



Macarthur Children's Developmental Clinic



National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



You



What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

The NDIS is the new way of providing support for eligible people with permanent and significant disability, their families and their carers.

Who can access the NDIS?

- People who have a permanent and/or significant disability
- People under the age of 65 years
- Australian permanent residents and citizens or New Zealand citizens with a Protected Special Category Visa.

Some of the needs your child may have?

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Developmental Delay
- Intellectual impairment
- Behavioural difficulties
- Communication disorders (dyspraxia, stutter)
- Significant language/ literacy/processing disorders
- Self-help skills (grooming, feeding, sleeping, toileting)
- Motor disorders (dyspraxia)
- Significant learning difficulties
- Significant emotional/mental health conditions
- Sensory Processing disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Genetic conditions
- Brain injury
- Amputation
- Deaf
- Permanent blindness



The objectives of the NDIS

- To look at children/families holistically
- To distribute funding to individuals instead of organisations
- To fund children/families on the basis of severity and need rather than diagnosis

When does the NDI role out?

In south western Sydney, the NDIS rolls out in July 2016

- Paper work can be lodged at this time
- Our local area is governed by the St Vincent de Paul Society

What is the process?

- From the 1st of July 2016 you are able to register and submit your application for the NDIS.
- You need to provide evidence of your child's disability when you submit your access request form.
 - Child's details
 - Family circumstances
 - Letter of diagnosis
 - Evidence of impact of the condition

Following this you will receive correspondence from a planner who will arrange to meet with you in person. The NDIA recommend completing the planning workbook <http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/getting-plan-ready>
The carer checklist is also a great check list to help prepare for the assessment and planning meeting www.carersaustralia.com.au

- At your meeting with the planner, they will discuss with you your child and family's circumstances, goals, supports in place etc.
- The planner uses an assessment tool that measures 10 different domains of functioning to determine what is 'reasonable and necessary' intervention.
- You and your planner will develop a plan of intervention and you will be told the amount of funding that has been determined to achieve this. Things that can be funded include:
 - Daily personal activities
 - Transport
 - Therapeutic supports
 - Help with household tasks to allow participation in the home environment
 - Home modification
 - Mobility/assistive equipment
- Your funding can be managed in various ways
 - Agency managed
 - 3rd party managed
 - Self – managed
 - A combination of the above
- Your plan is generally reviewed every 12 months, however your plan can be viewed earlier if deemed necessary.

So what needs to happen now?

Now is the time to gather information about your child's additional needs.

This includes:

- Client/family details
- Diagnosis
- Functional Impact
- Treatment/therapy
- Duration of impairment/prognosis
- What supports your child has
- What may be stopping your child from achieving their goals



Along with this information, you need to complete your access request for and register with the NDIS after the 1st of July 2016.

How Macarthur CDC can help you?

Macarthur CDC is a registered provider with the NDIS.

We can assist you in gaining your evidence for therapeutic support:

- Administer assessments
- Provide diagnosis
- Provide progress letters and reports
- Complete statements of evidence
- Assist families in establishing goals
- Provide a plan/recommendations for therapy



For further information please contact the NDIS on 1800 800 110 or our reception on 46480837

