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mainly in the Eastern Region

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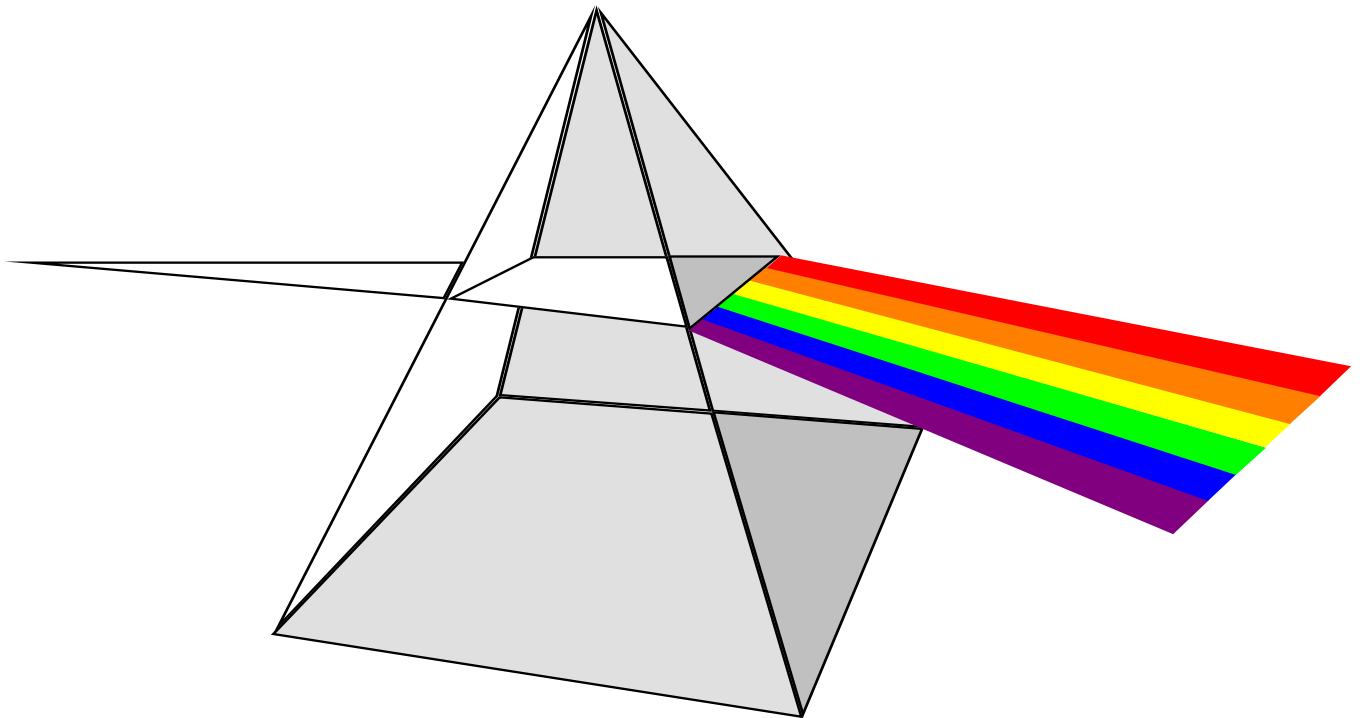


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Autism Assessments At Eastern Health CYMHS

Autism Spectrum Disorders are now widely recognised in Australia and some form of an autism spectrum diagnosis is now being made in nearly 1% of our childhood population.

Government funding for assessments and therapy has increased – but is still far from adequate.

It is not possible to have highly specialised teams providing a detailed assessment for every suspected case.

All children who are being considered as having an autism diagnosis should first be referred to a paediatrician or child psychiatrist. This document lists suitable specialist doctors who are willing to provide an opinion regarding autism.

The paediatrician or child psychiatrist can organise a speech pathology assessment and a cognitive (IQ) assessment through:

- private practitioners using Medicare rebates
- the child's school if integration funding will be necessary
- a publically funded organisation including Community Health Centres, Hospital Clinics, Early Intervention Teams and Universities

If there is doubt about the diagnosis once these assessments have been completed a referral can be made to the Autism Assessment Team at Eastern Health CYMHS.

This booklet identifies the public and private professionals within the community who can work as teams or individuals to assess a child for autism.

If a child is referred to Eastern Health CYMHS who has not had any professional involvement they are asked to obtain a GP referral to one of the interested paediatricians or child psychiatrists.

A referral to CYMHS can also be made if there are cultural or social reasons that make other methods of assessment too difficult and this must be discussed with Dr Sian Hughes.

The waiting time to date has been short.

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<p>Monash Medical Centre Developmental Disabilities Clinic</p>	<p>Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9594 2399</p>
<p>Irabina Childhood Autism Services 193 Bayswater Road, BAYSWATER, 3153. Tel 9720 1118 Fax 9720 6641</p>	<p>This team can provide some assessment for registered clients at Irabina on a fee paying basis</p>
<p>Communication Clinic Royal Children's Hospital; 50 Flemington Rd PARKVILLE, 3052 Tel 9345 5522</p>	<p>This team can assess children with communication disorders which may include autism – further assessments will then be recommended</p>
<p>Specialist Children Services Eastern Metropolitan Region Inner and Outer East Teams Contact via central Intake 1300 662 655</p>	<p>SCS does not provide an assessment-only service. SCS team assessments may contribute to the decision-making processes by which a paediatrician may make the diagnosis of autism.</p>

Community Health Centres

<p>Ranges Community Health 1624 Burwood Highway BELGRAVE 3160 Tel 9754 8963 (and 17 Clarke Street, LILYDALE) Tel 9738 8801</p> <p>Contact Intake Worker for referrals to the Child Health Team (OT, SP, Psych, CHN), based at Belgrave.</p>	<p>EACH Maroondah Social and CHCH 75 Patterson St EAST RINGWOOD 3134 Tel 9879 3933 Child Psychologists and Speech pathologist</p>	<p>Whitehorse CHS Level 2/43 Carrington Rd BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9890 2220 Child Psychologists, Speech pathologist and Occupational therapist</p>
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<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service - Paediatric Allied Health Service for children who require assistance in one main area of development</p> <p>Priority is given to families/children who are health care card or pension card holders</p>	<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service –</p> <p>Occupational Therapist children 0 – 12 Speech Pathologist - preschoolers Dietician and Podiatrist - children of all ages</p>	<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service - All referrals need to be sent to the ‘Service Coordinator’ Tel: 1300 130 381 Fax: 5962 3429 Mail: Shop 2/297 Maroondah Hwy, HEALESVILLE Vic 3777 Available to post codes 3139, 3770, 3775, 3777, 3797, 3799</p>

Educational Services

Government Schools

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (PSD) FUNDING

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Services (DEECD) employs student support services officers including psychologists and speech pathologists, to provide support to schools. When a child is enrolled at a government school as a prospective student, the school is able to refer the student (with parental consent) to the student support services for assessment.

