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## **DISCUSSION PAPER ON FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORTS AND THE DISABILITY ECOSYSTEM FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL CONCERNS, DELAYS, DIFFERENCES AND DISABILITIES.**

The Early Childhood Intervention Best Practice Network (ECIBPN) has released a new [discussion paper](#), *Foundational Supports and the Disability Ecosystem for Children with Developmental Concerns, Delays, Differences and Disabilities: Principles, Best Practices and Solutions*. This paper offers critical recommendations for the design of foundational supports, a vital element of the disability ecosystem currently under development.

The **ECIBPN**, a collective of not-for-profit organisations delivering early intervention services and early childhood education across NSW, VIC, and the ACT, emphasises the importance of designing a system that reflects evidence-based practices, sustainability, and flexibility to address the unique needs of children and families.

"This paper provides a blueprint for creating a support system that not only meets the developmental needs of children but also ensures equity and accessibility for all," said Morgan A. Fitzpatrick, a Co-chair of the **ECIBPN**.

The ECIBPN invites policymakers, service providers, and community stakeholders to engage with the insights presented in the paper and collaborate in shaping a disability ecosystem that delivers long-term benefits for children and families.

Koorana Child & Family Services is a member of the **ECIBPN** and supports the call to ensure evidence-based best practices are utilised widely in early childhood intervention. We believe that this vision supports the current and long-term sustainability of community service systems, will increase positive outcomes for children and families, and is well-aligned to the vision of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and state governments.

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