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Children with delays in their development often get support from local Primary Care services. This includes people like Nurses, GPs, Speech and Language Therapists and Physiotherapists.

A Children's Disability Network Team provides services for children from birth to 18 years with more significant needs.

What is a Children's Disability Network Team?



We have experience in providing services for children with disabilities.

We work closely together to provide a wide range of services and supports for your child and your family. The team members you see, and how often you see them, will depend on your child's needs. We will discuss this with you.

We often bring groups of children and groups of parents together to learn new skills and mix with each other. You and other family members learn how to support your child's development. You can also share your experiences with others.

What is a Family Centred Practice?



Children develop and learn doing everyday things with family, pre-school, school and community. You and people who are with your child every day are the most important in helping your child learn and develop.

All Children's Disability Network Teams use a Family Centred Practice approach.

This means we will work with you and others close to your child to support your child's development.

Family Centred Practice means:

- We will take time to get to know you and your child so that we can work together.
- We will find out what your goals are for your child and family.
- We will work with you on a support plan. This support plan is the Individual Family Service Plan (also called an IFSP). The Individual Family Service Plan will be different for every child and family.
- We will help you to use everyday activities to achieve your goals.

Why does the Children's Disability Network Team use Family Centred Practice?

- It's a better way to support a child to develop
- It's a better way to understand a child's needs
- Family activities support your child's development
- Families are happier with it



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