

Have your say on support for
children with disability

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Hi ,

We are working to ensure that families can have a say in the future of support for children with disability, and some important opportunities are coming up in the next few weeks.

A review of best practices in early childhood intervention is underway to produce a framework, resources, and tools to help professionals and families support children in having the best start in life.

ACD wants to hear families' thoughts and perspectives on this draft framework. If you'd like a chance to have your say, please [find out more and register for an online session.](#)

You are also invited to have your say about Foundational Supports for children aged 0-9 with developmental concerns, delay, or disability.

It's a good opportunity to share your ideas and experiences on what supports that meet the needs of children and families could look like. [Find out more and register your interest.](#)

We hope you can join us to have your say.

Karen Dimmock, CEO



Family Consultation:
Review of Best Practice
in Early Childhood Intervention

ACD wants to hear from you if you're raising a child aged 0-12 with developmental concerns, delay, or disability and if you have participated in early childhood intervention.

A best practice review is being undertaken to create a framework to assist in producing resources and tools that will help practitioners and families ensure children have the best start in life.

You're invited to an online consultation to share your thoughts and perspectives on the early childhood intervention draft framework.

Have your say and register today!

[Find out more](#)



School transitions

As the end of the school year draws closer, it's time to start planning your child's transition for 2025. Planning ahead and discussing the transition to next year with your child's school are good places to start.

ACD has a practical guide with information on reasonable adjustments, and what both families and schools can do

to set children up for success.

[Find the guide](#)



Inclusive playgrounds

All children love to play and well-designed playgrounds are places where everyone can belong.

ACD heard from over 130 children and families of children with disability about the type of play they enjoy and what's important when it comes to inclusive playgrounds. Our report, titled *Something For All* brings together these insights.

Please read the report and share it with your school and local council to give them the information they need when planning playgrounds in our community.

[Read the report](#)



Be Safe Online

Everyone deserves to feel safe online, whether you're playing games, chatting on social media, or streaming.

How can I avoid scams? Who is my friend online? What personal information can I share online? These questions and more are covered in Be Safe Online, a set of practical online resources to help families with children with disability create a safer online experience.

ACD staff member Chrissy (pictured above) and our Community Champion volunteers were part of the advisory group for the project led by Scope.

Free resources include Easy English guides about:

- Online bullying
- Sharing personal information
- Staying safe from scams

[Online safety resources](#)



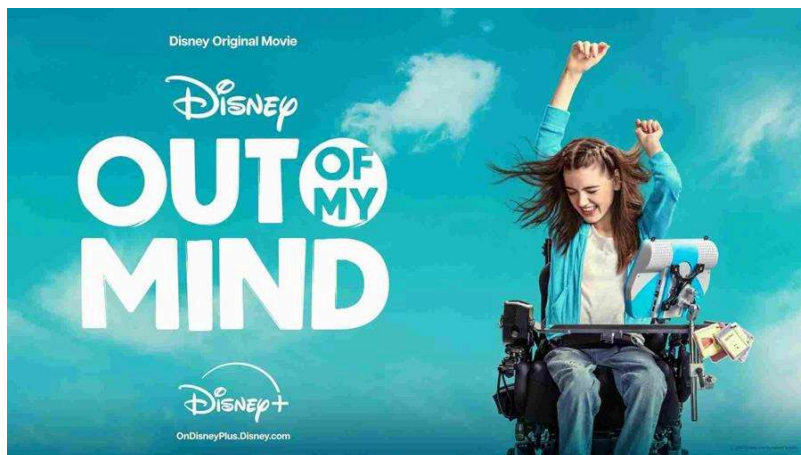
Disability worker registration

The disability worker registration scheme in Victoria allows disability workers to register and demonstrate they are safe, skilled, and professional.

The Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria in partnership with the Victorian Disability Worker Commission is seeking feedback on proposed changes to some of the registration standards.

The feedback period runs from 11 November to 13 December 2024 and there is an online forum on how to participate.

[Find out more](#)



Coming soon: Out of My Mind

We love to see stories that celebrate children with disability and their families - so we're excited to see Out of My Mind when it premieres later this month.

Out of My Mind is about Melody, who is navigating sixth grade as a nonverbal wheelchair user with cerebral palsy. With the help of some assistive technology and her devoted allies, Melody shows that what she has to say is more important than how she says it.

[Watch the trailer](#)

Best wishes

The ACD team

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