

Early childhood intervention

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Introduction

This policy brings a guideline of the importance of Early childhood intervention not only for children, their families and their network, but also for the community.

Recognising families as the first social interaction for kids and the impact in their development, help us to make family at the centre of all services and supports, respecting their needs, choices, values and beliefs; in order to build skills and abilities the child requires.

What is early childhood intervention?

Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)- previously known as BIG Steps at DPV Health is a program for children with a developmental delay or disability and their families that looks to bring the child the best possible start in life. On this a key group of specialists and services bring assistance to children from 0-7 years utilising National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding or Department of Education Continuity of Support Funding (DET-COS) for children from 0 years of age to school entry, in order to promote their development, wellbeing and inclusion in their community.

Early Childhood Intervention is also an approach developed based on evidence-based research of leading experts in early childhood intervention. They found this approach helps the child and family to build their capacity of inclusion in their community, meaning each child will be provided with opportunities to grow and learn.

Applicability

When

- Applies to any children younger than 7 with a disability or a developmental delay.
- Applies for families that have a child under 7 with disability or developmental delay.
- Applies when a child older than 7 is connected to us from a local area coordinator partner.
- Applies for children between 0 and 12 years of age, when is a therapy group.

Who

- Applies to all representatives including key management personnel, directors, full time workers, part time workers, casual workers, contractors and volunteers.

Documents relevant to this policy



Child safe

Regulations relevant to this policy



Children's Services Act 1996 (CS Act)



Children's Services Regulations 2020



National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 (Cth)



Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic)



Children, Young and Families Act 2005 (Vic)

Approaches

The approaches of all representatives are focus on

- Family-centred
- Strengths-based
- Rights-based
- Person-centred

At the same time, the approach aims to:

- EMPOWER families through timely support and skill-sharing.
- BUILD families and child's confidence and capacity of utilising a strengths-based and family-centred approach.
- FOCUS on child and family individual support of utilising the child's skills and interests together with thoroughly researched evidence-based practices.
- EMBRACE diversity and cultural competency.

Our commitment

We are committed to provide timely information about services, interventions and professionals to assist children and their families in their access to support, creating confidence and capacity to respond to the child needs, and to increase their participation in their community. This commitment includes give information from other support services, referrals and parent support groups.