

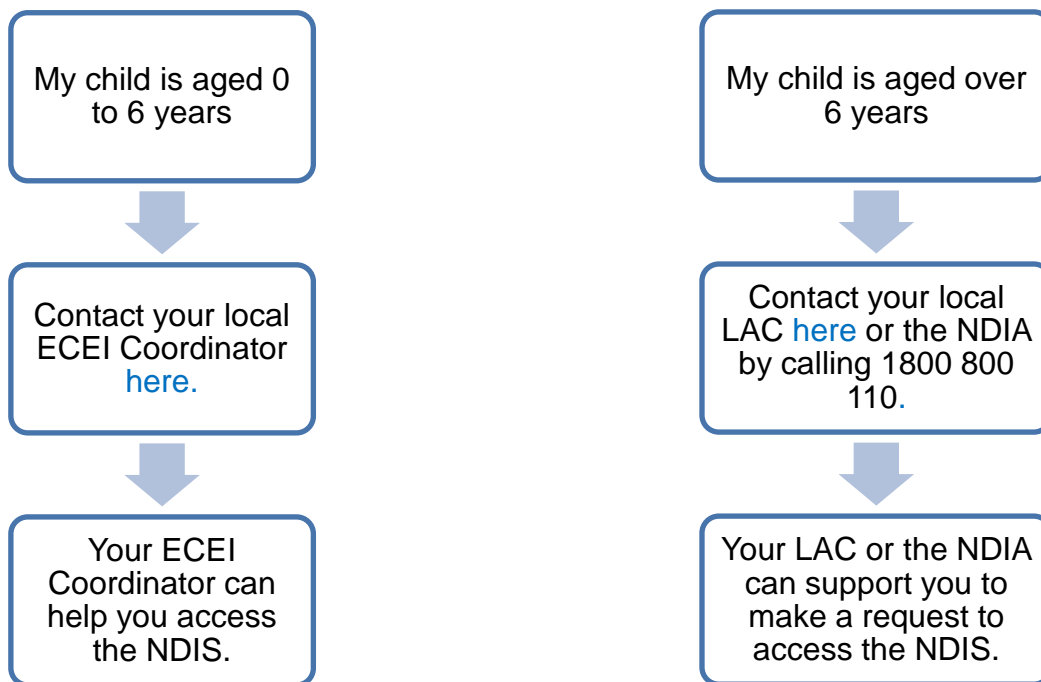
Accessing the NDIS

A Factsheet for Parents and Carers (No.3)

Can I access the NDIS?

To access the NDIS, your child must be eligible. To find out if your child is eligible, read NOFASD's *Factsheet 2 – Eligibility to Access the NDIS*.

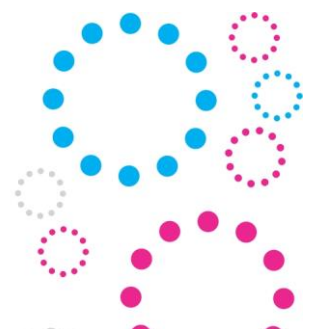
My child is eligible for the NDIS. What do I do now?



What is an ECEI Coordinator and Local Area Coordinator (LAC)?

ECEI means Early Childhood Early Intervention. ECEI Coordinators help children aged 0-6 years who have a developmental delay or disability.

An LAC is a Local Area Coordinator. LAC's can help you to understand and access the NDIS. They can also help you to develop your child's plan and show you how to use effectively.



What information do I need to have ready?

When you contact an ECEI Coordinator, a LAC or the NDIA, they will start an access request. An access request is the start of your NDIS application. Once an access request has been made, you will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your name and where you live,
- Your child's name, age, where they live and whether they have permission to live in Australia permanently,
- Evidence of your child's age and residence,
- Information about the impacts of FASD (available from the [NOFASD website](#))
- Evidence of your child's impairments (this includes relevant assessments or reports which have been completed by a paediatrician, allied health workers or other professionals),
- Details and evidence about how your child's disability impacts them each day, and
- Permission for the NDIA to talk to other people about your child's disability, including Centrelink, health professionals or your child's GP.

You can send this information and any other evidence to:

Mail: GPO Box 700, Canberra, ACT 2601

Email: NAT@ndis.gov.au

In person: To your local NDIS office (find your local office [here](#))

Once your access request has been made and the required information has been sent, it is important that you begin thinking about what type of supports and services could assist your child. You can read more about supports and services in NOFASD's Factsheet 4 – *Supports and Services Funded by the NDIS*.

Where can I find out more information about FASD?

NOFASD Australia is the National Peak Body for parents, carers and individuals impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Founded in 1999 and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, we provide the essential bridge linking those with lived experience with researchers and clinicians.

NOFASD Australia provide a helpline for people impacted by FASD and those wanting information on how to support individuals with FASD. We also maintain an up-to-date comprehensive website with curated resources and links.

If you would like additional information about FASD or to read more about FASD and the NDIS, please visit the [NOFASD Australia website](#).

Source: Understanding the NDIS Booklet 1
(<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/booklets-and-factsheets>).

