



Foster and Kinship Care
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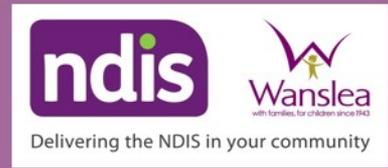
Acknowledgment To Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the country on which we meet today and their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

I pay my respects to their Elders – past, present and emerging.

I would like to extend that acknowledgement and respect to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today

Wanslea



Founded in 1943 by Florence Hummerston, Wanslea is a long standing Not for Profit organisation successfully providing support programs for families and children across Perth metropolitan, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and South West regions.

Children and Families Are Our Focus

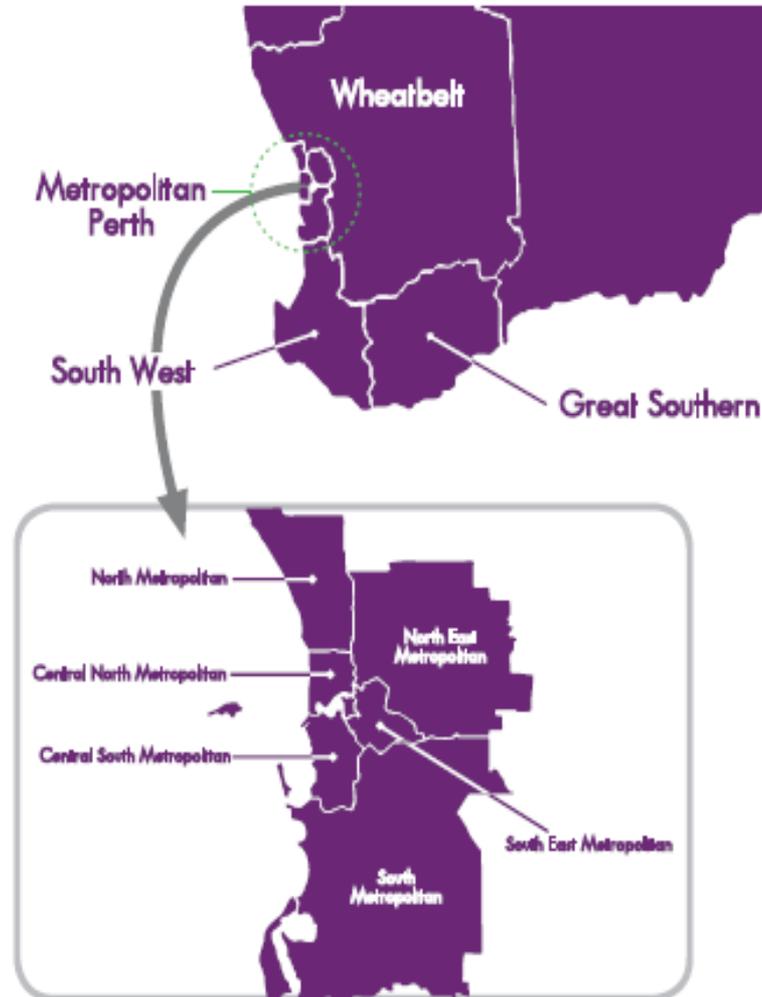
Values

- *Respect for staff and those engaged with our services.*
- *Integrity in how we work through honest and fair practices.*
- *Collaboration through evidence based practices that ensure quality service provision.*

Other programs:

