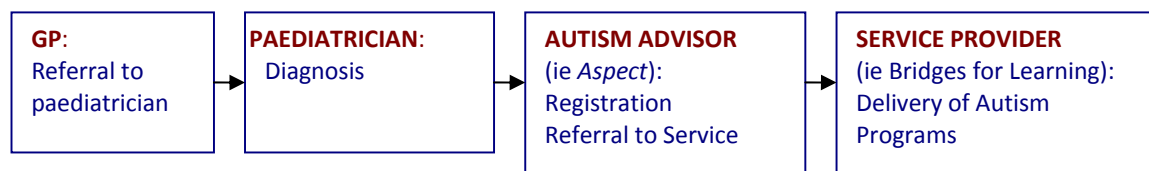


## NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD AUTISM PROGRAMS IN WINGECARRIBEE

BRIDGES FOR LEARNING Early Childhood Intervention Service (formerly The Toybox Centre) is proud to announce our appointment by the Australian Government (FaHCSIA) to offer **specific early childhood programs for children with Autism**, and their families. This funding is part of the 'Helping Children with Autism' initiative of the Government.

Families with young children with an Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Rett's Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder or other Pervasive Developmental Disorder are encouraged to register to be eligible for a **funding package of up to \$12 000** to assist with the financial cost of accessing early intervention services. Bridges for Learning programs will provide children and families with **intensive behavioural and educational therapies and services early in the child's life** – between birth to the time they enter school, vitally important years for early learning which powerfully affect the child's future life course, especially their integration into a school setting.

FaHCSIA requires the families to follow a specific pathway for this funding package. We will be happy to talk the families or yourselves through it:



**FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Bridges for Learning on (02) 4861 4054.**

Families can also contact

the regional Autism Advisor (ASPECT) on 8977 8300 (they will soon have information on their website [www.aspect.org.au](http://www.aspect.org.au))

FaHCSIA Helping Children with Autism Inquiry Line on 1800 289 177 or

[http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/disabilities/services-help\\_child\\_autism\\_parents.htm](http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/disabilities/services-help_child_autism_parents.htm)

your GP or paediatrician