



northcott
disability services

early childhood support service



Northcott Disability Services Early Childhood Support Service (ECSS) provides therapy, education and family support to families who have a child with a physical disability. Therapists work with each child to assist them to reach their potential and to promote independence. The family-centred program closely involves parents and carers in all decisions about their child.

Services

- Individual appointments with an educator, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and/or speech pathologist for assessment, review, therapy and the development of individual programs tailored to the needs of the child and family
- Family support through individual appointments with a social worker or in parent support groups
- Assistance in accessing resources in the community, including pre-schools and other children's services

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- Assistance with the selection of an appropriate school and with transition to school. Information is provided to schools to assist with the child's integration. Advice is available on modifications, equipment and accessing aide support
- Information on specialised equipment and home modifications.

Group programs

Group programs offered include:

- Early learning groups - playgroups which use a fun-filled environment to help each child learn
- A transition to school group which assists children to prepare for school
- A hydrotherapy group - assisting children to develop their mobility with the additional support of water.

Eligibility

Children aged 0-6, who have a physical disability without significant intellectual disability.

Geographical area

Sydney metropolitan area.

Funding

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