



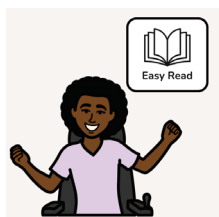
Easy Read

# Thriving Kids in Canberra

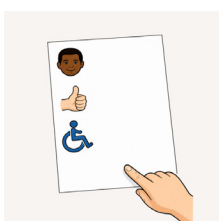
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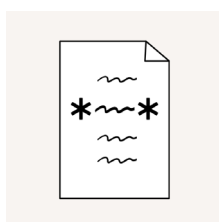
# About Easy Read



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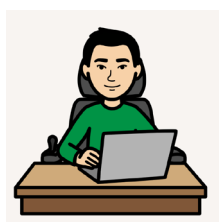
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We explain what new words mean.

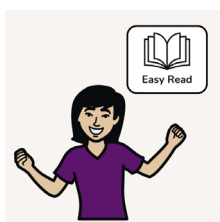


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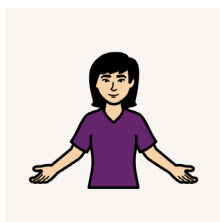


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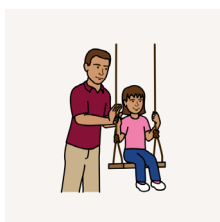
# About this book



This is our Easy Read fact sheet about the **\*Thriving Kids Program\***.



We call it **Thriving Kids** in this book.

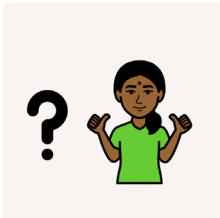


Thriving Kids is a new program for some children with disability aged **0 to 8** and their families, carers and kin.



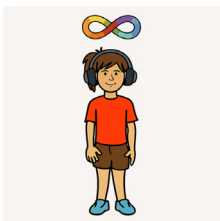
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# Who will use Thriving Kids?

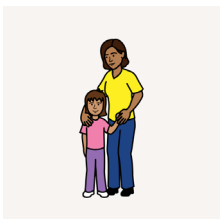


Thriving Kids is for children with

- **\*developmental delay\***



- autism with **\*low to moderate support needs\***.



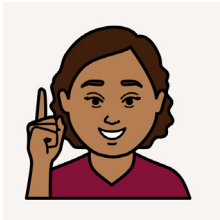
Developmental delay and autism with low to moderate support needs means

- your child needs extra help to learn

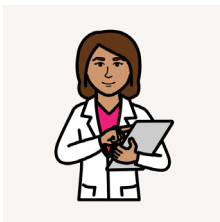


- your child needs support to develop like other children their age.

# Do you need a diagnosis?



Children do **not** need a **\*diagnosis\*** to use Thriving Kids.



A diagnosis means a doctor writes a report to say you have a health condition.

# Why do we need a new program?

## Problems with the NDIS



The **\*NDIS review\*** found some big problems for many children and families on the NDIS.

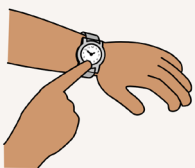


The NDIS review looked at what works and what needs to change about the NDIS.

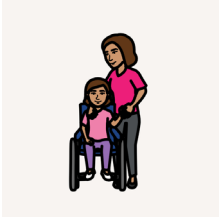


The review found that many families were

- **not** getting supports they needed



- **not** getting services on time.



The review also found that

- children got more supports if they had a diagnosis



- children missed out on supports if they had **no diagnosis**.

## We need more early intervention



Research also shows that **\*early intervention\*** is the best way to help children aged 0 to 8.



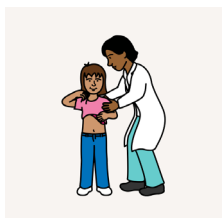
Early intervention helps young children

- get services sooner



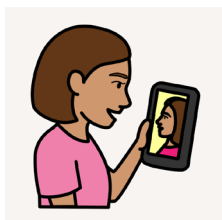
- learn, grow and catch up to other children their age.

# How will Thriving Kids services work?

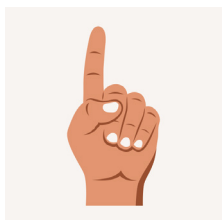


Thriving Kids services in Canberra can be

- in-person



- online



- for 1 child at a time

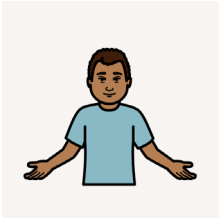


- for groups of children and their families



- in many different places.  
For example, community hubs.