DEECD psychologists and speech pathologists provide advice to parents and schools, administer assessments and prepare reports required to enable the school to submit an application for PSD funding.

The current eligibility criteria under the category of autism require a multidisciplinary diagnosis by a paediatrician, psychologist and speech pathologist. Recommended tests include the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale Second Edition (VABS-II) – Teacher Rating Form and a DEECD approved language test. Although a cognitive assessment is not a formal requirement for eligibility under the ASD category, it is highly recommended. Cognitive functioning is an important variable that contributes to the accurate diagnosis of students with autism, to identify co-morbid conditions and inform educational planning and school placement options.

If the results of a student's language test do not demonstrate language skills equivalent to a composite score of two standard deviations or more below the mean, an application may be considered under severe behavior disorder. In this case it must be clear that the child's behavior is not solely a consequence of autism but the child has other co-morbidities. The need for ongoing psychological support must be clearly stated.

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Autism Consultant

The Regional Autism Consultant provides two main services to eastern region government schools:

- A.S.D. Professional Learning (PL): PL is provided on a regional basis, through school networks and to individual schools as required.
- Observational visits to Primary, Secondary and Specialist Schools: These visits are made on an 'on-call' basis. Observations of individual students with ASD are made in their classroom environment; those observations are then discussed with the staff involved to offer practical management strategies particularly related to the observed needs of that student.

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Catholic Schools

The government has allocated resources to Catholic Schools for conducting assessments and supporting students but individual schools choose to use these resources as they see fit. In general a letter from a doctor or other professional stating the disability will get the child some funding allocation but it may be minimal and depends on how the school chooses to use the funding.

Educational Specialists

Western Autistic School Professional Development Program

The staff at Western Autistic School have developed an annual professional Development program for teachers, assistants and other educators. All sessions are held at Western Autistic School (Melways 28 A1) Garnet St Niddrie from 4.30 to 7.00pm. Details are available from www.westernautisticschool.vic.edu or by calling 9337 9175. A small fee is charged to cover materials and preparation costs. School visits can also be organised.

Other private providers:

<p>Autism Action Director-Sian Williams PO Box 46 SURREY HILLS 3127 Tel 03 9899 7816 info@autismaction.com.au www.autismaction.com.au</p> <p>For children 2- 12 yrs Eastern and Southern regions</p> <p>Creative Steps PO Box 2405 Melton South 3337 info@creativesteps.com.au Educational Consultant: Michelle Grace Mobile 0421 034 713 michelle-margaret@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Traveling Autism Teachers 1:1 guidance Group sessions in specific areas Advocacy in schools Western and Northern regions Dannielle Tel 0431 847 384 Kathryn Tel 0427 227 062 danielle.clark@bigpond.com</p> <p>Caille Golding Scotchmer St Family Therapy Centre NORTH FITZROY Tel 9010 5070 Cailee.golding@gmail.com</p> <p>Time for a future 56 High St WOODEND 3442 Tel 5427 4052 Fax 5427 1016 atimeforafuture@optus.com.au www.atimeforafuture.com.au</p>	<p>Integrated Education and Communication - IEC Staff under the direction of psychologist Ann-Marie Russell can travel to home or organisation Tel 9893 5547 Fax 989 35497 services@abaservicesaustralia.com.au www.abaservicesaustralia.com.au</p> <p>Tali Roth Consultancy support and training for students, families and school staff Tel 9509 1691 edulinkau@yahoo.com</p>
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Other speech pathologists are listed at:

<http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/>

and can be searched under Autism/PDD providers in specific areas

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PUBLIC – East/South

Motor Action Group

Monash Link Community Health
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Contact Liz Porter or duty worker
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UNIVERSITIES

For families who would struggle to pay a private psychologist even with the Medicare Rebate these clinics may offer a reduced fee but you need to check out the total cost

