

# Our Learning Support system is understaffed and underfunded.



1 in 5 children need extra support for their learning

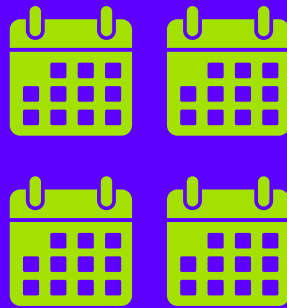


8 out of 14 specialist learning support roles have significant unfilled vacancies

The average national wait time for Early Childhood Intervention Services is

# 126 days

and this is increasing each year.



In January 2024, the Minister of Education was advised that

# 1050

 additional learning support coordinators were needed for schools – on top of the 586 currently funded.

Government (ORS) funding does not cover the full cost of employing teacher aides.



A 2021 independent schooling review recommended **at least 1839 more teacher aides** are needed.

Recommendations to govt from a 2023 review of teacher aide funding have **still not progressed**.

In May 2024, the Minister of Education announced a work programme with **5 areas of attention for learning support needs** – but made **no commitment to new funding**.

Under the current system, **3 out of every 10 children** who need learning support are **missing out**.



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