

PATHWAYS

Not doing the same things as other kids?
Not talking, playing or moving like the others?



Tell your Doctor or Child Health Nurse you're worried. You're allowed to ask for help!
They'll have a check to see how things are going.



REFERRAL

1. They might refer you to a child specialist (Paediatrician), asking them to find out more about your child.

NO REFERRAL

2. They might tell you to 'keep an eye on things'. Talk to them again if you're still worried.

3. Ask your GP if you can access therapy services using Medicare rebates.

4. You can pay for private therapy services. Ask your Child Health Nurse to help find options.

5. You or your GP can refer your child to Child Development Services. Contact the children's hospital for more information.



PRIVATE CARE

You pay for this, and might get a bit back from Medicare.

PUBLIC CARE

FREE - You might wait a while (Hang in there, they will get to you and it's important to keep your appointment). This might be at the children's hospital.



ASSESSMENT

Could be done by a: Speech Pathologist / Psychologist / Paediatrician. They will look at what a child finds easy and what they find hard. Ask questions! They will send you and your GP a report at some point after the assessment.



DIAGNOSIS

This is the name of a disability or condition someone has. This information will be given to you in letters or reports. Your Doctor can help you work out what it all means. Put the information somewhere safe. It can help you get funding and services.

NO DIAGNOSIS

There might not be a diagnosis. The Paediatrician will send you and your doctor this information. You might want to follow up again in the future if you're still concerned.



NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

Contact NDIS on 1800 800 110. Tell them you have a new diagnosis. They will tell you the next steps to getting help. You can also call Rocky Bay for information on (08) 9383 5111.



You can't always see disability

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