

Mothers and Children with Disability Using Violence Prevention and Early Intervention Services

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This research is developing a multi-perspectival understanding of the facilitators and barriers to effective early intervention support for families in which domestic and family violence is a risk and disability in either mothers or children is a significant factor.

Disability in mothers and/or children can make it harder for early intervention initiatives to provide effective support. Services which support people with disability often have very limited capacity in responding to risks of family violence, while services focused on violence prevention are often not skilled in identifying and addressing disability support needs.

Despite these challenges, innovative and responsive practices are occurring to support families with disability. However, little is known about the ways that early intervention services respond to women and their children to meet their needs and preferences, and build capacity in them, organisationally and at wider social levels.

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