



Thriving Kids in Tasmania

Community engagement | May 2026

Thriving Kids is a new approach to help young children with developmental delay or autism, and their families, carers and kin, get the right support earlier. This booklet explains what Thriving Kids could look like in Tasmania and how you can share what would work best for children and families in your community.

What is Thriving Kids?

Thriving Kids is a new national approach to help children aged 8 and under with developmental delay or autism who have low to moderate support needs, and their families and carers to get support earlier.

For many families, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has become the main place to go for help because other supports have not been available or easy to access.

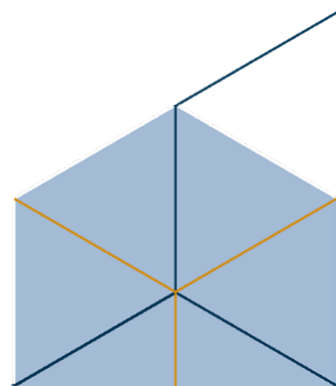
Thriving Kids is designed to make it easier by connecting children and families with support early, and in places they already are, like health services, early learning and community services.

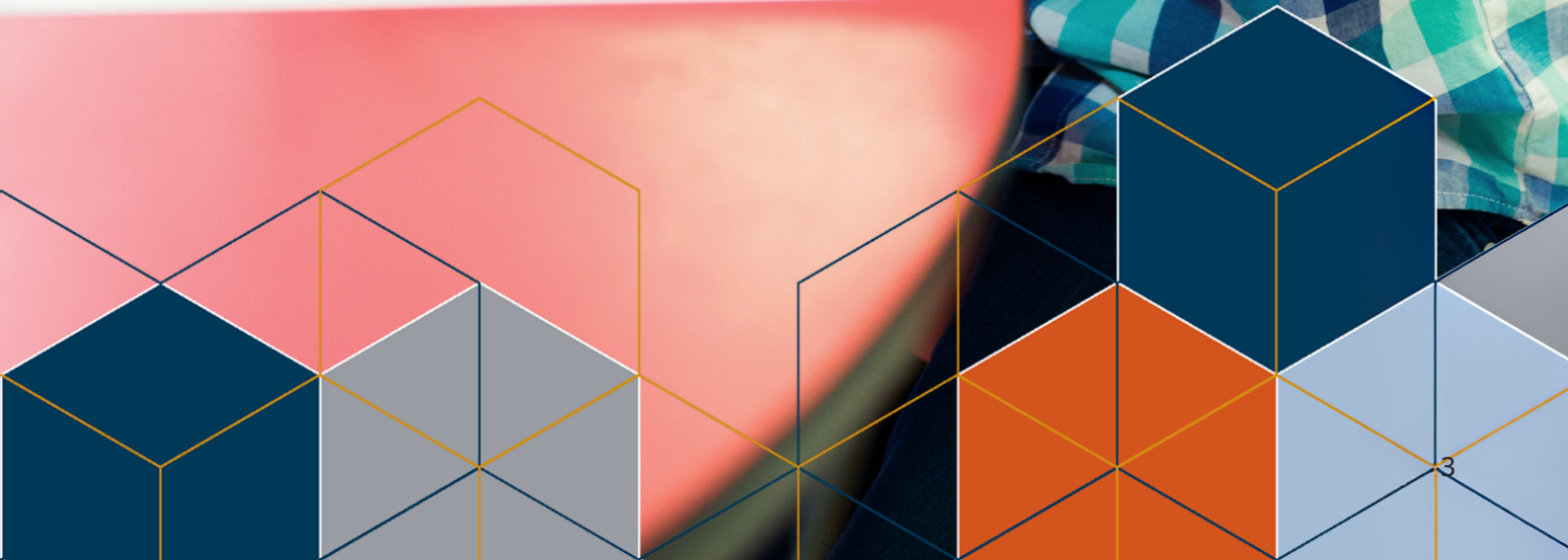
Thriving Kids is about helping families with their child's development, know where to go for help, and feel supported to take the next step. It recognises the important role of families, carers, kin and communities in helping children thrive.

Thriving Kids will be introduced in stages from October 2026 and be fully in place by 1 January 2028.

What if my child already gets NDIS support?

