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Dear Referrer

Re: Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) Referrals

From 17 September 2018, the Victorian Government's Early Childhood Intervention Services Intake team will no longer be the entry point to early childhood intervention supports for residents of the Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton Areas. Families of children 0-6 years with developmental delay or disability who live in the Local Government Areas of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Moonee Valley, Wyndham, Brimbank and Melton, can seek assistance from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Early Childhood Partner.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has contracted the Brotherhood of St Laurence as the Early Childhood Partner in the Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton Areas to deliver the Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach. The Brotherhood of St Laurence is experienced in early childhood intervention and will work with families to identify goals for their child's development and determine appropriate supports and services including those available in their local community. As the Early Childhood Partner, the Brotherhood of St Laurence can also provide short term intervention support if this is deemed appropriate.

The Department of Education and Training has shared local information with the Brotherhood of St Laurence to support the organisation in taking on this important role. A referral form can also be accessed at https://ndis.bsl.org.au/early-childhood-early-intervention/referral-form/. Families and referrers are welcome to contact the Brotherhood of St Laurence directly by phone or by visiting the website:

The Brotherhood of St Laurence

Phone: 1300 BSL ECEI (1300 275 323)

Email: ECEI.access@bsl.org.au

Website: https://ndis.bsl.org.au/early-childhood-early-inter vention/

Families can also directly contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110 or refer to the NDIS website: https://www.ndis.gov.au/ecei.



If you have any concerns or questions about the information in this letter, please contact the Department of Education and Training's ECIS Intake Duty Line on phone: (03) 8397 0263, or by email: ecis.intake.swvr@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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