Family Services Out of Home Care
Early Years Regional Services

Wanslea Partner in the Community

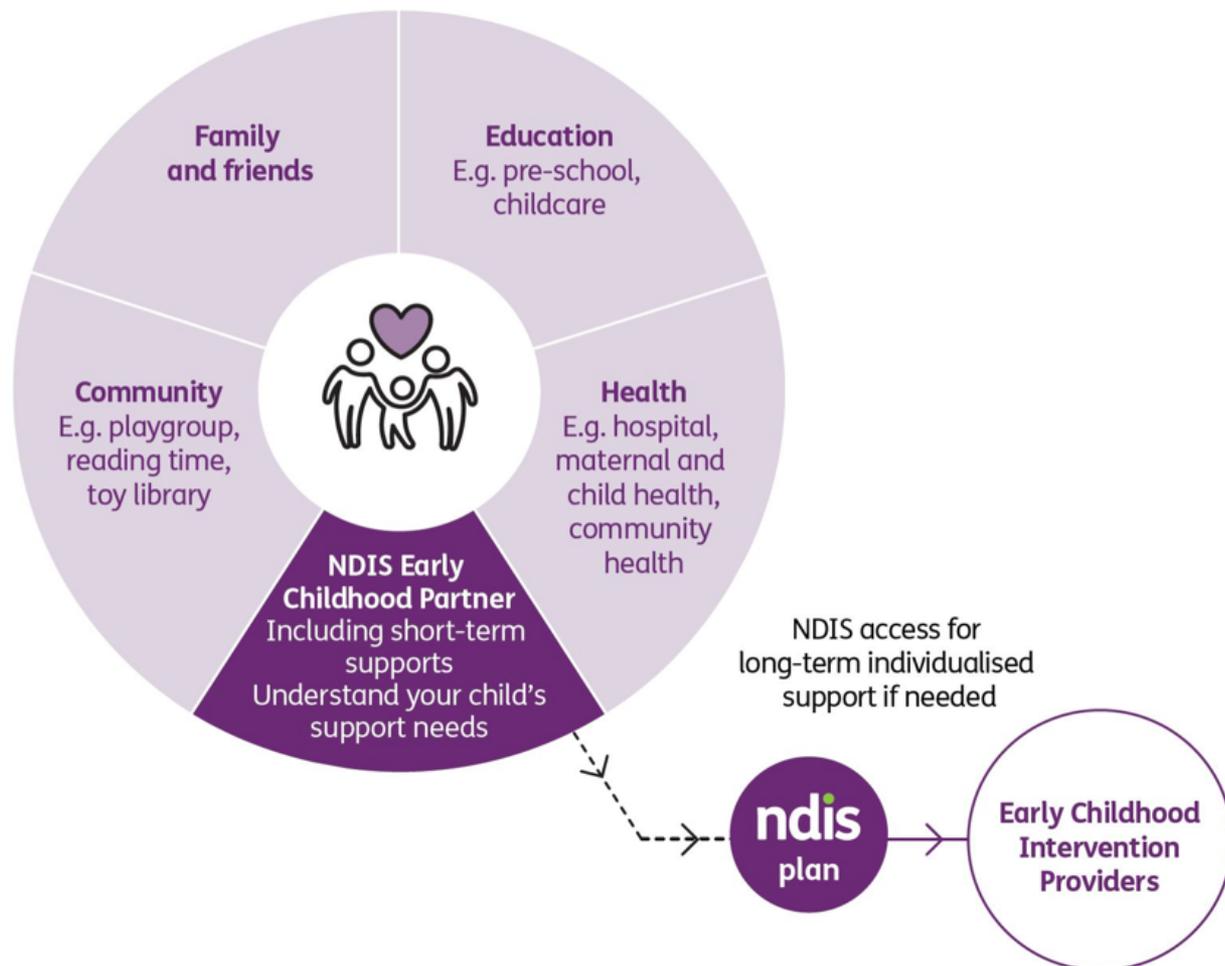


NDIS PITC Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)

ECEI supports children under 7 years who may have a developmental delay or disability.

A diagnosis is **not** required to access the program as the program focus is on early childhood intervention.

The ECEI Approach



**What happens when I
contact Wanslea?**

Pathways

Not all children who enter the ECEI program will require entry to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

1. Provision of information and linkages to community supports. Some issues may be resolved with the help of local childhood services.
2. Provide short - medium term early intervention.
3. Where it is identified that longer term intervention and funding is required – ECEI support access to the NDIS where the child meets the NDIS eligibility criteria.

1. Mainstream & Community Supports

Alfie is 3 years old, displaying big behaviours and defiance that are frustrating to his parents, as they are unsure how to help him when he is upset. Alfie is doing well at day care, where no difficulties with him have been noticed, so his parents feel it is only with them. He is toilet trained, but still having some accidents and his parents have been trying to remove Alfie's dummy at night, without much success.

The Wanslea practitioner observes Alfie and discusses community options to support Alfie's parents with:

- behavioural management strategies
- parent workshops

The practitioner checks in with Alfie's parents after 1 month to ensure that the parent workshops and behavioural strategies are working.



2. Short – Medium Term Supports

Ava is 3 years old. She has trouble communicating her needs when she is upset, and has trouble managing her emotions.

She displays frustration over small things and takes a long time to calm down.

The Child Care Centre that Ava attends notified Ava's Mum that there may be a potential speech delay, because she is unable to express herself when she is upset and she also has a several incorrect sounds when speaking.

The Wanslea practitioner supports Ava's parents by observing Ava at home and at her Child Care Centre to see what is happening.

The practitioner:

- Develops strategies for both the Child Care Centre and for Ava's parents to use with Ava to manage her behaviour.
- Makes a referral to a Child Development Service for speech therapy.

3. NDIS Access



Oliver is 3 years old and has significant delays in his communication, self-care and social development. Oliver and his family have been receiving services from a Child Health Nurse and the Child Development Services (CDS) since he was two. Oliver's CDS speech therapist referred him to Wanslea ECEI.

Oliver's parents met with the Wanslea Early Childhood practitioner to discuss the family's goals for Oliver, which are:

- To help Oliver communicate his needs.
- To help Oliver to play with other children>
- To develop a morning and night time routine for Oliver.

They also talk about the support that Oliver and his family need to achieve these goals. It is identified that Oliver will need longer term support to meet his goals.

The practitioner gathers all the information required to make an access application to NDIA.

Collaboration

Perth Children's Hospital



Wanslea ECEI and Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) work together to support families and children who need information and/or access to NDIS.

PCH has supported the Wanslea practitioner to work from PCH weekly to support families whose child has a disability or developmental concern and who attends the outpatient clinics at PCH:

- Paediatric clinic
- Kulunga Moort Mia

The Wanslea Aboriginal Community Capacity building officer can meet with families at Kulunga Moort Mia, a culturally sensitive space, to have a yarn about their little one.

The practitioner also supports families whose child is an inpatient at the hospital and needs information about community, mainstream or NDIS pathways.

Thank You

**Wanslea Early Childhood Early
Intervention (ECEI)**

In partnership with

**National Disability Insurance Scheme
(NDIS)**



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