

GETTING THE NDIS BACK ON TRACK

MAINSTREAM – EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The NDIS provides special supports for the early childhood approach, aimed at children younger than 6 with developmental delay or younger than 9 with a disability. This includes early intervention supports that children need to help build their skills, because of their developmental delay or disability.

In this document, we will discuss some of the items that can and cannot be claimed from your NDIS funding for early childhood development.

Supports that are NDIS

Early Childhood NDIS plans are focused on early intervention therapies that help children with developmental delay or disability to increase their level of functioning.

This may include numerous types of therapy support, or behaviour management.



The supports listed below are likely able to be claimed from NDIS funding.

<p>Therapies</p>	<p>Provision of a mix of therapies, and a key worker for the family. Supports for all children 0-9 years with developmental delay or disability and their families to achieve better long-term outcomes, regardless of diagnosis.</p> <p>This can include therapy provided by allied health professionals including speech pathologists and occupational therapists.</p> <p>For some participants, it may also include Behaviour management supports if it has been included in the plan.</p>
<p>Consumables</p>	<p>Low cost assistive technology may be included in a participants plan for the purchase of low cost items and minor repairs to assistive technology.</p>
<p>High Cost Assistive Technology- Capital costs</p>	<p>Like wheelchairs or other assistive technology items.</p> <p>These would be listed in the plan usually under capital 05 assistive technology supports.</p>

Supports that are not NDIS



There are many everyday expenses that relate to early childhood development that the NDIS considers to be outside the scope to be claimed from NDIS funding.

These supports may be things that a doctor or the health system will provide.

There are limits to the amount of support work that is funded for children as typically at this age, the family needs to look after the child.

The supports listed below are not able to be claimed from your plan.

Child Care fees	<p>This includes childcare fees (including any fees associated with specialist or segregated childcare service models), long day care, family day care and informal care arrangements.</p> <p>This includes the costs associated with the reasonable adjustment that childcare services are required to make to accommodate a child with developmental delay or disability.</p>
Teaching Aides	This also includes supports related to educational attainment
Modifications to Buildings	Building modifications for early childhood educational and care settings.
Early Childhood needs	This includes educational programs to meet the specific needs of the child, considering their strengths and challenges.
Transport costs	A family is typically responsible for the costs of transporting their children and this cannot be claimed from your NDIS funding.