



What To Do If Your Child Needs Extra Support

Every child learns in a different way, at a different rate. If your child is having difficulty with talking, hearing, moving about or with their behaviour you can talk to:

- your doctor
- staff at your early childhood education service (if your child attends)
- your Plunket Nurse or PlunketLine
- your iwi or Māori health organisation
- someone in your local Ministry of Education, Special Education office.

They can help you work out what needs to happen next. You can also give us a call at CCS Disability Action. If we can't help, we can put you in touch with the right people.

Play is an important, but fun, part of being a child. Play allows children to learn how things work, understand how other children behave and learn what to expect when they do certain things. You shouldn't feel like you need expensive toys to get the most from play. Try the internet or visit your nearest local or mobile library for some inexpensive but inspirational ideas.

“ My hopes and dreams for Jacob are the same as for my other children – that he reaches his full potential and he's happy and well balanced. I don't ever want to limit him to what I think he might be able to do. I want to keep dreaming big. ”



Early Childhood Education

THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND early childhood education centres falls into two basic groups, educator or parent-led services. Some offer part-day education and care, others are full-day.

Educator-led services are where registered educators provide the education and care. These include:

- education and care centres
- kindergartens
- home-based education and care services.

Parent-led services are where parents, whānau or caregivers provide the education and care for their own and other children. This might be in a community setting or other people might provide education and care for your child in their home.

These include:

- Playcentres
- Te Kōhanga Reo
- playgroups
- Ngā Puna Kōhungahunga
- Pacific Island early childhood groups.