<p>Monash University Clinical Psychology Centre The Neuropsychology Clinic is a new service of the Clinical Psychology Centre and is operated by the School of Psychology, Psychiatry and Psychological Medicine at Monash University. It provides the community with low-cost and up-to-date assessment and management recommendations for cognitive difficulties and associated behavioural or emotional issues. Building 1 270 Ferntree Gully Road NOTTING HILL 3168 Tel 9501 2428 Fax 9501 2535 Email cpc@med.monash.edu.au</p> <p>The clinic provides service on a sliding scale, currently \$20 to \$60 with additional fees for reports. We also accept clients referred under the Better Access and the Better Outcomes scheme.</p>	<p>RMIT University Developmental Assessment Team (DAT) Comprehensive assessment for children with suspected developmental delay or autism through the: RMIT Bundoora Psychology Clinic Building 209 Bundoora Campus Plenty Rd BUNDOORA Phone 9925 7603 or 99257376 Fax 9925 7303</p> <p>Typical cost is \$820 – 840 including, medical, speech pathology and psychology and comprehensive report A rebate can be claimed through Private Health Insurance extras.</p>
<p>University of Melbourne---Learning Difficulties Australia Department of Learning and Educational Development Experienced teachers registered with the Association who hold the equivalent of at least one full year of a recognized post-graduate course. Individual instruction and special programs for students from Prep to Year 12. Educational and diagnostic assessment PO Box 349 CARLTON SOUTH 3153 Tel 834 45361</p>	<p>Australian Catholic University Level 2 School of Psychology 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy 3065 Clinic 9am to 5 pm Mon – Fri Tel 9953 3006 -leave a message Fax 9953 3195 psychology.clinic@acu.edu.au</p>
<p>La Trobe School of Psychological Science Psychology Clinic School of Psychological Science, George Singer Building La Trobe University, BUNDOORA, 3086. Tel 9479 2150 (9am to 4pm weekdays) After-hours recorded messages: 9479 2150 Fax: 9479 1956</p> <p>Fees Fees for neuropsychological and educational assessments are on a sliding scale based on family income. These fees are not refundable through Medicare.</p> <p>Making an appointment To make an appointment, phone the Psychology Clinic and leave a message. The Intake Worker will then confidentially return your call as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Psychology Clinic is located in the George Singer Building (NW8). See Melways maps 19 and 66A.</p>	<p>Victoria University - Psychology Clinic McKechnie Street ST ALBANS 3021 Tel: 9365 2111 PO Box 14428 Melbourne 8001</p> <p>Peter Dowling, Clinic Co-ordinator 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri Tel 9919 2353 Fax 9919 2773 Fee for service based on sliding scale of income Provides psychological assessment and treatment Service for North, West, South and East Metro region</p>

AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

Knox Private Hospital. 262 Mountain Hwy WANTIRNA 3152 Tel 9210 7327	Taralye 137 Blackburn Rd BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9877 1300	Monash Medical Centre 246 Clayton Rd CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9594 6666
Australian Hearing Services Level 1 801 Glenferrie Rd HAWTHORN 3122 Tel 9810 1000	Australian Hearing Services Centro Whitehorse 17 Market St BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9890 0606	Australian Hearing Services 26 – 28 Station Rd CROYDON 3136 Tel 9724 9144
Australian Hearing Services 280 Thomas St DANDENONG 3175 Tel 9794 5274	Melbourne Diagnostic Audiology BOX HILL Tel 9898 0777 E MELBOURNE Tel 9499 1683 WILLIAMSTOWN Tel 93972088	John Bench CHADSTONE, MONASH UNIVERSITY AND BUNDOORA Tel 9531 8181 Mob 0418 511 042
Other options include Royal Children’s Hospital and Eye and Ear Hospital	Rick Osborne KOOYONG Tel 98532638 Mob 0409 977 930	Helen Paton KEW Tel 9818 1949
Listening Works P.O. Box 72 CAMBERWELL 3129 Tel 9809 1327 Mob 0414 937 506 Lesley Tan, Jenny Michael, Lois Grant		

OPTOMETRISTS

Sue Strachan Strachan Eyecare 17 North Blackburn Shopping Centre BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9878 9095		
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GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENTS and SERVICES

Carer Allowance from Centre Link – not means tested so you qualify however much you earn and it does not affect child allowance or pension payments. Approximately \$100 per fortnight to help with the additional care your child needs.

Download medical form from:

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/sa431_1009/\\$file/sa431_1009en_f.pdf](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/sa431_1009/$file/sa431_1009en_f.pdf)

Local council for respite care or at home help – services vary

Health and Community Services – Disability Services for school aged children who have an intellectual disability. Provides respite services, behaviour programs and advocacy for the child. Contact local DHS office.

Helping Children with Autism Package from FAHCSIA

Early Intervention funding for <7 years (has to be approved before they turn 6 years)

Children who are under 6 years of age can obtain \$6,000 per financial year for up to two years. No more than \$6,000 can be claimed in a financial year but should the child have more than two years in which to spend the money the parents may choose to spread the money over a greater period e.g. \$3,000 a year over four years.

The money is paid directly to the service provider not to the parent and the service provider must be on the list recommended by the Government.

Eligibility criteria are:

6 years or under – regardless of school placement

A diagnosis of an Autistic Disorder confirmed by a paediatrician or child psychiatrist or multidisciplinary team
Receiving a Carers Allowance or Payment for Centre Link

(NB Not having a Centre link reference number has been an issue for some families especially those with PDD-NOS diagnosis who may not be getting Carers allowance – also for migrant families who are not receiving Centre Link payments but are eligible for State early intervention)

Note that only \$12,000 is ever given in total and there is a limit of \$6,000 per financial year.

The funding information states that 35% of the yearly amount can be spent on equipment provided it is approved by the therapist – this can include spring-free trampolines as recommended by the OT or an I-pad /Boardmaker package for visual communication by the speech pathologist. The therapist must be FaHCSIA registered and must pay for the equipment out of the FaHCSIA package of the child.

For the purpose of The Helping Children with Autism package the diagnosis of autism can be made by:
Paediatrician or child psychiatrist (plus or minus allied health professionals)
OR a multidisciplinary team – i.e. speech and psych with no specialist doctor

If the latter is the case they still need medical confirmation for school entry and centre link payment – so they should all see a paediatrician or child psychiatrist

To register you have to contact Autism Victoria and speak with an Autism Advisor – you will need to complete paper work and can request a face to face meeting if necessary.

The Autism Advisors in Victoria are based at Autism Victoria in Carlton. The team consists of a Team Leader, 2 Senior Autism Advisors and 4 Autism Advisors, all of whom have over 50 years combined experience across the field of Autism. The Autism Advisors are based in the CBD office in Carlton. Each advisor has responsibility for a metro area (Inner, North, South, East and West) as well as rural areas

The telephone number is 03 9657 1608 or 1300 424 499 or teamleader@autismvictoria.org.au

The Autism Advisors will check eligibility and direct families to one of the panel providers. A list of current service providers is posted at:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/progserv/people/autism_panel/vic/Pages/default.aspx

This is may not be the complete list as new services are being added as they apply.

Children are entitled to both State and Federal funding for early intervention so can continue with their local programs and the funding is additional.

The costs for the programs do vary and many seem high. Administration is proving expensive for the system plus the increased demand is allowing prices to rise.

