

Who do I Contact?

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What Services are Offered?

Children from birth until they start prep, who have or suspected of having significant educational needs, may access a variety of programs/services.



These include

- Playgroup for children and their parents.
- Mytime Playgroup.
- Centre based programs for children 3—6 years run on a sessional basis, one full day a week.
- Support in other educational locations through outreach support.



What Do we Do?

- Support your child to reach their fullest potential.
- Develop and implement programs to support your child's individual needs. (Individual Educational Program)
- Visit your child's kindergarten, daycare to promote inclusive practices.
- Support you, the parents, as you make decisions regarding future educational settings.
- Gather information about your child so that your child's needs are catered for in future schooling.
- Provide a fun, language enriched program in a small group setting.
- Promote independence through play-based experiences.
- Incorporate multi-sensory experiences into all aspects of learning.
- Liaise with outside agencies to provide a program that meets your child's individual needs.
- Utilise alternative communication techniques including signing, PECS and other communication devices to support language development.



Early Childhood Development Personnel

A trans-disciplinary team approach is used to provide the most effective support. Families and professionals are equal partners in this process.

Staff include:

- Early childhood/special education teachers and aides
- Guidance Officer
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Advisory Teachers

From time to time staff liaise with other professionals (e.g. Paediatrician, Therapists, Health, NDIS providers) to ensure consistency in programs and strategies. Parental involvement in all aspects of the program is valued and promoted.

