



How to choose child care and kindergarten



What to look for

Quality places help children to



- make friends
- get ready for school



- feel safe
- feel they belong



- have the same chances.



Look for places that

- see what your child is good at
- work with you as a team
- make you and your child feel welcome
- change things to help your child.



Questions you can ask

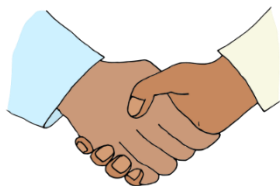


You can ask questions to find out more. Like

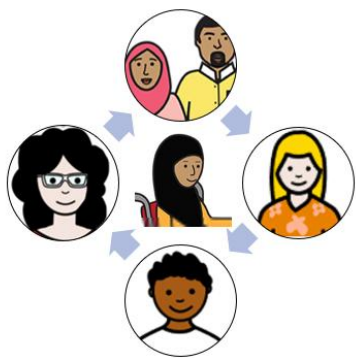
- How will you help my child?
- What support can we get?
- Can my child's therapist visit?
- Will I help make the plan?
- Is there a quiet place?
- When will we talk?
- How will you tell me things?



Work together to help your child



The team around your child can be



- you and your family
- a teacher or educator
- a therapist
- a support worker.

In the team you can



- help make a plan
- say what you want for your child
- share ideas to help your child
- say what your child can do
- say what your child likes
- speak up for your child.



How to get extra help for your child

There are programs that give extra help. Like

Inclusion Support Program (ISP)



This can give your child care

- expert advice to educators
- more staff to help in the room
- special equipment.



You can get help this way

- talk to your child's educator
- the child care will apply for support.

Kindergarten Support – in some States



It can give your kindergarten

- more staff to help in the room
- special training and advice for teachers
- special equipment
- changes to the building.



You can get help this way

- talk to the teacher as soon as you enrol
- the teacher will apply for support.

NDIS – Early Childhood Approach



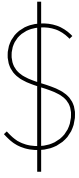
This is for children under 9 years old.

The children need extra help or have a disability. It

- helps your child early
- gives information
- connects you to services

You can get help this way

- find your local Early Childhood Partner
- you can call the NDIS on 1800 800 110.



Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

This helps pay for child care.

- It is money from the government.
- Some children can get extra money called ACCS.



You can get help this way

- talk to your child care service
- go to a [Centrelink](#) office for help
- apply through your myGov account

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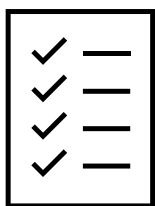
- call 136 150 to get help.

Your child's right to be included



Every child has the right to go to child care and kindergarten.

There are laws that make sure all children are treated fairly. These are



Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)

- It says centres must change things to help your child join in.



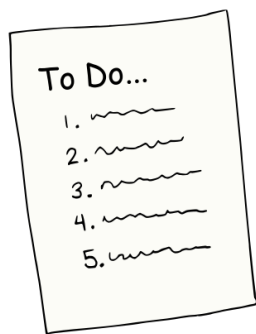
National Quality Framework (NQF)

- It says centres must give **every child** the same chance to learn.

United Nations Rules



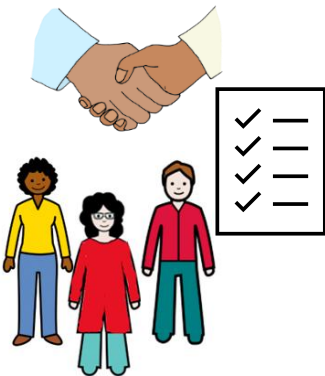
- It says children with disability have a right to learn together with other children.



Things to do

- visit centres
- ask how they will include your child
- be part of your child's team to plan
- apply for funding and support
- choose a place that sees your child's strengths
- stay involved - you are an important part of the team.

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