

What are the supports for a child with a disability in OOHC?

The community services system continues to have responsibility for children with a disability in the Child Protection system. This includes:

- family support and counselling, parenting skills programs and family relationships services
- all areas of the child protection system, including assessing and responding to suspected child abuse and neglect
- arranging out of home care for children subject to child protection orders, including making these arrangements available for children with disability
- guardianship arrangements for people under the age of 18 years.
- If a child's caring or living arrangement changes due to a child protection order, the Scheme can continue to fund the child's disability related supports such as aids and equipment, therapies, transport or community access.

How will a child with an NDIS Plan be supported if moved into out-of-home care?

State governments have the responsibility for protecting the wellbeing of children. This will include arranging out-of-home care for a child where this is required. State governments are also responsible for ensuring care arrangements are appropriate for the child, including training of carers, payments to foster carers, supervised contact and so on.

What if Community Services doesn't fund the supports needed?

If the community services system is responsible for a support, the NDIS cannot fund that support even if community services decides not to provide it to you.

The NDIS may still be able to provide assistance. For example, a Local Area Coordinator can assist children on an NDIS Plan to make contact with appropriate support providers to discuss their needs.

For more information call the **NDIS Hotline on 1800 800 110**, or call us here at **DAISI on 1800 800 340** - we would be happy to help.