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Family perspective:

Connecting and supporting
families raising children
with developmental delay
or disability



Acknowledgement of Country

ACD acknowledges the traditional owners of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



This artwork was created by Yorta Yorta and Wurundjeri artist Renee Jenkins.

To create the artwork she reflected on her own parenting experience, which she likens to a journey with stepping stones along the way.



ACD is the Victorian advocacy service for children with disability and their families.

We are a not-for-profit organisation led by and for families of children with disability.

We help families gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to advocate for their children. We support families with children from birth to 18 with all types of disability.

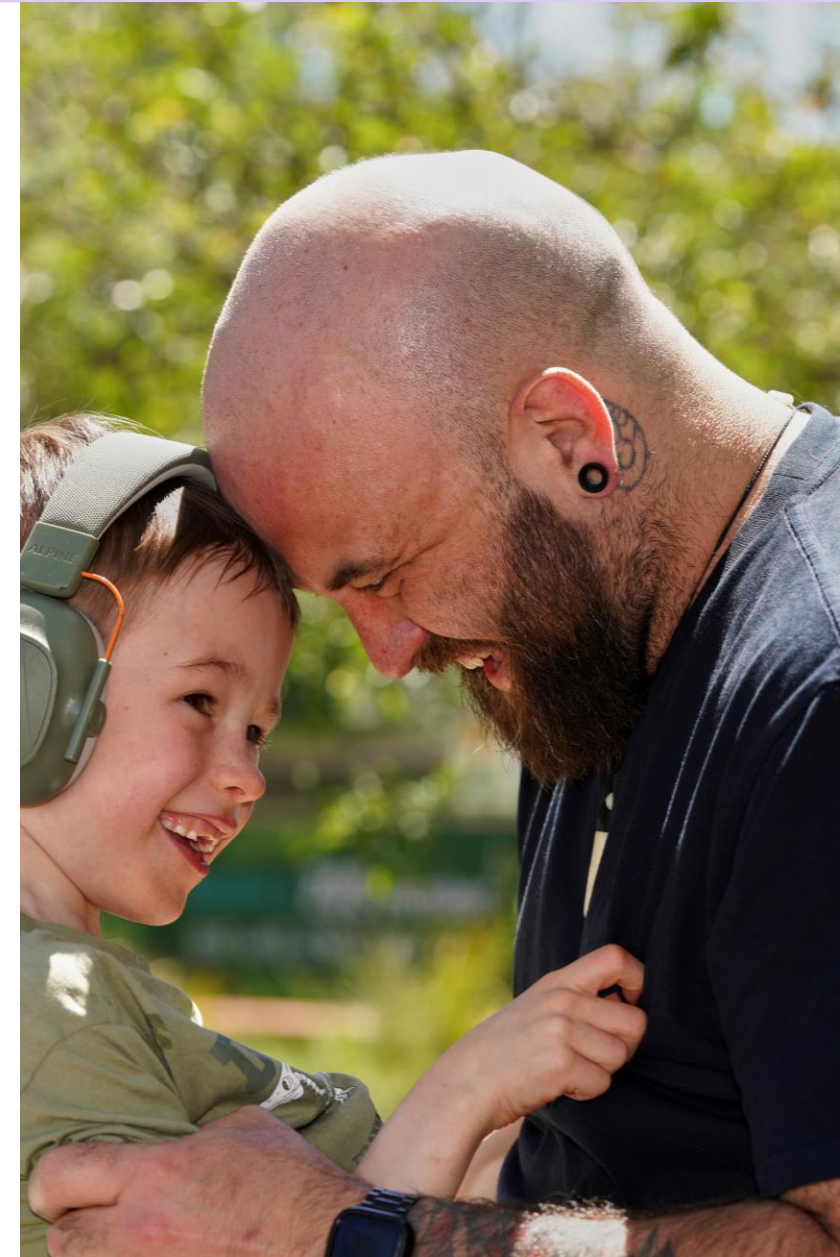
Our work means we hear directly from thousands of families every year. We amplify their voices and experiences to improve the lives of children with disability.

Hearing from families

For so many families identifying their child has developmental delay begins with going round in circles.

