



## August 2024

Hi ,

As parents raising children with disability, we want children and families to benefit from the best possible supports to help children meet their potential.

The Australian Government is currently reviewing best practice in early childhood intervention. ACD is part of the consortium undertaking the review, led by the University of Melbourne.

ACD's role is to give families the opportunity to share their experiences of early childhood intervention, and what helps support our children's inclusion and development.

We would love to hear from you at one of our upcoming consultations. [Book your spot today](#)

**Karen Dimmock, CEO**



If your child starts Prep in 2025, this FREE workshop is not to be missed. You'll learn how to create positive relationships with your child's school and gain the knowledge and confidence to support your child's transition. Topics include:

- Transition planning with kindergarten and school
- Understanding the language schools use
- How the school can support your child

This workshop only runs once a year, so book your place today!

[Book now](#)

## NDIS legislation

New NDIS legislation has just been passed by the Australian Parliament. Once there is more information, we will share what this means for your child and family.

One of the proposed changes is a list of supports which NDIS funding can be used for. We have provided feedback to the government on the draft list, and we want to make sure that NDIS reflects the following principles:

- The need to support age-appropriate independence during childhood
- The importance of short breaks and respite for families
- The central role of education in the lives of children



If you're the parent of a child with developmental delay or disability aged 0-12 and have experienced early childhood intervention, we'd love to hear from you.

ACD is hosting consultations as part of the review of best practice early intervention led by the University of Melbourne, funded by the Australian Government.

We would like to hear what made early intervention easier or harder, how it built your parenting skills, and if early childhood intervention promoted inclusion for your child.

Deidentified responses will be shared with the University of Melbourne.

Register today and share your experiences to inform the best practice review.

[Register today](#)

## Free telephone advocacy support

The ACD Support Line is a **FREE** telephone advocacy service for all Victorian families raising children with developmental delays and disability from birth to 18.

Our trained Support Advisors can help you by:

- Listening to your concerns
- Providing information about your child's rights
- Helping you get ready for meetings with childcare, school, or the NDIS
- Planning your next steps to advocate for your child
- Connecting you with a wide range of resources and information

Open Monday – Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Interpreters are available. No diagnosis is needed.

Call the ACD Support Line on [03 9880 7000](tel:0398807000) or [1800 654 013](tel:1800654013) (regional)



Supported Decision Making is about giving people with disability the information and help they need to make their own choices.

You're probably already helping your child with everyday decisions, but as they grow up, these decisions become bigger and may involve where to live, medical choices, goal setting, or relationships.

ACD is hosting a FREE webinar presented by Duncan.Legal which will help you understand the legal options for appointing a trusted person to help make and communicate decisions.

Dan Stubbs, the Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner will join us at the start of the session.

This event fills very quickly, so book your spot today.

[Book a place](#)



## Let's talk about toileting

Toilet training children can be stressful. When your child has a disability or developmental delay, it can be even more challenging, as they often need additional support, and some will need continence support throughout their life.

But there is a lot of free support and information to help you on your child's toileting journey.

[Read more](#)



## 2024 Summer Paralympics

We're getting excited about the 2024 Summer Paralympics.

From 28 August to 8 September, over 4,400 paralympic athletes from 184 nations will compete in 549 medal events across 22 para-sports, including athletics, swimming and wheelchair rugby, basketball, and tennis.

Be sure to add your support and as a family watch this amazing event.

[Find out more](#)

## A new committee for families

The Victorian Committee for Families of Children with Disability is a new Victorian Government initiative. ACD is supporting family engagement in the Committee.

Applications to join the Committee open in September 2024. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to find out more.

## Best wishes

The ACD team

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