There remains significant difficulty however in finding appropriate services on which to spend the money with a limited number of providers - especially those providing a quality service.

Playgroups with Playgroup Victoria

Playgroups have been set up in the Eastern Region – there is one at Surrey Hill and at Best Chance.

At least three families are required to set up a playgroup and they should contact janine@playgroup.org.au - funding is available to pay a facilitator who is approved by Playgoups Victoria and assistance will be given to find a suitable site.

The child does not have to have a definite diagnosis of autism, siblings can also attend. The parents are the driving force and the idea is to have the support for two years and then become self-sustaining.

Autism specific childcare centre

There is an autism specific childcare/kinder at La Trobe University with 20 places for children with autism. This centre will be serviced by other professionals and provide training for childcare workers from other sites to experience the management of children with autism

Medicare Items For Allied Health – as of Nov 2011

Autism Assessments by Allied health Total of 4

Speech pathologists and occupational therapists:

82005 and 82010 (rebate \$73.40) for a 50 minute assessment of autism in a child less than 13 yrs. Patient must have been billed by a paediatrician or child psychiatrist – any item number

Psychologists:

82000 (rebate \$83.25) for a 50 min assessment of autism in a child less than 13 yrs. Patient must have been billed by a paediatrician or child psychiatrist – any item number.

Autism Treatment by Allied health

20 sessions of speech pathology, occupational therapy OR psychology can be billed before the child turn 15 yrs provided the diagnosis has been made before they are 13 years old. Any combination can be used but the total number of rebates will only be 20 and only once in the child's lifetime.

Speech pathologists and occupational therapists:

82020 and 82025 (rebate \$73.40) for a 30 min individual therapy sessions in a child less than 15yrs with PDD. Child must have been billed a135 (paediatrician) or a 289 (psychiatrist) before their 13th birthday – not necessarily by the doctor making the referral.

Psychologists:

82015 (rebate \$83.25) for a 30 min individual therapy sessions in a child less than 15 yrs with PDD. Child must have been billed a135 (paediatrician) or a 289 (psychiatrist) before their 13th birthday – not necessarily by the doctor making the referral.

Enhanced Primary Care plan

Treatment is also available by a GP referral under the EPC plan – this gives 5 sessions total a year with a rebate of \$51.95 for a service that lasts at least 20mins with any of the following:

Audiology (10952), occupational therapy (10958), psychology (10968), speech pathology (10970), physiotherapy, podiatry, dentistry and some others

Mental Health Care Plan (Better outcomes)

Children with chronic conditions such as autism who have mental health issues e.g. anxiety can access psychology and occupational therapy under this plan. (which suggests the autism sessions may be better used by the speech pathologist)

10 individual sessions in total per calendar year are available. You can initially be referred for a maximum of 6 sessions and will need another referral if the remaining 4 are required. The rebates are higher for psychologists.

You can now get up to another 10 group sessions involving 6 – 10) patients in addition to the above individual services.

To access these services the child must have been billed by an item between 110 and 133 by a paediatrician (so 132 is eligible but not 135) or equivalent items by a psychiatrist or have GP Mental Health Plan.

Psychology rebates under Mental Health Plan: Various items numbers available including individual work for various types of therapy and set time limits (80100, 80105, 80110) plus one item for group work 80120

Occupational Therapy rebates under Mental Health Plan: Various items numbers available including individual work for various time limits and locations (80125, 80130, 80135 80140) plus one item for group work (800145)

Social work services are also included in this Mental Health Care Plan.

EASTERN HEALTH CYMHS TERTIARY REFERRALS

(for children in the Eastern Health area – see list of suburbs)

If there is any doubt about the diagnosis by any member of an assessment team or by the parents then the child should be referred to Eastern Health CYMHS for a second opinion. A referral to CYMHS can also be made if there are cultural or social reasons that make other methods of assessment difficult.

Children must have a paediatrician or child psychiatrist who can provide on going services as Eastern Health does not Medicare patients

Children are allocated through EH CYMHS Intake system. To date we have had a short waiting list. A member of the initial assessment team should make the referral, which should include copies of all available relevant reports. Members of the initial assessment team are welcome to attend the EH CYMHS Autism Assessment with the parents' permission. Please contact:

CYMHS Access
BOX HILL 3128

Call - 1300 721 927 for more information or fax referral to Fax 9895 4672

The referral will be passed on to Dr Sian Hughes, Coordinator of Autistic Assessments and if necessary Dr Hughes will speak further to those involved.

The parents/caregivers and all members of the initial assessment team will be informed of the date of the assessment.

The Eastern Health CYMHS Autistic Assessment Team is based at the:

Eastern Health Child and Youth Mental Health Service,
Box Hill Campus,
Level 3/ 43 Carrington Road
BOX HILL 3128

Tel: 9843 1200

Fax: 9843 1299

Email: Sian.Hughes@easternhealth.org.au

The team members are:

