the responsibility of other universal services being the Dept of Health or Dept of Education
- ✓ The NDIA needs to consider the family context

Current Good Practice Guidelines (Prior and Roberts, 2012) state children should receive 15-25 hours per week of high quality early intervention. Roberts, Williams, Smith and Campbell (2015) recommend that all children with autism spectrum disorder be provided with 20 hours of early intervention. A full-time placement for [child's name] is consistent with both of these recommendations).

Supports the NDIA will fund

1

CORE

(self-care, daily living, transport)

- **Daily Living** – assistance with shopping, cleaning, Self Care – eating, getting dressed, bathing/having a shower
- **Transport costs** – mainly for adults who cannot access public transport without substantial difficulty due to their disability.
- **Consumables** – Nappies. Refer to the full list of NDIA consumables on the website
- **Social and Community participation** - Assistance with social and Community Participation

Flexibility across all categories

No support category for respite for family members but it may be funded under this category

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CAPITAL

(equipment)

- **Daily Living:**
 - **Assistive technology such as communication devices, Ipad, proloquo2Go AP, PECS book**
 - Home and Vehicle modifications
- **Home – assistive products for personal care and safety**
 - Protective equipment (such as a helmet for an individual who may engage in self-injurious behaviour)
 - Hoists
 - Ramps
 - Specialised feeding equipment

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CAPACITY BUILDING

(skill development)

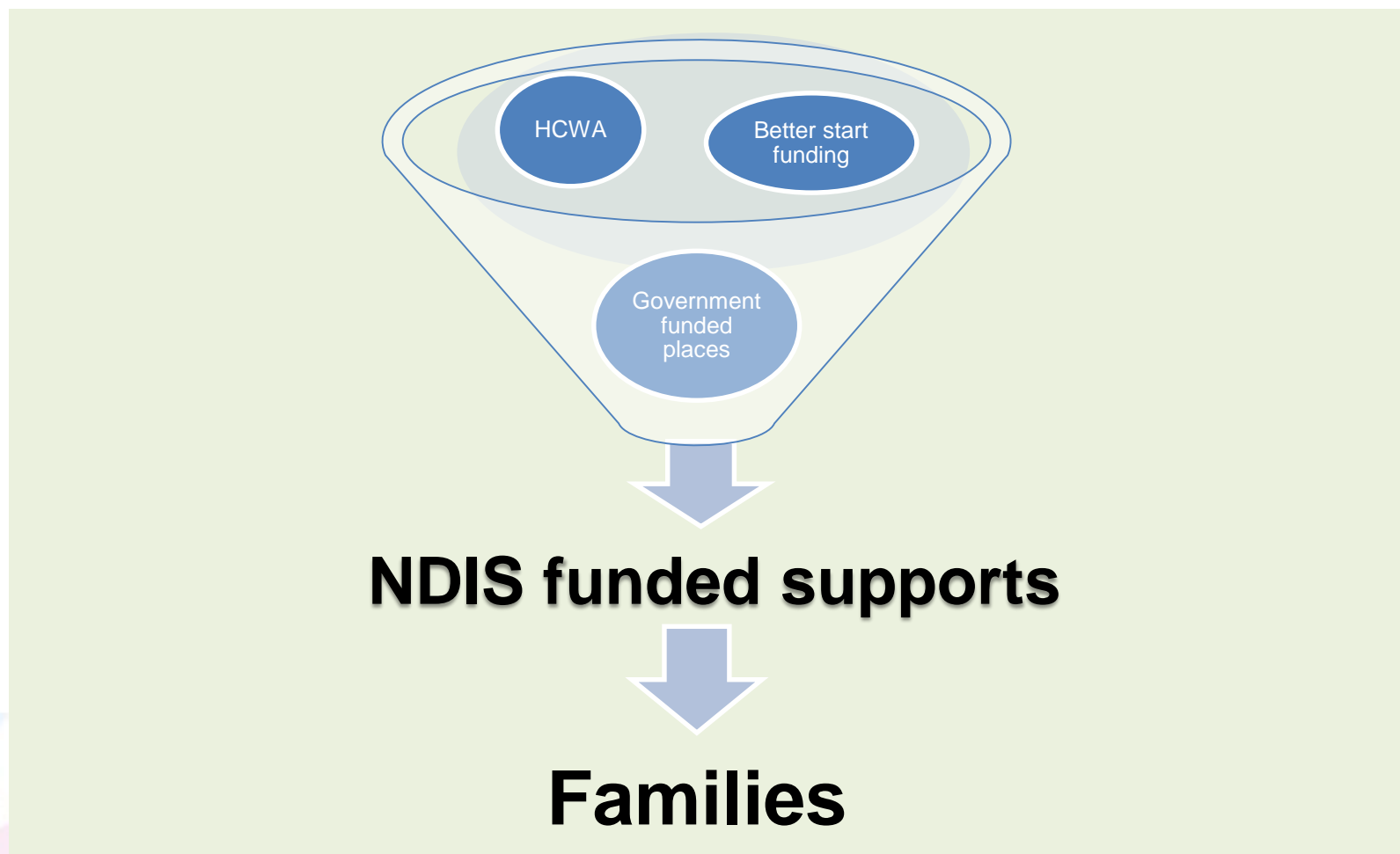
- **Specialised Group early childhood intervention (like the AEIOU program)**
- Social skills training groups
- Individual therapy
- Behaviour supports
- Employment skills training
- Dietician - to manage diet for health and wellbeing due to the impact of the disability
- Plan Management – e.g: build a participant's financial and organisational skills to help you to direct your plan or fund a third party to help you direct your plan.

