

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION INFORMATION SHEET

Advisory Teachers, Early Childhood Intervention work with young children who have disabilities from birth until the end of Transition, with priority given to children from 3 to 6 years.

Early childhood intervention aims to minimise the impact of developmental delays and disability for young children by the provision of a range of general and specialist support in consultation with the family.

Family centered best practice acknowledges and respects the family need with regard to the type of services they access. Services are designed to meet the young child's individual, current and immediate future needs.

Therapists from the Department of Health and Community Services may also be working with the child and family at this time.

Referral to Early Childhood Intervention:

Preschool teacher discusses concerns with the parent and completes the Request for Service form according to the Intervention First guidelines and in consultation with the school – based Special Education Teacher.

Advisory Teachers Early Childhood Intervention:

Follow best practice standards of Family Centered /Focused model in service delivery. Work in collaboration with other agencies involved in the delivery of Intervention services to children and their families. Advisory Teachers provide consultancy support and work with families, childcare centers and schools to provide:

- Intervention through teaching strategies;
- Professional development training;
- Program assistance;
- Resources;
- Information regarding disability, behaviour, adapting and modifying activities; and
- Developmental assessment.

DARWIN, NORTHERN SUBURBS AND PALMERSTON & RURAL

In the Darwin City, Northern Suburbs and Palmerston regions Early Childhood Intervention is provided by three agencies.

NT Department of Employment, Education & Training.

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
Student Services Division

Department Health & Community Services (DH&CS) Aged and Disability

Children's Development Team (CDT)
Early Intervention Team (EIT)

Carpentaria Disability Services

Early Intervention Service (CDS - EIS)

PERSONNEL

ALICE SPRINGS

Advisory Teacher ECI	8951 7087
Advisory Teacher ECI	8951 8439

BARKLEY/ TENNANT CREEK

Advisory Teacher ECI	8962 4360
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ARNHEM

Advisory Teacher ECI	8987 0463
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DARWIN

Advisory Teacher ECI	8999 8726
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KATHERINE

Advisory Teacher	8973 8914
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NORTHERN SUBURBS

Advisory Teacher ECI	8999 8712
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PALMERSTON AND RURAL

Advisory Teacher ECI	8999 8782
Advisory Teacher ECI	8999 8715