Dr Sian Hughes - Coordinator, Paediatrician

Dr Michelle Rowland - Psychologist

Vivien Williams - Speech Pathologist

Boundaries of Eastern Health CYMHS

<p>City of Knox</p> <p>Bayswater 3153 Boronia 3155 Ferntree Gully 3156 Knoxfield 3180 Lysterfield 3156 Rowville 3178 Scoresby 3179 The Basin 3154 Upper Ferntree Gully 3156 Wantirna 3152 Wantirna South 3152</p> <p>City of Manningham</p> <p>Doncaster 3109 Doncaster East 3109 Donvale 3111 Park Orchards 3114 Templestowe 3106 Templestowe Lower 3107 Warrandyte 3113 Warrandyte South 3134 Wonga Park 3115</p> <p>City of Maroondah</p> <p>Bayswater North 3153 Croydon 3136 Croydon North 3136 Croydon West 3136 Heathmont 3135 Kilsyth 3137 Kilsyth South 3137 Ringwood 3134 Ringwood East 3135 Ringwood North 3135 Warranwood 3134</p> <p>City of Monash</p> <p>Amstel 3166 Ashwood 3147 Brandon Park 3170 Burwood 3125 Chadstone 3148 Clarinda 3169 Clayton 3168 Clayton North 3168 Glen Waverley 3150 Hughesdale 3166</p>	<p>Huntingdale 3166 Jordanville 3148 Mount Waverley 3149 Mulgrave 3170 Nottinghill 3168 Oakleigh 3166 Oakleigh East 3166 Springvale North 3150 Syndal 3149 Syndal East 3150 Westall 3169 Wheelers Hill 3150</p> <p>City of Whitehorse</p> <p>Bennetswood 3125 Blackburn 3130 Blackburn North 3130 Blackburn South 3130 Box Hill 3128 Box Hill South 3128 Burwood East 3151 Forest Hill 3131 Mitcham 3132 Mount Albert 3127 Nunawading 3131 Parkmore 3131 Vermont 3133 Vermont South 3133</p> <p>Yarra Ranges</p> <p>Avonsleigh 3782 Wesburn 3799 Beenak 3139 Woori Yallock 3139 Belgrave 3160 Yarra Junction 3797 Belgrave Heights 3160 Yering 3770 Belgrave South 3160 Yeringberg 3770 Big Pat's Creek 3799 Burleigh 3795 Chirnside Park 3116 Clematis 3782 Coldstream 3770 Coldstream West 3770 Emerald 3782 Ferny Creek 3786 Gladysdale 3797 Gruere 3770</p>	<p>Hoddles Creek 3139 Kallista 3791 Kalorama 3766 Launching Place 3139 Lilydale 3140 Macclesfield 3782 Menzies Creek 3159 Millgrove 3799 Monbulk 3793 Montrose 3765 Montrose South 3765 Mooroolbark 3138 Mount Dandenong 3767 Mount Evelyn 3796 Narre Warren East 3804 Olinda 3788 Powelltown 3797 Sassafras 3787 Selby 3159 Seville 3139 Seville East 3139 Sherbrooke 3789 Silvan 3795 Silvan East 3795 Tecoma 3160 The Patch 3792 Tremont 3785 Upwey 3158 Wandin 3139 Wandin East 3139 Warburton 3799 Warburton East 3799 Warramate 3139 Healesville 3777 Burgoyne Chum Creek Dixons Creek 3775 Glenn Watts Gracedale Manangon Monda Narbethong 3778 Parish of Granton Steavenson Sutton Taponga Tarrawarra North Woodbourne 3717 Yarra Glen 3775 Youassabuk</p>
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AUSTIN HEALTH CAMHS TERTIARY REFERRALS

(for children in the Austin Health area – see list of suburbs)

Austin CAMHS - Developmental Assessment Program

Austin Health
Edward Wilson Building
PO BOX 5555
HEIDELBERG 3084
Tel: (03) 9496 3620
Fax: 9496 3653

Contact person: Jan Rudd

Boundaries of Austin Health CAMHS

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EASTERN REGION PRESCHOOL FIELD OFFICERS - PSFOs

Pre School Field Officers provide consultation to kindergartens. If there is concern about the development or behaviour of a child attending a kindergartens the staff can request (with parental permission) that the child be seen by the PSFO.

Please note that these contact details change frequently and may not be correct as listed but work as a guide to services available.

<p><u>City of Monash:</u> PO Box 1 GLEN WAVERLEY 3150 Cheryl Neilson Tel: 9518 3549 Fax: 9518 3444 Mobile 0437 667 cherylne@monalsh.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Manningham:</u> PO BOX 1 Doncaster 3108 Jenny Urbano Tel: 9840 9425 Fax: 9840 9476 jenny.urbano@manningham.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Maroondah (also Whitehorse):</u> Uniting Care Connections 1-5 Pitt Street RINGWOOD 3134 Tel: 9871 0217 Fax: 9871 0299 Helen Baker Mobile: 0411889362 helen.baker@careconnections.com.au</p>
<p><u>City of Whitehorse (also Maroondah):</u> Uniting Care Connections 1-5 Pitt Street RINGWOOD 3134 Sally Schultze Tel: 9071 0216 sally.schultze@connections.org.au Wendy Twining Tel: 9071 0217 wendy.twining@connections.org.au Tiffany Birch Tel: 9071 0219 tiffany.birch@connections.org.au</p>	<p><u>Knox City Council:</u> Locked Bag 1 Wantirna South 3152 Joan Quagliana Tel: 9298 8870 Mobile: 0409 425 943 joan.quagliana@knox.vic.gov.au Wendy Ferres Tel: 9298 8461 Mobile: 0400 914 276 wendy.ferres@knox.vic.gov.au Andrea Droste Tel: 9298 8328 Mobile: 0400 917 203 andrea.droste@knox.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Boroondara:</u> Private Bag 1 Camberwell 3124 Sue Dowling Tel: 9278 4642 sue.dowling@boroondara.vic.gov.au Tess Brooks Tel : 9278 4370 tess.brooks@boroondara.vic.gov.au</p>
<p><u>Shire of Yarra Ranges</u> P.O.Box 105 Lilydale 3140 Tel: 1300 368 333 Fax 9294 9557 Helen Spooner Tel: 9294 9550 Mobile 0409431744 h.spooner@yarraranges.vic.gov.au Jo Kitching Tel: 9294 9558 Mobile 0409 357 956 j.kitching@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>Koorie Early Childhood field Officer</u> Department of Human Services Locked Bag 2015 Box Hill 3128 Anna Briggs Tel: 9843 6352 Fax 9843 6118</p>	

EASTERN REGION - INCLUSION SUPPORT FACILITATORS ISF

ISFs provide childcare services with practical support that will help build their capacity to provide a quality inclusive environment for children with additional needs.

If there is concern about a child's individual development or behaviour who is attending a childcare centre the staff can request, with parental permission, ISF support.

