

Introduction to the National Inclusion Subsidy Support Provider

KU Children's Services, Australia's largest not for profit provider of early childhood education and care has been selected as the National Provider of the Australian Government's Inclusion Support Subsidy (ISS) Program.

KU is proudly Australia's oldest and largest not for profit provider of early childhood education and care and previously acted as the ISS Provider for 7 regions in NSW.

KU is working in partnership with Illawarra Children's Services (ICS) who previously acted as the ISS provider for 2 regions in NSW and, like KU, has a great deal of experience of including children with additional needs in early childhood education and care services.

What will the National ISS Provider (NISSP) do?

The Australian Government has allocated approximately \$52 million of funding per year to assist eligible child care services to support the inclusion of children with ongoing high support needs.

Children with ongoing high support needs include those with a diagnosed disability, children undergoing continuing assessment for a disability and humanitarian refugee children.

What has changed?

Until now the ISS has been administered by 28 different agencies across Australia. The NISSP is currently working with these agencies to support a smooth transition to the NISSP.

As of 31 March 2009, all New South Wales ISS providers will have completed their transition to the NISSP.

This means that all applications and claims for ISS funding will be sent to:

National ISS Provider
KU Children's Services
PO Box Q132
QVB Post Office
Sydney NSW 1230



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What are the benefits of the NISSP?

One of the key benefits to the single NISSP is the provision of greater national consistency in administering ISS to support the inclusion of children with ongoing high support needs into quality mainstream child care.

We are also working closely with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Inclusion Support Agencies to streamline ISS application and claim processes.

Further Information

Please contact your local Inclusion Support Agency or Inclusion Support Facilitator for further information or go to www.ku.com.au.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the NISSP team via email on issinfo@ku.com.au or our toll free telephone hotline 1800 824 955.



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