

Early Connections

What is early connections?

Welcome to early connections. Early connections aim to assist you to connect and access the right supports that meet the needs of your child and your family. Early connections may involve connecting you to:

- Practical information that is related to your child's development.
- Connections with mainstream and community services such as:
 - Early childhood education services like childcare or preschool
 - Schools & transition-to-school programs
 - Health services like paediatricians or child health nurses
 - Community or private health services like allied health service
 - Family support services like parenting support groups and counselling services
 - Cultural support services such as migrant support services and information for CALD families
 - Other families for peer support.
- Information that may be beneficial when accessing these services, such as information about Medicare rebates.

Why have I been referred to early connections?

Early connections are available for all children. Based on the information you have provided to our intake team, it has been determined that early connections is the most appropriate service for you and your family at this point in your child's journey.

For more information scan:

Early childhood approach:



Types of early connections:



What can I expect during early connections?

Your Northcott early childhood Coordinator will work with you to develop a better understanding of the strengths of your child and family and any existing supports or services you have in place. Based on this information and on the needs of your family, they will support you to connect with information and services that may benefit you and your child.

Your Coordinator will schedule times to meet with you, either face to face, via videoconference, or telephone. If you are unable to keep these appointments or if you decide that you'd like to exit the early connections pathway, let your coordinator know.

What can I expect during early connections?

The time spent receiving early connections will be dependent on each individual family and their circumstances and needs. Your journey through early connections may be very short or could be up to several months. Your coordinator will discuss this further with you.



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