

Disability Dialogue support for children with disability outside of the NDIS event summary



The Disability Dialogue held an event about supports for children outside the NDIS on Monday 25th August.



You can watch a recording of the event here:

<https://youtu.be/q5n-bQGCdFI>

The event order



Sara and Todd were the hosts of the event.

Sara is a writer.



Todd is an expert in disability support and the NDIS.



Todd and Sara started by explaining what **Targeted Foundational Support** means.



Targeted foundational supports are supports for people with disability who do not get support from the **NDIS**.

NDIS is the National Disability Insurance Scheme.



NDIS gives some people with disability help to get the supports and services they need.



This event was about targeted foundational supports for children.



Then Sara and Todd talked about the Federal Government's **Thriving Kids Program**.



The Thriving Kids Program is a new system that will give supports to children with learning disabilities and some children with autism.



Then Sarah and Stella Barton talked.

Sarah is Stella's mum. She makes films about people with disability.



Stella has cerebral palsy and is a **Paralympian**.

This means she competes in the Olympics with people with physical or intellectual disability or people with low vision.



Sarah talked about how hard it was to support her daughter before the NDIS existed.



Stella talked about how it is important to listen to kids and let them make their own decisions.



Then Gretchen Young talked.

Gretchen is from the **Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care**.

We say **SNAICC** for short.



SNAICC is the main group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children across Australia.



Gretchen talked about why **culturally safe support** is important.



Culturally safe support means:

- People feel safe.
- People feel respected.
- People feel like they belong in the community.

Then Akii Ngo talked.



Akii uses they and them pronouns.

Akii talked about growing up with no support and no one understanding their culture.



Akii said it is important to share hard stories.

Sharing can help other people get the right support.



They talked about how important it is to have a community.

They speak up for themselves because they feel safe and supported.



The audience was also invited to the next event about how people with disability can stay safe during weather disasters.



RSVP to the next event here:

https://disabilitydialogue.com.au/events/september_dialogue/