

**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 KidStart Program is funded by the Disability Services Commission (DSC) and there is no out of pocket cost to families for KidStart services. For families registered with the NDIS, services are funded by the Scheme. If a family has funding through DSS Betterstart or HCWA programs that can be used for additional but coordinated therapies at no cost to the family.

### 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.

## REACHING POTENTIAL TOGETHER

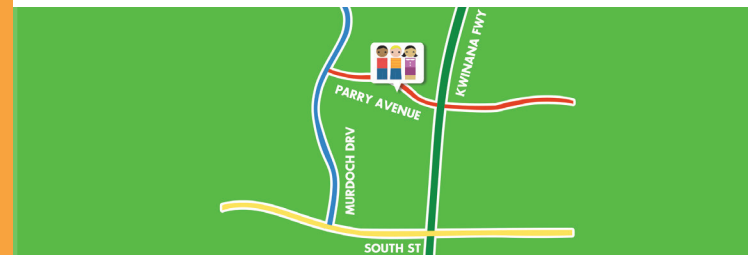
The Kids Are Kids! team is passionate about helping children and families.

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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## KidStart Early Intervention Program

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### The KidStart Early Intervention Program

Kids Are Kids! provides comprehensive early intervention therapy services for Disability Services Commission (DSC) or National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded children and their families.

We offer a hands-on therapy service and support program to help children develop important skills, prepare for school and transition successfully in the first years of primary school.

### Who the KidStart Program is for

The KidStart Program is for children with any disability eligible to receive specialist disability services. KidStart is available to children aged up to 8 years of age, depending upon assessment and eligibility. To access the KidStart Program, a child must be eligible to be registered with the Disability Services Commission (DSC). The Commission has eligibility criteria for registration and we can assist you through the process when you choose to proceed with registration.

### KidStart and the NDIS

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 / 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, Kids Are Kids! can provide the full range of KidStart early childhood services to children living in any suburb involved in a WA trial site.

### Our KidStart Program range of services

Working closely with your KidStart Keyworker and in support of your family's goals, each child and their family has access to a wide range of services. Each child's interests and parent's knowledge are used to motivate and stimulate learning. Families actively participate in these strategies to build capacity to support their child.

A wide range of services are offered, including:

- A range of formal and informal assessments to help understand your child's developmental level and where to begin with therapy
- Regular individual and group therapy to develop and improve skills and teach compensatory strategies to achieve independence and participation
- Practical support for behaviour management, communication, self-care e.g. feeding and toileting and self-regulation
- Parent workshops for specific skill development e.g. key word signing, infant massage
- Liaison and consultation with schools or childcare to build capacity and address environmental and learning needs
- Individual Family Service and Support Plans to guide goals in the home, school and community towards achieving practical skill development, independence and participation for each child; and regular opportunities for families to feedback and reflect on these plans e.g. during appointments, phone calls, emails
- Collaboration with other stakeholders including other therapists, doctors, LACs, teachers, childcare workers to co-ordinate services and skill development across environments



#### 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.

- Equipment funding/application, prescription and support and training
- Advocacy of individuals' rights and needs in the community
- Access to Kids Are Kids! Lending Library, Activ Library and Noah's Ark Toy Library
- Provision of a wide range of information as each family needs it – including books, research, handouts, newsletters and more
- Home assessment, recommendations and the co-ordination of supports and equipment needs
- Clinical Psychology services for grief and loss, anxiety, depression, behaviour management, coping skills and relationship issues
- Referral to support groups and other services
- 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

### Referral Process

Referrals to the KidStart program are accepted directly from parents/carers, and health professionals including Paediatricians, GPs, Child Health Nurses, Local Area Coordinators and teachers.

Every family who enquires about the KidStart program is offered a complimentary family meeting with our Program Coordinator where your family's situation, goals and needs are discussed and details of our KidStart program provided.

This helps families gain a good understanding of the KidStart ethos and services; how well our program will match your needs and how comfortable you feel about us as a service provider.

Our referral form can be found on our website.