

Northcott EarlyStart Diagnosis Support (NEDS) is an innovative program that provides short-term support for families who have a concern about their child's development. Family Support Workers will provide information and assist families to access mainstream and disability specific services within their local area.

Services

- Assistance to develop and maintain supportive networks
- Emotional support to families
- Support and assistance to access ongoing formal support
- Information and assistance to access mainstream and disability specific services
- Information to assist in the acquisition of equipment
- Provision of information regarding recreational opportunities within the local area

Group Programs

Groups that may be available to families include:

- Parent/Carer support groups
- Parent/Carer education
- Preparation/Transition to school groups
- Playgroups
- Sibling support groups
- Mother's and Father's weekends
- Family fun days/nights
- Online support groups

Eligibility

Services will be available to families with a child up to (but not including) 6 years, who have an identified concern about their child's development. This includes:

- Families who have a child with a recently diagnosed disability,
- Families who have a child with an identified developmental delay and are in the process of obtaining a diagnosis,
- Families who have a concern about their child's development and are seeking support.

In exceptional circumstances, services may be offered to families with a child up until 8 years of age.

Geographic Area

EarlyStart Diagnosis Support operates in the following areas:

- Central Coast
- Cumberland Prospect
- Far North Coast
- Hunter
- Mid North Coast
- Nepean
- New England
- Northern Sydney

Funding

The service is funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW and supported by Northcott Disability Services.



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