PLAN MANAGEMENT

- The type of funds management a participant chooses can vary depending on their circumstances
- Different options can be chosen for different supports
- Plans may have a combination of the options
- NDIA can limit self management where there is financial or personal risk



Switching to NDIS funding



The Price Guide:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-and-payment.html>



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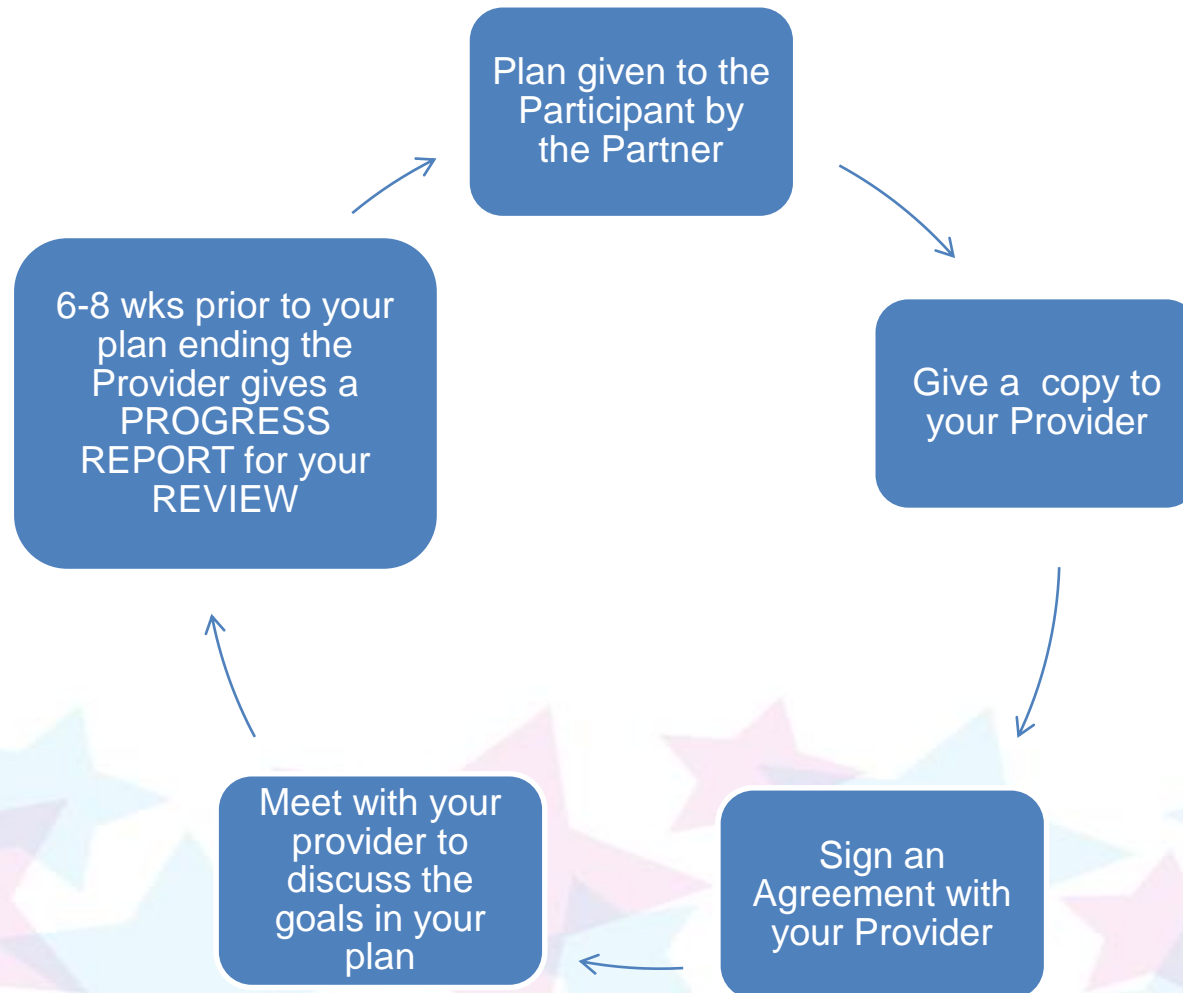
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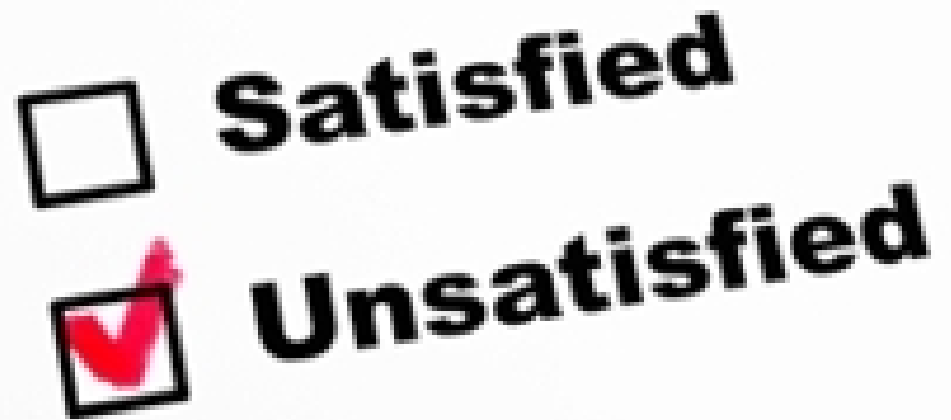
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I have my plan what next?

