

# Transitioning from the NDIS

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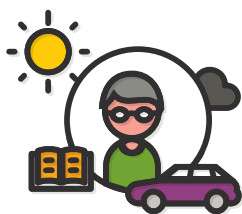
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing support for people with disability, their families and carers in Australia.

Under the NDIS Act, early intervention support is available to both children and adults who meet the early intervention requirements.



The aim of early intervention is to alleviate the impact of a person's impairment upon their functional capacity by providing support at the earliest possible stage.

Early intervention support is intended to benefit a person by reducing their future need for supports.



NDIS plan reviews are an important part of the Scheme. If a person has entered via the early intervention requirements their eligibility will be

assessed at each plan review.

In some cases reviews may determine that early intervention has increased a person's independence and decreased their need for additional support, meaning they can transition from the NDIS.

Individuals determined to need additional support under the NDIS will continue to receive funded support as a participant.



It is important to remember that the NDIS approach means if, after a period of time, further delay or increased functional impact is determined, the NDIS will provide reasonable and necessary funded support if a person needs it again.

## Children transitioning from the NDIS

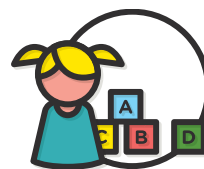
We know that providing quality intervention early in a child's life reduces the possible need for longer term intervention and will support them over time to lead an ordinary life.



In some cases reviews may determine that early intervention has increased a child's capacity and independence and decreased the need for additional support, which is what the NDIS is all about.

This may mean is that some children will achieve their goals over time to the point they no longer require assistance from the NDIS.

In this instance, NDIA's early childhood partner will work with the child and their family to support them in their transition to mainstream and community supports.



## Participant Profile - The future is bright for Jack

Jack joined the National Disability Insurance Scheme when he was three.

Proud parents Bree and David said catching his developmental delays early has made a massive difference to how their son now functions – like every other child his age.



“As first-time parents we didn’t know which way to go,” Bree said. “We didn’t know what Jack needed or what he didn’t need, so having the NDIS there to help us develop an action plan, then review it, to see if he had developed or if he needed extra help, was great.”

This has been to the extent that he is now age appropriate and able to exit the Scheme.

Thanks to the Scheme’s focus on early intervention, Jack is “skyrocketing ahead” with his speech, writing, recognition and motor skills.

The couple said the range of NDIS registered therapists they could engage was huge. Now Jack is five. “He’s in pre-primary and doing really well, and thanks to regular speech and occupational therapies, he has skyrocketed ahead with his speech and writing and recognition skills, and he’s up to speed with his gross motor skills,” Bree said.

“Even though Jack has exited the National Disability Insurance Scheme, I’ve been reassured if we ever need help again, the Scheme is always there and that’s very reassuring.”


### Who do I speak to for more information?

Please speak with your Local Area Coordinator, Support Coordinator, Early Childhood Partner or the NDIA if you require more information. If you do not have contact details for your Local Area Coordinator or NDIA office, you can call **1800 800 110** for more information.

For more information about transitioning out of the NDIS visit [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au).


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