



Where is this service available?

This service is metropolitan based.

A rural and remote outreach service is also able to travel to country locations to provide an assessment and consultancy service, with follow-up distance education and support.

Support with child behaviour concerns can be provided by Child and Youth Services as part of your National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) plan.



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Behaviour intervention

for children and young people with developmental delay and disabilities

Child and Youth Services provides expert advice, assessment and therapeutic intervention to children with behavioural difficulties.

Children and young people with developmental delays and disabilities may develop behaviours that are concerning to their parents and carers.

These behaviours may be associated with:

- difficulties in communication
- managing emotions
- coping with change
- learning new skills
- the physical and/or social environment
- health issues
- difficulties in developing relationships.

Sometimes these behaviours limit the child's ability to participate in their community, cope with family routines, adjust to school and develop friendships. Sometimes they place the child or young person or those around them at risk of harm.

Child and Youth Services has a team of experienced behaviour specialists who will work with children, young people and their families to design a personalised behaviour intervention program to meet the needs of each individual child and family.

What kind of support does Child and Youth Services offer?

Child and Youth Services offers a home and community based service. We work in partnership with your family and other carers such as school staff, support workers or health professionals.

We believe in a positive approach that focuses on understanding behaviour, teaching new skills that help the child cope more effectively, and supporting the family to feel more confident in caring for the child and managing challenging situations.

Child and Youth services utilizes evidence based interventions, positive behaviour support practices and team around the child principles. We aim to equip the family with the knowledge and skills to support their child once the intervention is completed.

Support from a behaviour specialist may consist of a brief consultation or assessment, or a comprehensive intervention package, depending on the complexity of your child's behavioural needs.

Behaviour intervention services can include:

- a comprehensive assessment of your child's behaviour
- specialist assessments on specific developmental concerns eg communication
- development of a positive behaviour support plan with clear behaviour response strategies that parents can practise and utilise at home
- advice around changes to the child or young person's environment and technology resources
- demonstration of new ideas and methods to manage challenging behaviours and situations
- teaching the child or young person new coping skills
- transition support, to assist the child with significant change such as starting school or moving house.
- family support
- education and training for other carers and service providers to support a consistent behaviour approach for the child or young person.