

Early Intervention for Children with Special Needs

Every young child has an individual path to development. Each learns and develops differently. Often, these differences will even out over time. However, you may see signs which indicate your child might need extra support. If you suspect your child has a developmental delay or disability, the earlier you seek help, the better. Early intervention has been proven to make a difference.



WHAT IS MCKENZIE CENTRE?

At McKenzie Centre, our education and health professionals provide early intervention for children who have special needs, before they start school. Specific strategies are developed, in partnership with families/whānau, to promote each child's development. These strategies are child-centred, play-based and family-focused.

McKENZIE CENTRE STAFF INCLUDE:

- Early Intervention teachers
- Speech Language therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Assistive Technology specialists
- Psychology and Social Work services
- Peer Workers



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Referrals are welcomed from anyone who feels a child may benefit from our support, including parents and caregivers, families/whānau, Health and Education professionals, Social Workers, Social Support agencies (with parent permission).





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THE MCKENZIE CENTRE EXPERIENCE

Individually designed, and responsive to each child's needs, your McKenzie Centre experience may include: • Playgroups

- Keý Worker support
- Individual Plans & Developmental Progress reports
- Workshops and courses
- Peer Support
- Education Support Workers
- Collaboration with early childhood centres (ECC)
- Support with transition to school