1. Your Partner/Planner will be able to instruct you how to access your plan on the myGov portal



What do I do if I am not happy with my plan?



You should give your provider a copy of your child's NDIS plan even if you are unhappy with it.

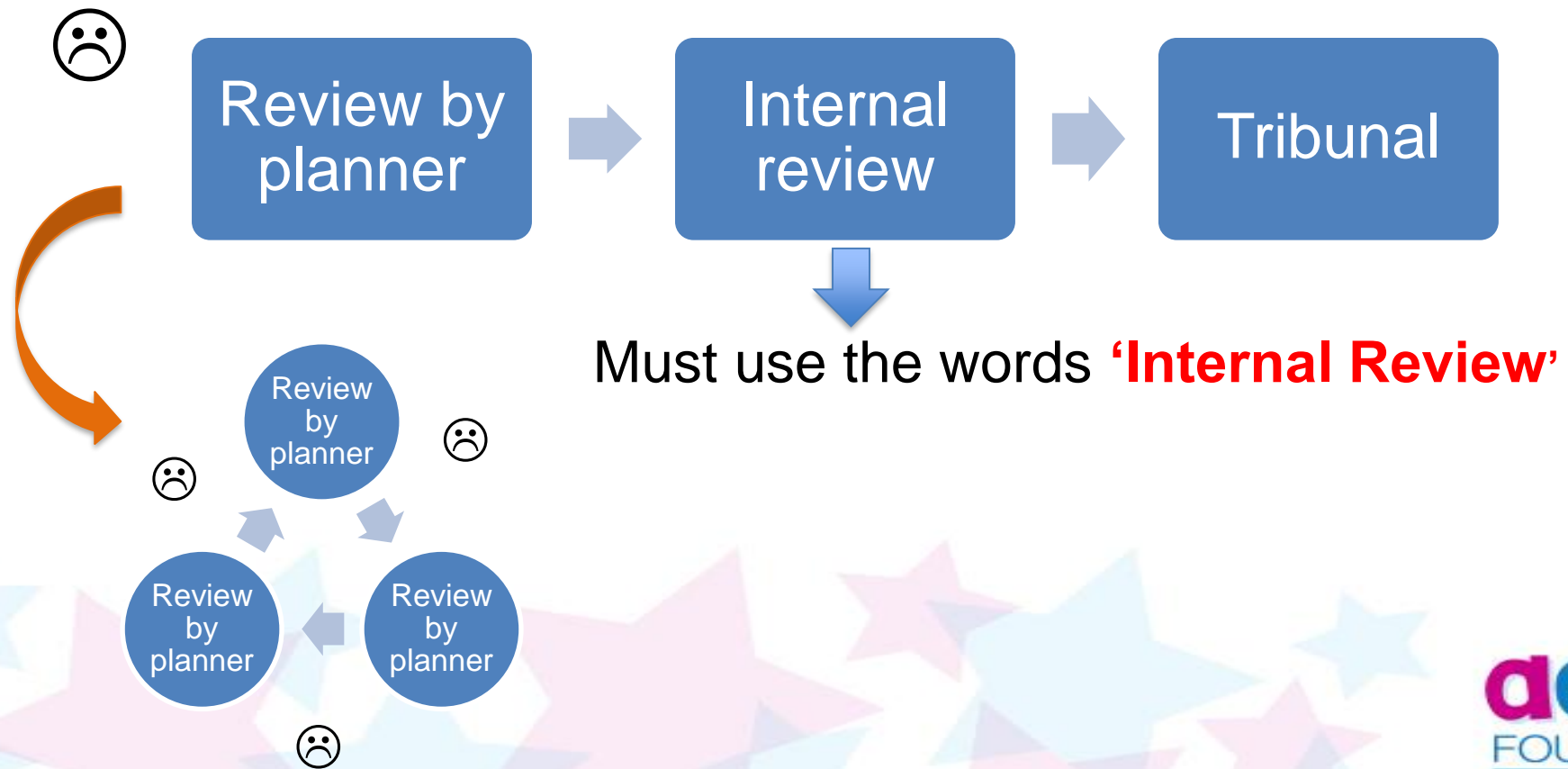


NDIS plan

- If you are not happy with your child's goals you can ask that they be changed at any time



Getting an Internal Review



KEY SECTIONS of the NDIS STRUCTURE

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00934>

- The Act 2013

- <https://ndis.gov.au/Operational-Guidelines>

- Key sections of the operational guidelines
 - (24) Eligibility
 - (34) Reasonable and Necessary

- <https://www.coag.gov.au/sites/default/files/communique/NDIS-Principles-to-Determine-Responsibilities-NDIS-and-Other-Service.pdf>

- COAG (Council of Australian Government) advice on Dept of Health and Education responsibilities

- <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/reform-renewal/ndis-qld/qldbilateralagreement.pdf>

- Bilateral Agreement between NDIA and State Government

Disclaimer

Today's presentation aims to provide information and independent advice to families on accessing supports under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

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Application to become a participant

National disabilityinsurance Agency	OFFICE USE ONLY Released on: _____ NDIA Office: _____ Program name: _____ Provider name: _____
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AccessRequest Form

Complete this form to request to become a participant in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). You must provide proof of age and residence (including citizenship or visa status) with this Access Request Form. We cannot make a decision on your access request without this information.

If you have questions about this form, need help to complete it or would like more information about the NDIS, please contact us:

Phone: 1800 800 1 10 1 TTY: 1800 555 677 1 Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727
Internet Relay: Visit <http://relayservice.gov.au> and ask for 1800 800 1 10 Email: nationalaccessteam@ndis.gov.au

Part A: Your details (the person wishing to become an NDIS participant)

Full name		
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unspecified (X)	
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?	g/No C) Yes - Aboriginal Yes Torres Strait Islander Yes — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose	
Country of birth		
Language spoken at home		
Are you living in Australia permanently?		
Current home address		
	State:	Postcode:
Is this a protected address?	Yes	

