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# *Start Small, Don't Overhaul*

## Early Years Inclusion Guide

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# Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contributions they make to the life of this city and region. We pay respects to them, their culture and Elders past, present and emerging.



# What inclusion really means



*Inclusion is not about 'fixing' a child or improving their skills so that they fit into the community or education environment. Inclusion focuses on the whole environment and making changes to it so that all children can participate.*

- Reimagine Australia





# About Wanslea



# Early Childhood Approach







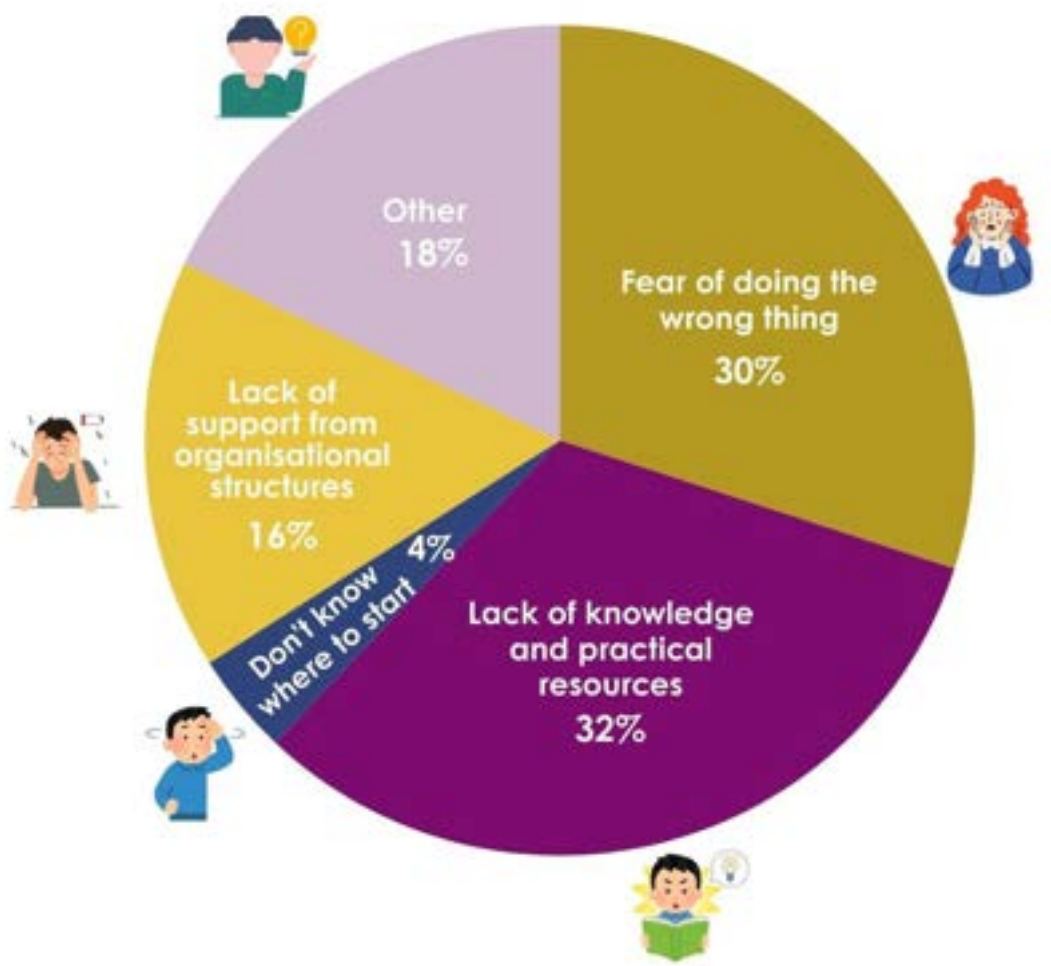


Community  
confidence in  
supporting  
children with  
developmental  
delay or disability





What makes it harder to create inclusive environments?





