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## Help applying for children younger than 9

If you have concerns about your child's development, or your child has a disability, you can contact an early childhood partner to access our early childhood approach.

Usually, you would've already discussed your concerns, or your child's disability, with your doctor, maternal and child health nurse, or other health professional.

You do not need a referral or diagnosis from a medical professional to access support through our early childhood approach.

As every child is different, your early childhood partner will tailor support to your child's individual needs and circumstances.

Find out [how the early childhood approach works](#) or [find your nearest partner office](#).

In some areas, we don't have early childhood partners to deliver our early childhood approach.

Where partners are not available, you speak with your doctor, child health nurse, or other health professional.

You can also contact your [nearest NDIS office](#).

For further information, [contact us](#) or call 1800 800 110.

## Help for those aged 9 to 64

If you are aged 9 and above, one of our partners may deliver local area coordinators services, which includes linking you to the NDIS and to mainstream and community supports in your area.

If you are eligible for an NDIS plan, your LAC will have a conversation with you to learn about your current situation, supports, and goals to help develop your plan. It is important to know that LACs cannot approve an NDIS plan, this is done by someone from the NDIA.

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Find out about [local area coordinators](#) or [find your nearest partner office](#).

## Your local NDIS office

[Your nearest NDIS office](#) can help put you in contact with an early childhood partner or local area coordination partner for help with applying for the NDIS.

In some areas, we don't have early childhood partners or local area coordination partners.

In these areas we recommend you contact us on 1800 800 110 to be supported to apply to the NDIS.

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