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<p><u>Monash City Council - East Middle Melbourne ISA Region 23</u> <u>Monash / Manningham / Whitehorse / Borooondara</u> 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley 3150 F: 03 9518 3444</p> <p>Senior ISF Lorrelle Orrman Tel: 95183548 lorrelleo@monash.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Barbi Kenny Tel : 9518 3592 barbik@monash.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Natalie Cincotta Tel : 9518 3584 nataliec@monash.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Boroondara</u> 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn, 3122</p> <p>Marsha Yevlakhova 9278 4618 marsha.yevlakhova@boroondara.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Sally Kost 9278 4617 sally.kost@boroondara.vic.gov.au</p> <p><u>Manningham City Council</u> 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster 3108</p> <p>Christine Bourke Tel : 03 9840 9394 F: 03 9848 3100 christine.bourke@manningham.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>Whitehorse City Council</u> 379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading 3131</p> <p>Lynn Stewart Tel: 03 9872 3246 F: 03 9873 8613 lynn.stewart@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Lynette King Tel : 03 9873 3951 F: 03 9873 8613 lynette.king@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Nicole Dalglish Tel : 03 9873 3951 F: 03 9873 8614 nicole.dalglish@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</p>
<p><u>Knox City Council - East Outer Melbourne ISA Region 24</u> <u>Knox / Maroondah / Yarra Ranges</u> 511 Burwood Hwy. Wantirna South 3152 Tel: 92988150 Fax 9298 8802</p> <p>Team Leader Dawn Meldrum Tel: 9298 8150 dawn.meldrum@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Elaine Gover Tel: 9298 8805 elaine.gover@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Kerry Kneebone Tel : 9298 8324 kerryn.kneebone@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Rebecca Middleton Tel : 9298 8559 rebecca.middleton@knox.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>Yarra Ranges Council</u> 15 Anderson St Lilydale</p> <p>Monica Solomon Tel: 9294 9564 Mobile 0418 599 781 m.solomon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Kamlesh Sohanpal Tel: 9294 9559 Mob: 0419 690 322 k.sohanpal@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Kate Forster Tel 9294 9562 Mob: 0419 521 587 k.forster@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>The City of Maroondah</u> All services in Maroondah are supported through East Outer Melbourne ISA Region 24 – Knox City Council and Yarra Ranges Council.</p> <p>ISA Tel: 9298 8150</p>

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SERVICES (ECIS)

(for children from birth to school entry with disabilities and developmental delays)

ECIS and Early Education Programs (EEP) have a regional central point of entry point for the Eastern Metropolitan Region. Central Intake gathers information and determines whether the child meets eligibility criteria for ECIS/EEP. All referrals must go to Central Intake who will work with the family to identify concerns, to plan next steps and to make a referral to the ECIS/EEP of the family's choice.

Central Intake EMR – statewide toll free number 1300 662 655

Intake Worker, Central Intake EMR, DEECD, Level 3/295 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley 3150
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Agency	Phone	Coordinator	Address
- Box Hill	9899 0508	Nadine Wendt Gwen Sanders	10 Rose Street, BOX HILL 3128 bialaboxhill@westnet.com.au
Child & Family Care Network-Bestchance	8562 5100	Karen Tytler	583 Ferntree Gully Rd, GLEN WAVERLEY 3150 earlyintervention@bestchance.org.au
EACH Child ECIS	9879 3933	Marg D'Arcy	75 Patterson St, RINGWOOD EAST 3135 mdarcy@each.com.au
EACH Healesville	5962 4704	Bronwyn Forster	6 Vimy Ridge, HEALESVILLE 3777 bforster@each.com.au
Elwyn Morey (Monash only)	9905 2887	Ros Patterson Di Chandler	Monash University Wellington Rd, CLAYTON 3168 elwynmorey@education.monash.edu.au
Illoura ECIS (Knox only)incl. Autism specific program	9758 7991	Vicki Kindilien Sue Cleeve (Sue-ann)	72 Francis Crescent, FERNTREE GULLY 3156 Illoura@knox.vic.gov.au
Irabina Childhood Autism Services	9720 1118	Dawn Boyd	193 Bayswater Road, BAYSWATER 3153 autism@irabina.com
Manningham Community Health Service - STRIDE	9850 8080	Anna Ng	44 Balmoral Av, LOWERTEMPLSTOWE 3107 ang@strideforward.edu.au
Mooroolbark ECEP	9726 7135	Donna Jacobs	8 Charles Street, MOOROOLBARK 3138 donnajacobs@optusnet.com.au
SCOPE Eastern Specialist Services	9561 1233	Jacqui Snider	669 Waverley Rd, WAVERLEY 3150 jsnider@scopevic.org.au
Specialist Children's Services (SCS) Eastern Metropolitan Region	9265 2400		Level 3 295 Springvale Rd Glen Waverley 3150
Taralye (Impaired Hearing)	9877 1300	Therese Kelly	137 Blackburn Road, BLACKBURN 3130 information@taralye.vic.edu.au
Vision Australia	1300 84 74 66		252 Dorset Rd, Boronia Vic. 3155 info@visionaustralia.org
Villa Maria Society	9854 5144	Anne Muir	Gate 4 3-13 Fernhurst Grove, KEW 3101 Locked Bag 20 KEW 3101 ei@villamaria.com.au
Yarra Valley ECIS	5967 1284	Wendy Blakis	Crn Hoddle Street and Warburton Highway YARRA JUNCTION 3797 wblakis@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Yooralla – Blackburn	9808 6833	Carmel Browne	19-20 Neil Court, BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130 blackburns@yooralla.com.au
Yooralla - The Patch	9756 7853	Helen Baker	53 Kallista-Emerald Rd, THE PATCH 3891 thepatch@yooralla.com.au

Schools that also provide an Early Intervention Programs for children under school age.

