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 cost of service depends on the funding source, length and type of service required. Some therapy services can be partially claimed through Medicare if a referral for a GP / Team Care Arrangements Plan is made by a GP. Private health rebates may also apply. As a charitable organisation, the cost of Kids Are Kids! services are subsidised to be affordable for all families.

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.

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.

REACHING POTENTIAL TOGETHER

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Group Programs

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THERAPY & EDUCATION CENTRE INC.
**Group Programs**

Our group programs help children learn important independence and skills for everyday participation in life. Each group is carefully tailored to the children's needs and developed to focus on key areas of current ability and desired outcomes.

Groups are run throughout the year, during term and on school holidays. Some of our groups include:

**Language and communication:**
- Hanen It Takes Two To Talk
- Hanen More Than Words
- Pen Pals

**Social and emotional:**
- SocialEyes

**Physical, sensory and psychomotor:**
- Movers and Groovers
- Fun With Movement
- Munchers and Crunchers (feeding)
- Handy Skills
- Messy Play

**Accessing our group programs**

Group programs can be accessed whether you are a current family of Kids Are Kids! or not. Referrals to our programs are not necessary; however, it is beneficial for our Program Coordinator to understand your child and their capabilities to ensure they are enrolled in a suitable group that meets their developmental needs.

**The Objective of Group Programs**

Each group program provides a social setting. This enables our Therapists to work with your child on important social skills such as sharing, waiting in line and turn-taking.

Many parents and caregivers also find group programs are an exciting opportunity for their child to have fun in a social and interactive environment whilst learning valuable skills at the same time.

Each group is developed to assist with improving developmental skills including:
- Social
- Balance and co-ordination
- Hand-eye coordination
- Sensory
- Play (sharing and turn-taking)
- Communication (listening and conversation)
- Fine motor

We also aim to increase your understanding of how to further develop these skills at home and answer any questions regarding your child's specific needs.

**Who will benefit from group programs?**

All children can access our group programs and a wide variety of children have inspired the development of each of our group programs.

We offer programs relevant to children from age 4 through to 11 years, and availability of the group is dependent upon need and interest from families. Each group will be tailored to meet the developmental needs of the children participating.

**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.

**When and where**

The group programs are run throughout the year, during school terms with some scheduled in the school holidays to provide children with social interactions during the break.

Most of the programs are run at a venue external to the Kids Are Kids! centre; however, programs are always planned at venues with your child's best interests in mind. All venues are safe environments with plenty of space and nil or minimal distractions to ensure maximum program participation.

**What to wear**

Please dress your child in comfortable clothing. Some programs require footwear and clothing suitable for running, jumping and climbing, and others require old clothing that will likely get ‘messy’ and require changing at session's end. Our Group Program Coordinator will be able to advise you of further details on enrolment.

**Registration and enquiries**

For more information or to secure a place for child in one of our groups, please contact us on 9313 6566 or email info@kidsarekids.org.au

**Payment**

Payment for participation in the group is required prior to the first session. Each group program is priced individually; therefore, prices will vary; if you have any questions please discuss with our group program coordinator.

It is our commitment to you to create educational programs for all children and families at the most affordable prices possible.

Private health rebates may apply depending on your insurer and government funding may be used if your child is eligible.