If families have concerns about their child's development they are wanting help to support their child's attachment, communication and play.

The best place to start is by helping families know what they can do at home.



Family priorities

For their children to be welcomed and included in education.

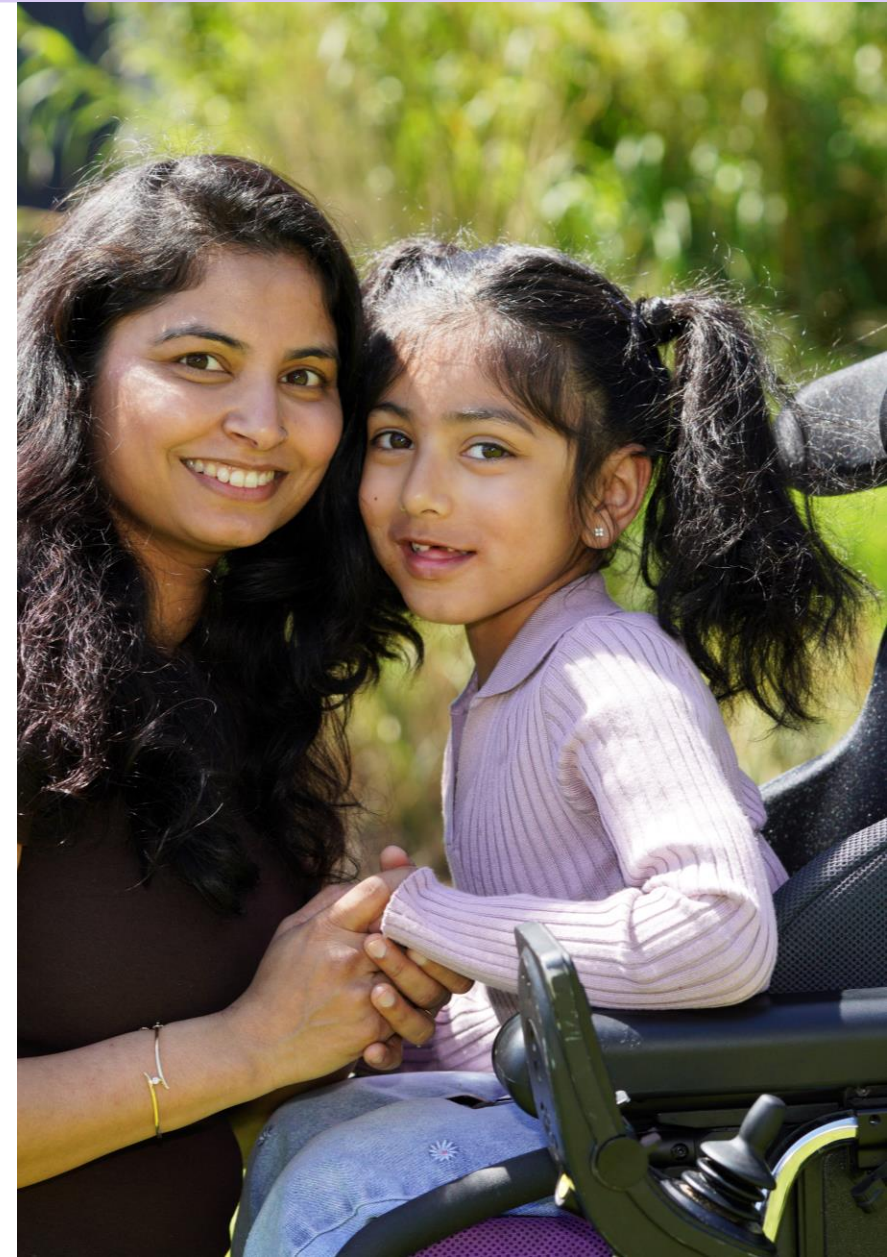


What else helps

Families value connection with others in similar situations.

Families value early childhood intervention, and the importance of hope and feeling supported.

Those who are a little further in their journey share the value of balance: therapy appointments are important, but so is time as a family.



'Learning about the importance of focusing on my child's strengths, not just her challenges, was a game-changer. It shifted my entire perspective and approach at home.'

- Parent

