

Am I on the right track?

How will you know if you're on the right track? Count how many of the following statements seem right to you:

Our keyworker and others working with our family...

- are knowledgeable about children's development, disability and family life with children a bit like mine.
- help us set goals we really care about and that are achievable.
- make sure we are part of a team, working together for the benefit of our child and family.
- share his/her knowledge/understanding/skills with me and the others in my family. They are upfront with us about different approaches to evidence based supports and we discuss any concerns.
- offer choices, respect our decisions and encourage us to stay with our choices long enough to try them out properly.
- make us feel comfortable, respected, and able to be frank and ask the questions we want.
- see my child as a child first. They always respect and think about my child's interests, preferences, reactions and opinions in whatever they are discussing with us.
- watch my child in various settings and situations to understand his/her likes and dislikes, interests, strengths and needs.
- teach us how to link therapy strategies into my child's routines at home, childcare or kindergarten.
- care about and remembers our family that we are a whole family unit.
- always give me enough time to answer the questions I have. They listen carefully to me and learn from me.
- link our family into other services where appropriate.
- facilitate sessions that are enjoyable and productive.

If you can see your child is progressing towards the goals in your NDIS plan, if you feel like you are a key part of the team surrounding your child, and if the people who your child meets on a daily basis are supported to understand their needs and build a sense of inclusion, you are well on the way...