# Our plan for Thriving Kids



We want Thriving Kids in Canberra to be **\*inclusive\***.



Inclusive means everyone is welcome.



We want Thriving Kids in Canberra to be **\*accessible\***.

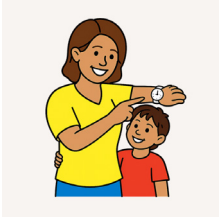


Accessible means easy to find and use.

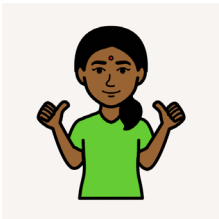


We also want Thriving Kids to

- meet the needs of the ACT community



- be available in a **\*timely manner\***.



A timely manner means you

- get services when you need them

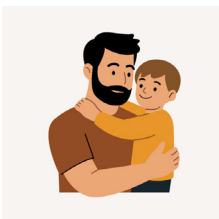


- do **not** have to wait a long time.



We will shape Thriving Kids using

- research



- ideas of families and children with disability.

# Cultural accessibility



We want Thriving Kids to meet the needs of families from different **\*cultures\***.

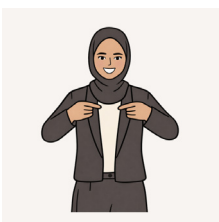


Your culture includes where you or your family are from.

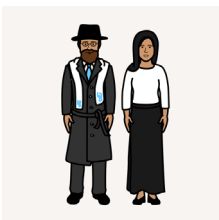


Culture shapes many parts of life. For example, a family's

- language



- beliefs

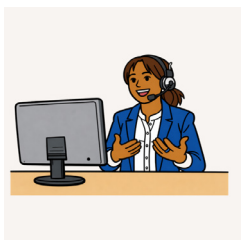


- relationships.

# How will Thriving Kids support different cultures?



Thriving Kids in Canberra will offer **\*Translating and Interpreting Services\*** or **TIS**.



TIS is a free service that helps people access services using their first language.



We will keep working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to

- respect First Nations cultures across Thriving Kids services



- understand and meet the needs of First Nations families.

# When will Thriving Kids start?



By **1 January 2028** Thriving Kids should be fully set up across Australia.



For the past year, we have worked with the Australian Government to plan Thriving Kids.



The ACT Government will finish the plan for Thriving Kids in Canberra by **May 2026**.



Some Thriving Kids services will start from **October 2026**.

# Community Engagement and Consultations



We will do **\*Community Engagement and Consultations\***.



Community Engagement and Consultations mean we listen to

- community partners



- parents, carers and kin



- ACT government workers.



They help us to plan the Thriving Kids Program.



There will be **3 phases** to our work.

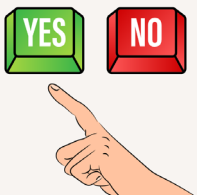


We will share more information about engagement opportunities as we go.

## Phase 1



Phase 1 will happen from now until **31 May 2026**.

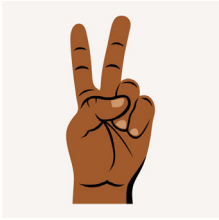


In Phase 1, we develop the **\*ACT Implementation Plan\***.



The ACT Implementation Plan explains how we roll out Thriving Kids in stages.

## Phase 2



Phase 2 will happen from  
**June 2026 to 31 December 2027.**



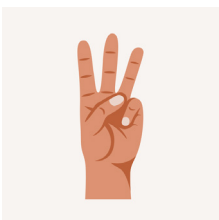
Phase 2 is about

- designing services

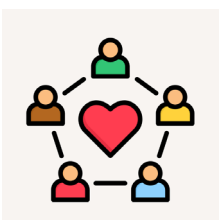


- rolling out services in the community in the most helpful way.

## Phase 3



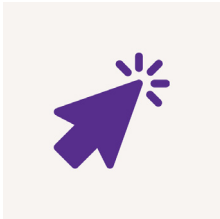
Phase 3 will be **ongoing.**



Phase 3 is about making sure all services in Thriving Kids work together.

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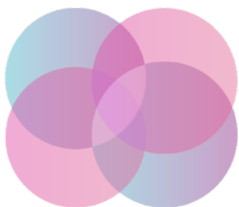
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