



Early intervention caseworker

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Early intervention caseworkers play a pivotal role in ensuring that children in NSW are given the best possible start in life.

Our Early Intervention programs support families either expecting a child, or with children aged eight years or younger, facing specific issues such as domestic violence, drug or alcohol misuse, mental health issues, lack of family or social support, parental learning difficulties or child behaviour management problems.

Participation in the program is voluntary for families and recognises their parenting strengths, as well as their needs.

An early intervention caseworker's job involves:

- Gathering information following a report of a child at risk
- Making initial contact with the families
- Conducting Family Strengths and Needs assessments
- Working with the families to develop a case plan tailored specifically for their needs
- Regular visits to monitor the family's progress
- Making referrals to appropriate services when needed
- Enabling the family to reach their targets so the case can be closed

Essential skills:

- Analysing and problem solving
- Planning and organising
- Relationship building
- Working with children and young adults

Qualifications needed

- A degree in social work, social science, welfare or a related discipline
- Aboriginal applicants do not need a qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued

Relevant Experience

- Student placement experience in a community services/ child and family work environment
- Volunteer experience in a relevant field
- Previous paid work in a relevant occupation working with young people and families

