

Through the maze

There are some key places to start when working your way through the maze of services and support

Maternal and Child Health Service

Your Maternal and Child Health nurse can give you links to a range of services and support, including playgroups and parent groups.

Centrelink

Most families of children with a disability are eligible for a fortnightly payment from Centrelink called Carer Allowance (Child). Eligibility includes families on all income levels. Applications can be made before a diagnosis is confirmed.

Early Childhood Intervention Services

Early Childhood Intervention Services for families of children with a disability aged 0–6 include a range of non-government and government services.

Child care

The Inclusion Support Program can provide support for children with a disability to attend child care.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Inclusion Support Services and Preschool Field Officers can provide support for kindergartens to include children with a disability in kindergarten programs.

Local government

All local governments can provide access to a range of services and support for families of children with a disability, including the Home and Community Care (HACC) program.



“We were amazed to discover that our family was eligible for Carer Allowance (Child). It’s not much, but that little bit extra it gives us a fortnight really helps.”