Croydon S.D.S.	9725 4933	Jo Innes	69-95Belmont Road CROYDON 3136 croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au
Burwood East S.D.S.	9803 4590	Gill Humphries	Manooka Street EAST BURWOOD 3151 burwood.east.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash S.D.S.	9239 7400	Helen McCoy	15 – 25 Academy Avenue WHEELERS HILL 3150 monash.sds.@edumail.vic.gov.au www.monashsds.vic.edu.au
Mt. Evelyn S.D.S.	9736 2499	Helen Johnston	Old Hereford Road MT. EVELYN 3796 mount.evelyn.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CYMHS REGION

School age children with an autism spectrum disorder with or without intellectual disability

Wantirna Heights School Primary only	9720 7492	Gail Preston	Kingloch Rd Wantirna 3152 wantirna.heights.sch@edumail.gov.au
Bulleen Heights S.D.S. Primary and secondary ages	9850 7122	Rose Walthers	Pleasant Road BULLEEN 3105 Bullen.heights.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au www.bullenheights.vic.edu.au

School aged children with a mild intellectual disability

Ashwood School (5 years – 18 years)	9808 7444	Helen Hatherly	Montpellier Rd, ASHWOOD 3147 Ashwood.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au
Vermont South Special School Primary only	9802 8199	Mal Coulson	Livingstone Rd VERMONT STH 3133 vermont.south.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au www.vermont-south-ss.vic.edu.au
Heatherwood School Secondary only	9842 8319	Paul Hills	370 – 380 Springvale Rd DONVALE 3111 heatherwood.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

School aged children with moderate - profound intellectual disabilities

Croydon S.D.S.	9725 4933	Jo Innes	69-95Belmont Road CROYDON 3136 croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au
Burwood East S.D.S.	9803 4590	Gill Humphres	Manooka Street EAST BURWOOD 3151 burwood.east.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash S.D.S.	9543 4400	Helen McCoy	15-25 Academy Avenue WHEELERS HILL 3150 monash.sds.@edumail.vic.gov.au www.monashsds.vic.edu.au
Mt. Evelyn S.D.S.	9736 2499	Helen Johnston	Old Hereford Road MT. EVELYN 3796 mount.evelyn.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

Other ASSESSMENT SERVICES DIRECTORY – VICTORIA

<p>Austin CAMHS – Developmental Assessment Program Austin Health HEIDELBERG 3084 Tel: 9496 3620</p>	<p>Royal Children’s Hospital Mental Health Services Travancore – Autism Spectrum Assessment Team 50 Flemington St FLEMINGTON 3131 Tel: 9345 6011 (Western Suburbs to age 15)</p>
<p>Alfred CAMHS Developmental Assessment Service 999 Nepean Hwy MOORABBIN 3189 Tel: 8552 0555</p>	<p>Southern Health CAMHS 246 Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel: 1300 369 012</p>
<p>Melton Health ASD Clinic Djerriwarrh Health Service 195 – 209 Barries Rd MELTON 3337 Tel 9747 7600</p>	<p>Gateways Support Services 10-12 Albert Street GEELONG WEST 3218 Tel: (03) 5221 2984 (for children under 6)</p>
<p>Developmental Disabilities Clinic - Paediatrics (MMC) 246 Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel: 9594 4495</p>	<p>Gippsland Autism and Related Disorders Assessment Service LRH Mental Health Services - TARALGON Vic 3844 Tel: 5171 1255</p>
<p>North East CAMHS Autism Spectrum Assessment Team (ASAT) Tel: (03) 5722 4837 WANGARATTA</p> <p>Tel: (02) 6024 7711 WODONGA</p>	<p>Barwon Children’s Health Service 1 Reynolds Rd. BELMONT 3216 Tel: 5226 7075 (school aged)</p>
<p>Northern Mallee CAMHS – Autism Spectrum Support & Evaluation Team (ASSET) 107 Pine Avenue MILDURA 3500 Tel: 5018 7990</p>	<p>Grampians Region Autism Assessment & Diagnostic Team Ballarat CAMHS 111 Ascot St BALLARAT 3350 Tel: 5320 4100</p>
<p>Goulburn Valley CAMHS Autism Spectrum Assessment Team (ASAT) Operating in SEYMOUR and SHEPPARTON Tel: 5799 0943</p>	<p>Other regional CAMHS teams which offer autistic assessments Bendigo CAMHS – Tel: 5440 6500 Warrnambool CAMHS –Tel: 5561 9100</p>

OTHER RESOURCES THAT CAN ASSIST WITH MANAGEMENT:

ORGANISATIONS:

Autism Victoria – now trading as Amaze

24 Drummond St., Carlton 3053. Melways 43 J6
PO Box 374 Carlton South 3053
Tel (03) 9657 1600 FAX: (03) 9639 4955
Chief Executive Officer Murray Dawson -Smith
Tel 9657 1601 ceo@amaze.org.au
Information Line
Tel 1300 308 699 info@amaze.org.au
Library
Tel 9657 1611 library@amaze.org.au

Membership costs are low and the organisation keeps you informed of up coming events on autism as well as having a monthly newsletter and a good library for books and videos.

Asperger's Syndrome Support Network ASSN

The Nerve Centre
(this is also the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Victoria building)
54 Railway Rd, Blackburn, VIC 3130
Parking at rear via Solwood Lane
(Melways: Map 48 A9)
Ph. 03 9845-2766
Email: assnvic@mssociety.com.au (Australia only)
Website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~asperger/>

A group of parents who have a family member diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome ranging in age from 3 years to adult. Hold regular coffee mornings and evenings, information sessions and seminars on Asperger's Syndrome.

Association for Children with a Disability

An information, support and advocacy not for profit organisation for children with a disability and their families, in Victoria. Run by parents of children with a disability and covers all types of disability. Parents/family members, professionals and service providers can contact for information and advice on any issue.

Parents/Carers do not have to be a member to use the services, but membership costs are very low and the main benefits of membership is having our bi-monthly magazine, NoticeBoard mailed directly to you.

Siblings are well supported by the Association – there are sibling networks, ideas fact sheets and website specifically for siblings of different ages..

Suite 2, 98 Morang Road
Hawthorn
Victoria 3122
Tel: (03) 9818 2000
Fax: (03) 9818 2300
Freecall: 1800 654 013
mail@acd.org.au
www.acd.org.au

Publications from ACD:

Through the Maze

"Through the Maze" is a 30 page resource booklet with information about services for families of children with a disability in all regions of Victoria, Australia. /download a printable version.

