Early Childhood Development Program

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Providing Educational Support for Young Children with Disabilities

Who can we support?

Education Queensland's Early Childhood Development Programs (ECDP) & Services are targeted at young children from birth to five years with suspected or diagnosed disabilities in the areas of:
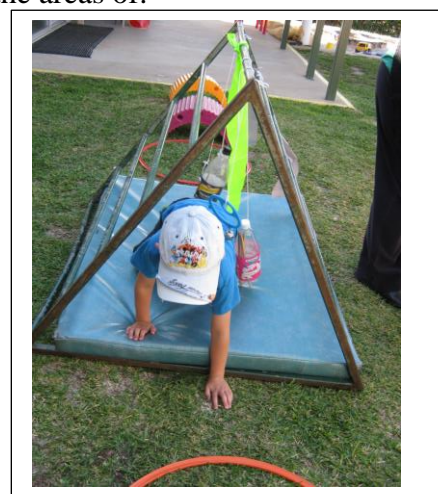
- autism spectrum disorder
- hearing impairment
- intellectual impairment
- physical impairment
- speech-language impairment and
- vision impairment

as well as children who also have significant educational support needs.

What is the Purpose?

ECD programs and services provide learning experiences for children to:

- develop knowledge and skills
- maximise their individual potential
- function in current and future learning environments
- prepare for a successful transition to school.
- Partnerships with parents and provision of family information and support are essential components of ECD programs and services.

Education Queensland is committed to working collaboratively with other organisations and agencies that support the child and family, in order to deliver integrated services.

What support is available?

ECD programs and services offered for children from birth to 3.5 years may include:

- playgroup sessions with parents/family members; and/or
- specialist outreach support to the home by members of a multidisciplinary team

Children aged 3.5 to 5 years may access:

- centre-based sessions at an early childhood development program and/or
- specialist outreach support, by members of a multidisciplinary team, to the other educational setting attended by the child (e.g. day care or kindy); and/or the home

During this phase, transition to Prep becomes a significant focus for the early childhood development program and/or service.
Multidisciplinary team members may include specialist teachers, therapists and support personnel, working collaboratively with members from other agencies.