

## Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI)

### Children aged 0 to 6 years

Senses Australia provides high quality evidenced based ECEI therapy services for children and families. We work in partnership with you to support and enhance your child’s participation and development potential. We deliver best practice therapy supports endorsed by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

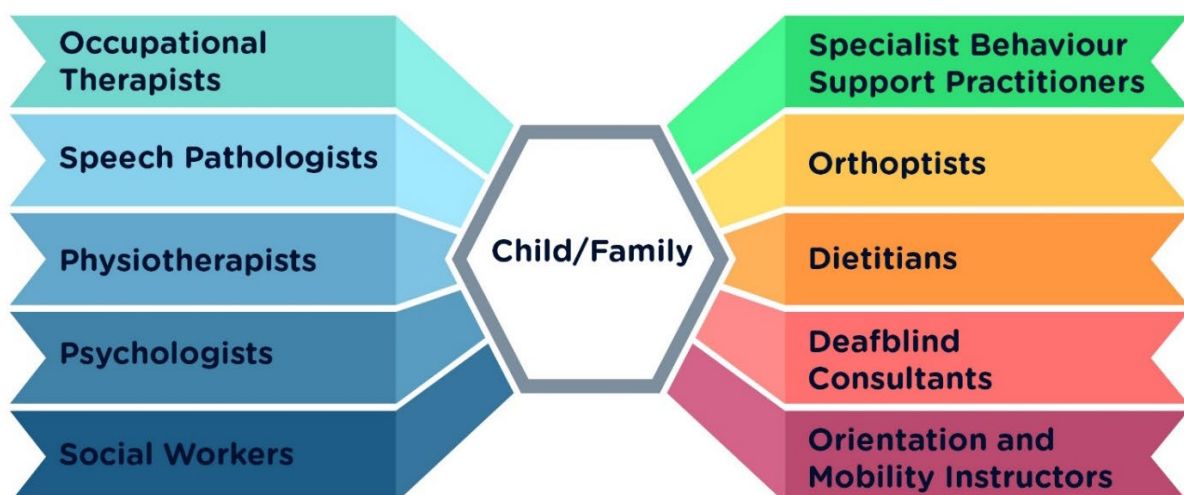
### What our services look like:

- We take the time to get to know your child and family, your child’s strengths and interests and how your child learns.
- We get a clear understanding of how you would like to be supported and define the areas you would like your child to be developing and participating in more – your goals.
- It is important to us that we develop a shared vision and understand what is most important to you, for your child’s development and participation in family, school and community life. We then work in partnership with you towards achieving the goals you set for your child.
- Our therapists have an in-depth understanding of child development and how children learn.
- We offer a Key Worker approach – this is when one key therapist works directly with you and your child delivering services that promote learning opportunities within everyday activities and routines. This offers a consistent and positive relationship with your child and family, while still having the advantage of being able to call in the other therapy team members when needed.
- Therapy can be provided in your child’s natural and everyday environments. This includes in your home, your local community (playgrounds, playgroups, libraries, local pool), day care, school or one of our local therapy hubs.
- Our therapy team works in partnership with you to provide support, assessment, advice and strategies to promote child development and learning.

“The best therapy strategies and interventions are meaningful to your child and their family, easy to do, fit into your daily life and support your child to learn skills that help them to be part of their family and community.”

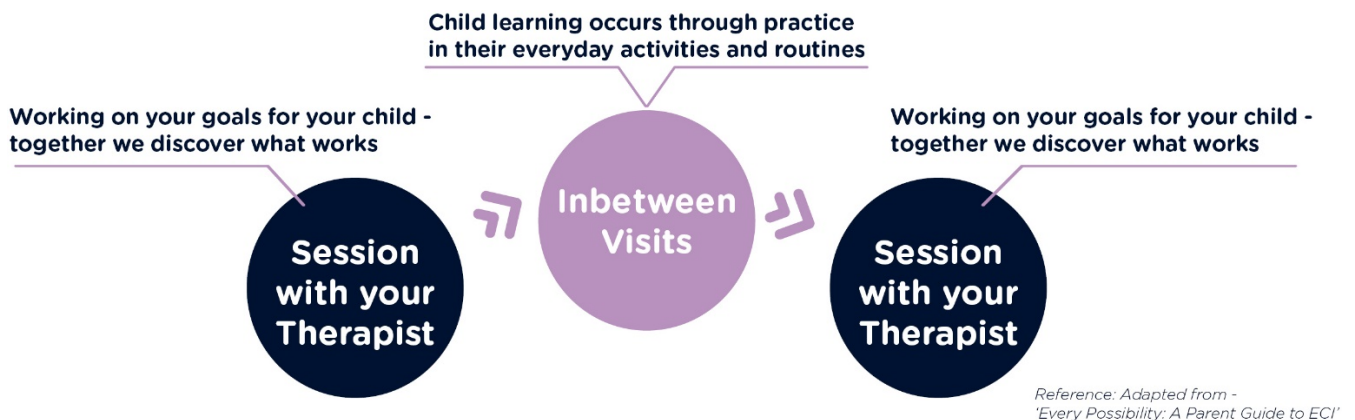
*Every Possibility: A Parent Guide to ECI*

### You are able to access:



## Our Therapy Services support you and your child with:

- **Everyday routines and activities** – developing independence with toileting, bathing, dressing, sleeping, brushing teeth and hair.
- **Successful mealtimes** – eating, drinking and mealtime participation.
- **Fine motor skills** – using hands and fingers for everyday tasks like drawing, handwriting, cutting, using a spoon and play.
- **Gross motor skills** – sitting, crawling, walking, running, going up stairs, using the playground and playing sports.
- **Communication skills** – learning to talk and express wants and needs, thoughts and feelings and understanding others.
- **Thinking and learning skills** – playing, paying attention, exploring, remembering, understanding and problem solving.
- **Social and emotional skills** – relating to others in a positive way, managing emotions and learning independence.



## Specialist Skills and Programs:

- **Early Start Denver Model (ESDM)** – an evidence based play based approach to teaching, that focuses on helping children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) develop social communication skills.
- **Hanen** – learn practical and powerful strategies to communicate and interact with your child during everyday routines and activities.
- **Specialist mealtime and feeding supports** including Sequential Oral Sensory Approach to Feeding (SOS) – a program to support children with feeding difficulties.
- **Specialist Sensory Services** – for children with hearing and/or vision loss.
- **Specialised equipment** – customised solutions for the needs of your child.
- **Specialist communication solutions** – this includes high tech such as speech generation devices and low tech such as Key Word Sign and communication books.
- **Workshop and Support Groups** – such as school readiness, hydrotherapy and cooking groups. [www.senses.org.au/workshops-support-groups/](http://www.senses.org.au/workshops-support-groups/)

## Services can be accessed through:

- Your child's NDIS plan
- Paying a 'Fee for service'
- Better Start
- Helping Children with Autism

## To access services or get more information:

Contact our Customer Service Advisor to discuss how we can assist:

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