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The early years strategy should be

- equitable
- responsive to changing needs
- committed to positive outcomes for children and families in particular children subject to adversary and trauma in utero and early in life
- universally accepted and applied by variety of sectors and professionals involved in the early years
- child centred.

The early years strategy should include:

- a commitment to funding universal access to 2 years of prechool education nationally
- holistic trauma informed practices and support for children and families
- a quality ECEC system
- evidence based training for early childhood professionals
- improvements to NDIS / ECIS to be a functional and useful system for families to be able to improve outcomes for children with a disability
- paid parental leave
- funding for infrastructure
- attraction and retention of quality early childhood professionals.