# What parents report as barriers



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## Aim & Purpose







**Staff and  
Volunteers**

**Promotions and  
Communications**

**Communication  
and Visual  
Supports**

**Considerations  
for Supporting  
Children who are  
Deaf /HH**



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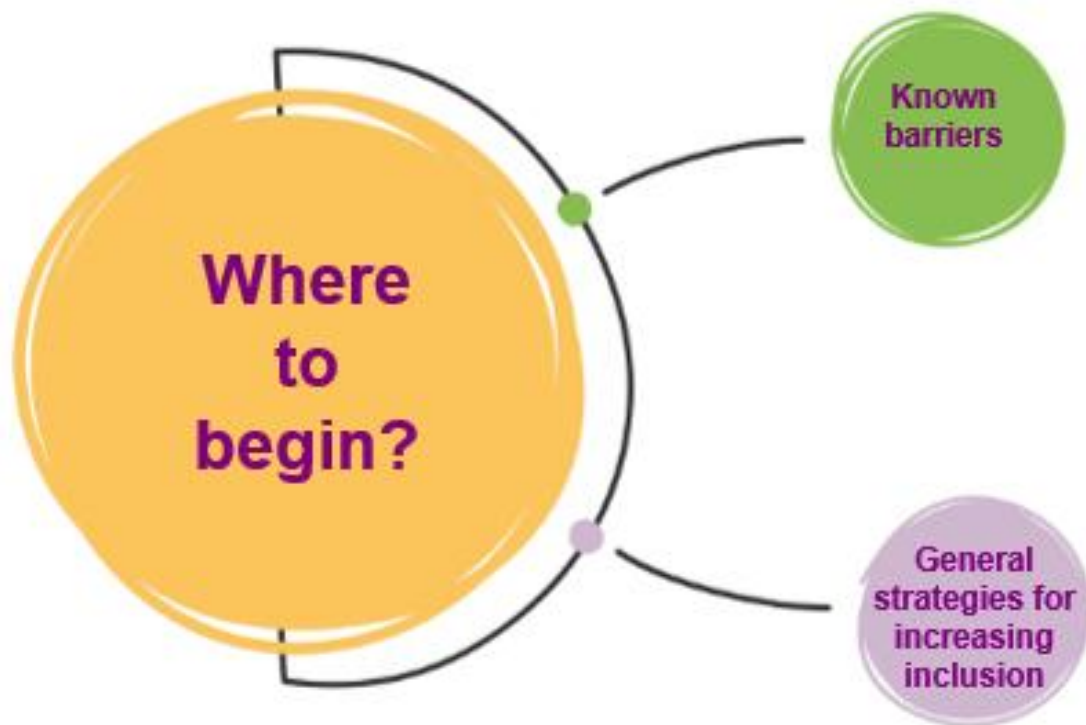
**Sensory  
Friendly  
Settings**

**Considerations  
for Supporting  
Children who  
have Low Vision  
/ Blind**

**Physical  
Inclusion**



# How to use the EYIG



- Before, during, and after sections
- Take one or more recommendations
- Use it to guide program planning and delivery
- **Start small** – pick one thing to focus on



# What parents want you to know



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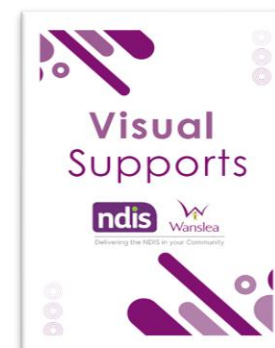
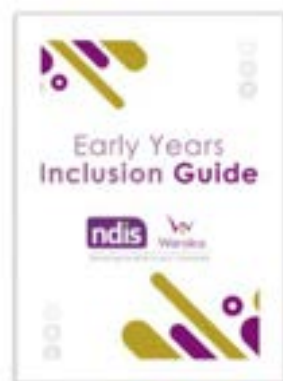
*Every step towards inclusion makes a difference.*



***What does your one small start  
look like?***



# Available Resources





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