Children’s brains develop rapidly from the day they are born. This is directly influenced by the day-to-day interactions and experiences they have with their parents and caregivers.

Sometimes, parenting children can feel like sailing in choppy waters. We can provide a lighthouse and safe harbour for parents and caregivers when storms hit.

Our goal is to help parents and caregivers to lay the strongest possible foundations for their children to thrive.

Free and confidential counselling is available for parents or carers of children, from babies to eight years old.

We can help you navigate choppy waters to:
• Support your child to learn and thrive.
• Strengthen family relationships and build positive connections with your children.
• Give you the tools you need to support your child, including dealing with strong emotions and concerning behaviours such as biting, tantrums or shyness.

Parents or caregivers can be seen at home, at a Community Health Centre or by using video conference. Caregivers can see an Early Intervention Clinician (psychologist or social worker) by asking their:
• child health nurse
• health professional or
• calling the Child Health Service (details below) to arrange an appointment.

Interpreter services are available.

Do you have a child under 8?

Contact us
Child Health Service
Early Intervention Clinicians

t  1300 366 039

For further support
Call 13 HEALTH (13432584)
24 hours, 7 days and ask to speak with a child health nurse
Parentline 1300 301 300 or
www.parentline.com.au