Children who are enrolled in the NDIS now or become enrolled before Thriving Kids commences will remain on the scheme subject to its usual arrangements. Children with permanent and significant disability, including some children with developmental delay or autism and significant support needs, will still be able to access the NDIS subject to the usual arrangements.





We want to hear from you

The Tasmanian Government is talking with families, providers and communities about the Thriving Kids approach in Tasmania.

We want to know how Thriving Kids can work well for different regions, what information people need and what would make support easier to access.

Hearing your feedback will help us make sure Thriving Kids is practical, accessible and shaped by the people who will use it.

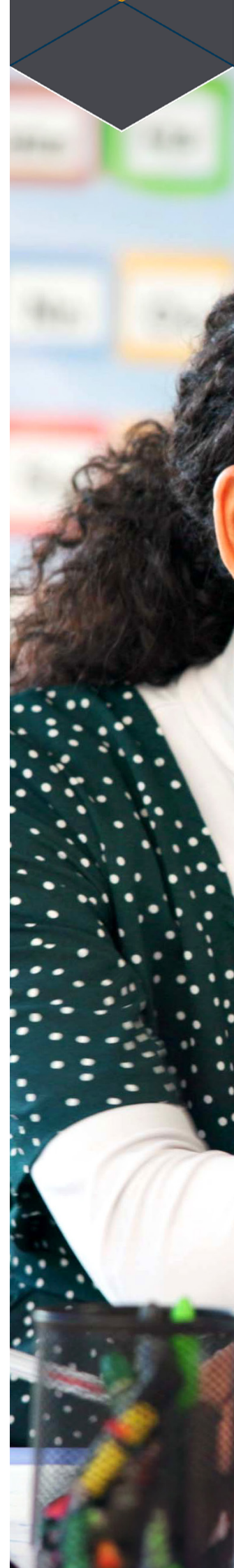
Discussion questions

- What part of Thriving Kids would you like to know more about?
- What matters for delivering Thriving Kids in your region?
- What information would help you as Thriving Kids rolls out?

Session dates

- Burnie Arts and Function Centre: Monday, 18 May (10:00am–1:30pm)
- Launceston Conference Centre: Tuesday 19 May (10:00am–1:30pm)
- The Old Woolstore, Hobart: Wednesday 20 May (10:00am–1:30pm)
- Online:
Wednesday, 27 May, (5.00pm–6.00pm),
Thursday, 28 May (11.00am–12.00pm)

These dates include both community and provider sessions. You can still share your feedback outside these sessions by email: thriving.kids@dpac.tas.gov.au and check the DPAC Thriving Kids webpage for further engagement sessions.





How Thriving Kids will work

Tasmania is now working out how this approach should work here, and what Thriving Kids should look like for Tasmanian children, families and communities.

