

**Our Vision**  
Transforming children's lives

**Our Mission**  
To help children flourish through therapy and family support

### Scholarships at Kids Are Kids!

The Scholarship Program is funded by a range of generous corporate and individual sponsors. The Scholarship Program aims to provide the opportunity for families to access our therapy and support services they might otherwise not be able to access.

All applications are reviewed and assessed by an independent evaluation panel. The panel will assess each application against a set of standard needs, with children rating highest on a needs basis being awarded a scholarship.

Scholarship applications are open to any family whose child is aged between 0 -13 years and who has additional therapy needs. Priority will be given to applicants whose child's needs are not fully being met and whose needs are across one or more of the areas of language and communication, social/emotional development, sensory development, gross/fine motor skills, cognitive and learning skills.

### Fee For Service (FFS)

Should your child not be eligible for government funding or successful in a Scholarship application, services can still be accessed through our fee for service program. Costs may be claimable through your health care provider.

We can still create an effective therapy schedule for your child, despite any financial constraints.

## REACHING POTENTIAL TOGETHER

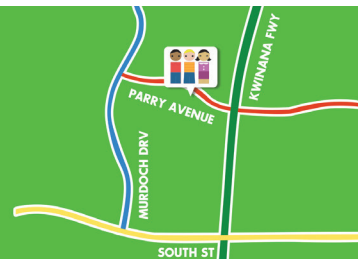
The Kids Are Kids! team is passionate about helping children and families.

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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## Understanding Funding & Scholarships

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### Government funded programs

Kids Are Kids! provides a range of government funded programs including the KidStart Early Intervention Program, Better Start for Children With a Disability, Helping Children with Autism, Medicare Chronic Disease Management Plan services and Child Development Service Speech Pathology services.

These programs offer high-quality Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and/or Psychology services to support your child's skill development and increase their independence and participation in the community.

### KidStart Early Intervention Program (Disability Services Commission funded program)

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

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

The KidStart Program is for children aged 0-8 years with any disability type eligible to receive specialist disability services. To access specialist disability services, a person must meet the Commission's eligibility criteria and our service access criteria.

**Referral process:** Referrals are accepted from family members, Paediatricians, GPs, Local Area Coordinators and other government or non-government agencies. Clients who are registered with DSC need written confirmation of registration and/or their DSC registration number. Clients not already registered with DSC need a written referral from a Paediatrician or GP detailing the child's diagnoses which meet the criteria.

### Better Start for Children with Disability (Department of Social Services)

Children with a range of diagnoses are eligible for early intervention therapy services funding of up to \$12,000 (to a maximum of \$6,000 in any one financial year) up until their 7th birthday.

**Referral process:** to access the Better Start program, families will need to register their child for the Better Start early intervention funding with Carers Australia. A child does need to receive a diagnosis and be made eligible for funding prior to the age of 6.

### Helping Children With Autism (Department of Social Services)

Children with a diagnosis of Autism are eligible for early intervention therapy services funding of up to \$12,000 (to a maximum of \$6,000 in any one financial year).

**Referral process:** to access the HCWA program, families will need to be registered under the Helping Children With Autism program. Following an initial diagnosis, families can contact an Autism Advisor in WA who will provide information regarding eligibility, available funding and Early Intervention and other support services. A child does need to receive a diagnosis and be made eligible for funding prior to the age of 6.

### Medicare

Children registered under the Better Start and Helping Children With Autism programs 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.

**Referral process:** to access these services, families will need to be registered under either the Better Start or Helping Children With Autism program.

### Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP)

For children with a recognised chronic medical condition, Medicare provides rebates for Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and/or Physiotherapy services. Eligible children can claim a maximum of 5 sessions per calendar year under the CDMP program. Referral process: to access this program, families will need a referral letter from their GP for services recommended in their care plan.

### Better Access to Mental Health Care Initiative

For children or a family member with a recognised mental health issue, Medicare provides rebates for psychology services. Eligible clients can claim a maximum of 10 sessions per calendar year under a Mental Health Care Plan.

**Referral process:** to access this program, families will need a referral letter and a Mental Health Care Plan from their GP for services recommended in their care plan.

### Child Development Service

Kids Are Kids! has been appointed by the Metropolitan Child Development Service to provide Speech Therapy services to children living within the Fremantle region (formerly Southwell). Families seeking publicly provided Speech Therapy services through Fremantle CDS are then referred to Kids Are Kids! to receive their therapy assessment and treatment.

**Referral process:** to access this program, families will need to contact their Child Health Nurse, GP or Paediatrician to become registered with Fremantle CDS.