

Media Release

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LESS HASSLE FOR PARENTS – AND MORE SUPPORT FOR OUR KIDS

Labor is making life easier for parents and helping children thrive by:

- offering a digital alternative to the green book
- investing in early intervention support for developmental delays and autism

New digital green book

After the birth of a baby, parents receive a free *My Health, Learning and Development Record*, commonly known as the 'green book'.

The other thing commonly known about the green book is that it's cumbersome, heavy and messy.

People have to lug it around with them everywhere.

We're providing a more practical option for families.

From today, families can access a new digital version of the green book through the Parent Portal on the Service Victoria app and website.

No more worrying about losing the book or remembering to bring it to appointments.

The information will be stored safely and securely on your phone.

The Parent Portal will be accessed by parents and carers of up to 80,000 new babies in Victoria each year.

Parents or carers can create a profile for their children, including key health and development information such as a growth tracker, digital birth certificate and birth registration.

The physical green book will still be available if you want it, and used alongside the digital version.

Additional features will be added to the online portal over time.

To access the Parent Portal, go to service.vic.gov.au or the Service Victoria app.

State-led support to thrive

Children aged eight and under – with low to moderate developmental delay or autism – deserve support to thrive.

That's why *Thriving Kids* launches in Victoria from October this year.

Thriving Kids will bring together Victoria's Maternal Child Health system and early childhood education system with new state-led support for children from birth to eight.

Two new development assessments will be available for every child: one before kinder, and one before school.

Trained clinicians and allied health professionals will identify development delays and connect families with support.

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Allied health professionals and support workers will be employed by the Government and based in services families already use.

These include maternal child health, kindergartens and early parenting centres.

With Thriving Kids, children can build on their strengths, gain independence and develop skills they need for life.

Children with permanent and significant disability or high support needs will continue to access the NDIS.

Jess Wilson's Liberals want to hand out a voucher and tell families to find their own private specialist when their children start Prep.

This is too late for the most important early years.

The Liberals plan to cut \$40 billion from our schools and hospitals will lead to longer wait times and worse outcomes for kids who need it most.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"When I became Premier I appointed a Minister for Children – I did this to drive change and to make it easier for parents to find the support they need and help kids thrive."

"I had to carry my green book around everywhere – and now we're providing another option to make life that little bit easier."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Government Services Ingrid Stitt

"This will save busy parents and carers time by making important information easier to access, in one place and in your pocket."

"Only Labor has a plan to help parents and give kids the support they need."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"Every child deserves the right support wherever they live, learn and play."

"Thriving Kids builds on the strength of Victoria's universal maternal child health and early childhood education services to connect families and children with support."