Support Services for Families from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds

For our families of children with additional needs, that are from non-English speaking backgrounds, there are available services that are able to offer support.

The Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW (MDAA) is the peak body advocating for the rights and interest for all people in NSW with disability and their families and carers, with a particular focus on people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) / non-English Speaking (NES) background. Phone 9891 6400 or via email mdaa@mdaa.org.au

Community Migrant Resource Centre offer Early Intervention services which aim to provide children from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities with the best start in life. The Program follows an evidence-based, strength-based and child-centred approach. The CALD Early intervention and Perinatal Program services is a preventive service for CALD families that support vulnerable children, their families and their communities, within Parramatta and Cumberland Local Government Areas. The Early Intervention and Perinatal Program delivers a range of tailored and inclusive activities to provide better outcomes for children and their families including supported playgroups, Transition to School program, and a Readiness to School program. Phone 9687 9901 or visit https://cmrc.com.au

Ethnic Community Service Cooperative – for community or mobile preschools, they provide free inclusion support to children from multicultural, migrant and refugee backgrounds in your service. Phone 9569 1288 or via biculturalsupport@ecsc.org.au

NEDA is a national Disabled People's Organisation that advocates federally for the human rights of people with disability, and their families, from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Phone 0407 878 933 or via comms@neda.org.au

Interpreting and translating services are also available from the Department of Education.

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