

Our Vision
Transforming children's lives

Our Mission
To help children flourish through
therapy and family support

Accessing our services

Families can contact us directly to access most of our therapy services. A referral from a doctor or other allied health professional is not required for our private services, but families need to meet eligibility requirements to access government funded programs.

Cost of services

The Helping Children With Autism Program is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services and there is no out of pocket cost to families for Helping Children With Autism services. Where a family wants top up services through our Fee For Service Program, additional fees will apply. We will always discuss this with you.

Payments and cancellations

Payment is required at the time of the service. Payment for assessments is required at the first assessment appointment. The assessment report will be released once full payment has been made. We require 24 hours notice for cancellation or rescheduling of appointments otherwise a 50% fee may apply.

Enquiries and appointments

We understand that the health system can be complex and we support families to understand which programs and services you may be eligible to receive. For further details about any of our programs or to discuss your child's difficulties and needs please contact us.

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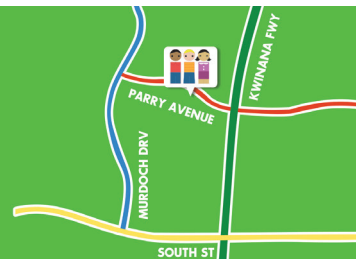
The Kids Are Kids! team is passionate about helping children and families.

Our dedicated team of qualified therapy professionals provide specialist therapy services including:



Speech Pathology
Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy
Clinical Psychology
Parent Workshops & Support

Kids Are Kids! is registered to provide supports for National Disability Insurance Scheme participants



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Helping Children With Autism Program

Kids Are Kids! provides comprehensive early intervention therapy services for DSS-funded children and their families.

Eligible children can receive early intervention therapy services funding of up to \$12,000 (to a maximum of \$6,000 in any one financial year) up until their seventh birthday.

The funding can be accessed across a number of financial years, up until the child turns 7, or until the child has used all of their available funds, whichever comes first. Up to 35% of funding, (i.e. \$2,100 per financial year) may be used for equipment and resources (up to \$4,200 in total). A one-off payment of \$2,000 may be provided to families living in a remote or regional area.

We offer a multi-disciplinary and hands on therapy service and support program to help children develop important skills and prepare for their first year of school.

Who the Helping Children With Autism Program is for

This program is for children who have a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder from a Paediatrician, Psychiatrist or multidisciplinary team (including a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist) and who have been registered by an Autism Advisor before their sixth birthday.

Helping Children With Autism Program and the National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has two trial sites in Western Australia – Perth Hills and the Lower South West, and as of 1 July 2015 – Cockburn and Kwinana. Children living in a trial site may be eligible for NDIS funded services. Once a child has an approved plan with their NDIS planner, we can provide the full range of early childhood services.

Our Helping Children With Autism Program range of services

Helping Children With Autism offers Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Psychology services to support your child's skill development and increase their independence and participation in the community.

Your child's interests and parent's knowledge are used to motivate and stimulate learning. Families actively participate in service provision in order to build your capacity to support your child.

A wide range of services are offered including:

- Individual and group therapy to develop skills and teach compensatory strategies for your child to achieve independence and participation
- Practical support for behaviour management, communication, self-care (e.g. feeding and toileting) and self-regulation
- Liaison and consultation with schools and teaching staff to build capacity and address environmental and learning needs
- Clinical Psychology services for grief and loss, anxiety, depression, behaviour management, coping skills and relationship issues



Family Centred Approach

We are a family-centred practice, meaning that families are an integral part of the intervention team, and work with therapists to develop their child's skills together. This approach recognises the expertise of the family who knows their child's needs the best. The family and therapy team work together to set goals based on the family's objectives.

- Linking families with support groups, other families and other services as appropriate
- Preparation of resources, workbooks and alternative communication systems
- Peer support from other families during centre-based appointments
- Involvement in social and fun activities including our Annual Family Christmas Picnic

Resources

Eligible resources as determined by your therapist and approved by DSS may be purchased through Kids Are Kids! for a small fee.

Linking Helping Children With Autism with KidStart

We offer families a co-ordinated service between the Helping Children With Autism and KidStart Program to provide a holistic and case managed therapy service. This service is available for children registered with the Disability Services Commission and aged from birth to 8 years. For more information please talk to your therapist.

Referral Process

To access the Helping Children With Autism Program, families will need to register their child for the Helping Children With Autism early intervention funding through their Autism Advisor. We can assist you with this process.

Medicare rebates

Children registered under the Helping Children With Autism are also eligible for Medicare items for up to 20 relevant allied health services in total for each eligible child up to the age of 15 provided the treatment and management plan is in place before the age of 13.