

What needs to happen next

These are the suggestions to make the NDIS and Family Support Services work better.

Australian and State Governments need to:

- Find out more about parents with intellectual disability and their needs
- Fund services for families who need help because of intellectual disability
- Fund advocacy services to help parents if child protection is involved

Family support services need to:

- Ask if the person they are working with is a parent and also has a disability
- Talk to other services to make sure they work together
- Talk to the parent about their goals and challenges
- Help pregnant women with intellectual disability get ready to become a parent
- Be there for as long as a parent with intellectual disability needs them
- Help parents learn new skills to be parent as their child gets older
- Train workers to work with people with intellectual disability

The National Disability Insurance Scheme needs to:

- Ask participants if they have a child
- Look at how to support a family not just one person in the family
- Respect the parent's goals and help them reach them
- Train workers to work with parents on parenting skills