

Top 10 things you need to know about FACS and the NDIS

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The 'child's representative' under the NDIS is any FACS or NGO OOHC Caseworker with case management responsibility of a child or young person (CYP) who is under parental responsibility of the Minister.

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It is important the **OOHC Caseworker, carer and CYP work together to prepare for the NDIS Planning and Assessment Conversation.** Preparing ahead will help create the best possible plan.

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Support Coordination should be funded in the NDIS Plan for all CYP in OOHC.

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Plan Management for CYP in OOHC must be one of the following two options:

1) NDIA Managed:

the NDIA directly manages payments of invoices to support providers

2) Plan Management Provider Managed:

an external financial intermediary (Service Provider) will be funded to manage the CYP's funding and payments of invoices to the support providers.

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'Reasonable and necessary' supports for the CYP are as a direct result of the CYP's disability. Supports are required due to the impact of the CYP's impairment on functional capacity.

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The OOHC Caseworker and Casework Manager names should be linked as **nominees** to the **myplace NDIS Portal.**

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Leaving Care planning should commence when the CYP reaches 15 years of age to allow sufficient time. An NDIS review may be needed at this time.

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NDIS Access Request Forms for new participants can be obtained by phoning the NDIA on 1800 800 110, and will have an individual identification number allocated on them. This means the NDIA will not provide forms in bulk.

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NDIS Factsheets:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/fact-sheets-and-publications>

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Guidelines for Early Intervention (EI), Child Protection (CP) and Out of Home Care (OOHC) caseworkers:
www.facs.nsw.gov.au/ndis