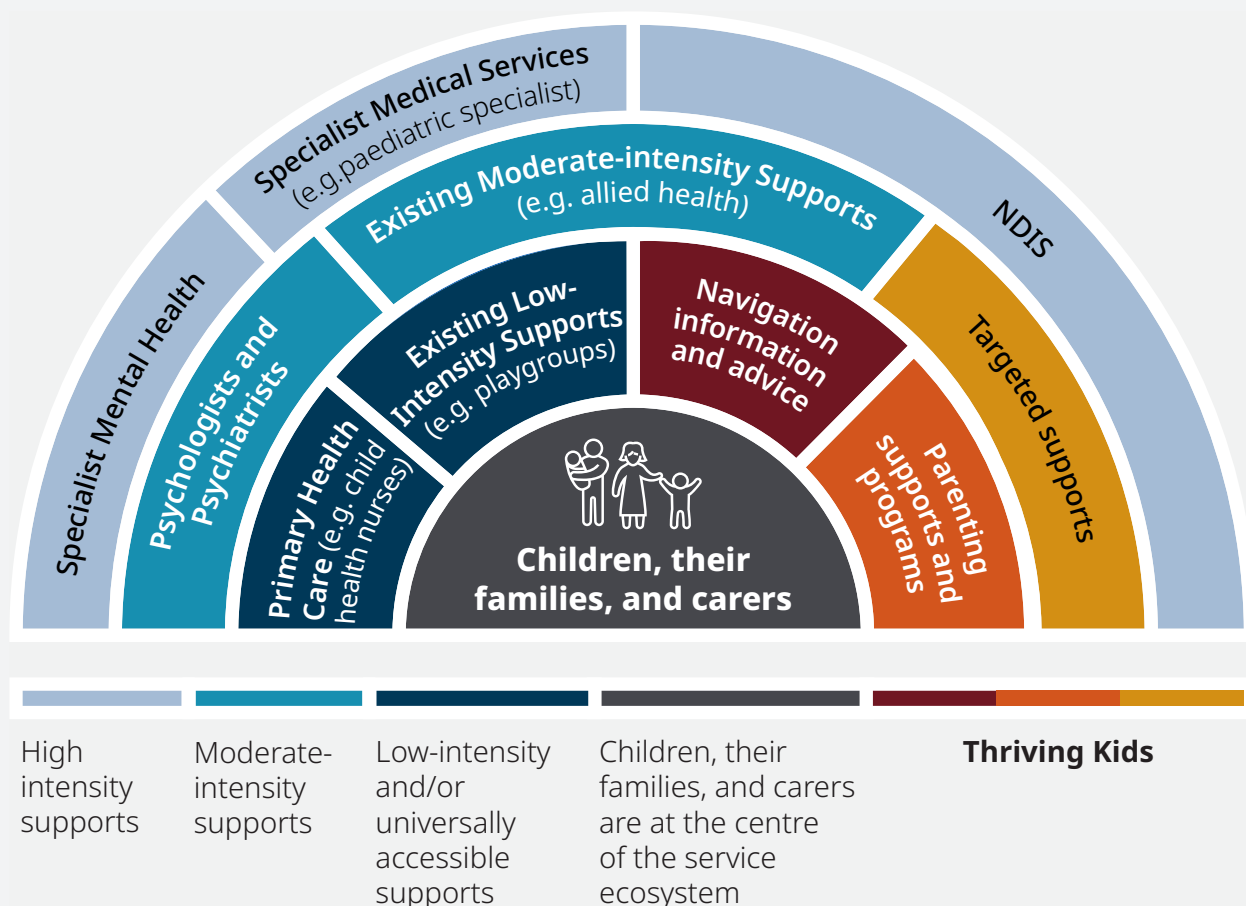
The aim is to make sure Thriving Kids fits the needs of Tasmanians and works well across different parts of the state.

Tasmania's Thriving Kids approach

Thriving Kids puts children, families, carers and kin at the centre of a broad support system.

Children, families, carers and kin can access different supports, including universal, low-intensity supports like playgroups and child health nurses. For children who need them, there are specialist services like psychiatrists.

Thriving Kids services will work alongside health, education, community services and the NDIS to provide the right support at the right time.



Different types of supports

Thriving Kids will include a mix of existing and new supports, including help to understand your child's development. These supports will include:

Navigation, information and advice

Get information, advice and help to work out what support might suit a child and where to go next. For example: getting advice over the phone or accessing flash cards with parenting advice.

Group supports for parents, carers and kin

Join group sessions that help parents and carers learn new skills, share ideas and feel more confident supporting their child. For example: parent workshops or peer support groups.

Supported groups for children

Join supported group activities where children, families, carers and kin can play, learn and connect. For example: a supported playgroup for younger children, or an after-school or holiday group for school-aged children.

Personalised family support

Get more individual help when a family needs extra support, including to build skills, manage change and connect with services. For example: working with one main support person who helps a family set goals and coordinates supports.

Therapy supports

Get therapy support in the way that best suits a child's needs, either one-to-one or in a small group. For example: individual sessions to work on specific goals, or a small group focused on communication, movement or social skills.

We are looking at where these services could be provided in places where children live, learn and play.



The Tasmanian Government wants to hear from families, carers, kin, providers and communities about how Thriving Kids could work in Tasmania.

Your voice will help shape how children and families get information, support and services closer to where they live, learn and play.

These engagement sessions are for both families and service providers. Please contact us if you have any specific needs to participate in sessions or access this brochure.

If you would like to learn more about Thriving Kids, please contact Disability Services and Reform or scan the QR codes below.

Disability Services and Reform email:

thriving.kids@dpac.tas.gov.au



Tasmanian Government website:

<https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-and-disability-services/thriving-kids>



Australian Government website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/thriving-kids>

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