

# Early Links



**Koorana Child & Family Services provides learning opportunities for all children and their families across the Inner West and South West areas of Sydney.**

## What is Early Links?

Koorana's Early Links assists with the unique needs of families of children with a disability or developmental delay during the time of diagnosis or while awaiting diagnosis. Early Linkers provide a range of supports including emotional support, social connections within the community, and information and assistance to access mainstream and specialist services that are best suited to achieving your family's goals.

## Who is it for?

Koorana's Early Links is for families living in Sydney's Inner West who have a child aged 0 and 8 years who has just been diagnosed with a disability or developmental delay, or who is in the process of assessment and diagnosis. During this time families usually have lots of questions and may also experience a whole range of emotions.



***All children, All abilities, All possibilities***

## Where does it happen?

Your worker can visit you in your home or another location, talk to you on the phone, or communicate with you by email. They will also attend meetings or appointments with you if needed.

## How long does it go for?

Early Links is a short term service, with the length of the service dependent on the needs of your family. Families typically participate in Early Links for up to 12 months.

## What if I do not speak English?

Your worker can arrange for an interpreter if you need.



## What happens and how will it help us?

An Early Links worker can support you through this process by helping you to understand your child's diagnosis and know what's available to you to support your child and their learning.

Your worker will work closely with you, providing emotional support and helping you to

- connect with supportive people in your community
- establish sustainable routines
- connect with other services and access resources available to you such as funding support, therapy, preschool, transition to school, respite, and carer support.

## What does it cost?

You do not need to pay any fees for Early Links, as disability-specific government funding covers all costs.

## How do I access the service?

Contact us by phone on (02) 9750-4100 or email [enquiries@koorana.org.au](mailto:enquiries@koorana.org.au). You can also find out more at our website [www.koorana.org.au](http://www.koorana.org.au)