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Person One		Person Two (if applicants)	
Do you need an interpreter?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Language: _____	Do you need an interpreter?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Language: _____

Part E: Information about your carers and family members (if applicable)

My Carer's full name:	
Contact phone number:	TTY:
Will your carer be taking part in the planning conversation(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have another family member who is, or is seeking to become a NDIS participant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes please provide their name: _____

Part F: Your disability, or need for early intervention supports

So we can determine whether you (or your child) meet the disability or early intervention access requirements (including developmental delay), you need to provide us with information about your disability or impairment.

Primary disability: (This is the disability that has the most impact on your daily life)	
Please list other disabilities (if any):	
Current treatment (if any):	
Is there any other treatment that is likely to remedy the impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did you acquire your disability because of an injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you seeking, or have you previously sought compensation related to your disability or injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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The Partner will ascertain if your child requires level 1, 2, or 3 supports

NDIS Plan



Level 3 Supports

ECEI Partner provides short term intervention



Level 2 Supports

Advice



Level 1 Supports

- Reasonable and necessary supports budget

National
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Scheme

NDIS reasonable and necessary support budgets
I can choose how I spend the amount in each budget listed below by checking the NDIS price list and the matching supports on the NDIS website participant page [ndis.gov.au/participants](https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants).

Where a support is listed in my plan as 'stated' I must purchase this support as it is described in the plan. I cannot swap 'stated' supports for any other supports listed in the price list.

Improved daily living skills	Budget \$
Reference number: 0004	
How will the supports be paid: NDIS will pay my support provider directly for these supports	
This support budget can only be used from:	
Purpose of Support: Multidisciplinary Supports	

HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE with WHAT's GOING ON IN THE NDIS SPACE