Helping You and Your Family --Our booklet, Helping You and Your Family: Self Help Strategies for Parents of Children with a Disability, will be of most benefit to parents of young children with a disability in the first few years after diagnosis (or in the midst of searching for a diagnosis).

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

These are the programs and services we know about. We are happy to list others if you tell us about them.

Reach Out For Kids

8 – 10 Silver Grove
NUNAWADING 3131
Tel 9894 1966

All programs are free of charge. Not specifically for children with autism.

Tuesday club – for young people in Grades 4 – 6 with social skills difficulties and low self esteem. Tuesday 4 – 5.30pm

Feeling Cool - for young people in Grades 1 - 3 with social skills difficulties and low self esteem. Wednesdays 1.30 – 3pm

Study Hard – get a life – study skills and tutoring in years 7 – 11. Mondays 4 – 6pm during school terms

Triple C – Cool Calm and Cruising – isolated young people years 7 – 8 Social Recreational personal development
Wednesdays 4 – 6.30pm

Kids with Courage

Knox Community Care
1248 High Street Road
Wantirna Sth
Tel 9871 8900 (ask for Faye)

Seven week program aiming to strengthen primary aged children together with their families who are struggling at school, home or with peer relationships. Not specifically for children with autism. Includes sessions for parents. Cost \$90 concession

Also at Careforce Linkages, Careforce Church, 87 Monbulk Rd, Monbulk Tel 9736 2274

Voice and Movement

Drama for Everyday Life Program
Principal Angelica Rose
34A Hamilton Street
Mont Albert 3127
9890 0728
www.voiceandmovement.com.au
info@voiceandmovement.com.au

The Drama for Everyday Life Program assists children, adolescents and adults in developing appropriate social skills and self confidence.

The program has been designed with the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's Syndrome) in mind. Using fun drama games, role plays and improvisation the program covers the following areas: social skills, relationships, self confidence and self awareness, emotions and body language, and creativity.

The program benefits students from the age of 5 through to adult with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome, mild I.D. as well as students who are experiencing social difficulties for other reasons.

All programs are tailored to suit the needs of the individual. Holiday Programs and Information Sessions are held regularly. Please refer to the website for details.

Circles and Squares

Karinyah Counselling
Glen Waverley
Contact Leslie Tel 9802 2886

Social skills group for children with ASD. Usually held Saturday morning over school terms and cost \$15 – 20 a session

Martial Arts – Life Skills

Contact – Steve Golding
Ultimate Marshal Arts
126 Canterbury Rd
Heathmont
Mobile: 0402 320 503

Not specifically for children with autism but Steve has expertise in managing children with difficulties. Two age groups 6 – 11yrs and 12 – 15yrs . Sessions at 11 – 12 noon on Sundays. \$10 for social competency. \$20 for intensive session

“Y Sport – Friday Afternoon Games”

Asperger or HFA recreation/sport group run by Brunswick YMCA
Contact : Nyrie Tickell – 9381 1840

The group consists of about 6-8 or so boys (girls very welcome also) who attend mainstream primary schools in the area and runs from 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Fridays during school term.

It has been running since Term 4 2007 and over this time the program has developed very well and some real friendships are blossoming.

The YMCA staff received training from The Traveling Autism Teachers so have a good understanding of the issues of the kids and ways to engage them in the program.

The cost is about \$8 per week paid at the end of the term.

Children welcome for a free try out session anytime.

Parent Child Dance and Play

Anne Shute Early childhood teacher and dance teacher

Lee Frances occupational therapist

1 – 6 year olds who have additional needs including autism

Based in Flemington

Call Anne on 9698 6441 or Lee on 9376 6396

Email ashute@vtown.com.au

Scope - Communication Aids and Resource Materials

830 Whitehorse Rd

Box Hill 3128

Tel: 98432013

Fax: 9843 2

Music Therapy

Peter Carthew

PO Box 366 CROYDON 3136

Tel 97231550

Fax 97231150

Music therapy for people with learning problems, social and emotional difficulties, physical and intellectual difficulties – adults and children.

Community Music Therapy Access COMMA (division of the DeafBlind Association)

Provides music therapy services to children and adults with a range of disabilities. Registered music therapists work as facilitators of group and individual programs. Contact the coordinator on 98827055.

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)

The Autism Behavioural Intervention is an intensive behavioural programs for young children with an ASD and there are various organisation in Melbourne who provide an dcoordinate services

ABIA Resource Centre

Attention: Andrea Swan, PO Box 239 CANTERBURY, VIC, 3126

Tel: 9830 0677 Fax: 9830 0211

Email: info@abia.net.au <<mailto:info@abia.net.au>>

Web site: www.abia.net.au <<http://www.abia.net.au>>

Learning for Life Autism Centre

The Learning for Life Autism Centre is a charity that has been established to help fund ABA programs so they are affordable for more families. They have recently set up at premises in Surrey Hills where they will employ and train service providers and monitor children’s progress.

463A Whitehorse Rd BALWYN 3103

Tel 9836 5516 Fax 9836 1206 Mob: 0439 394 500

Email info@learningforlife.com.au Web www.learningforlife.com.au

Autism Partnership Australia

A centre based program for ABA

53 Fletcher St, ESSENDON 3040

Tel 03 9375 2469 **Fax** 03 9375 7709

Email: info@autismpartnership.com.au Web www.autismpartnership.com.au

Relationship Development Intervention – RDI

This is a newish therapy that works on developing social and emotional connections and uses parents to help children engage and deal with the complexity and changes of everyday life. Therapy is conducted in the child's own environment.

The Australian web site and email details are:

info@connectandrelateforautism.com.au

www.connectandrelateforautism.com.au

There are two trained RDI therapists in Melbourne at present.

Renee Dela Cruz – trading as Renee Myer

Mobile 0417 393 876

Email renee.delacruz@carfa.com.au

Web rdimelbourne@bigpond.com

Christine Chalmers-Manton

Mobile 0431 103 844

Email christine@connecting-minds.com.au

Frossa Mrakas

Parent coaching and support for parents and children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The daily challenges faced by many parents of children with an ASD can be overwhelming and exhausting. Learn ways of coping more effectively and become more resilient in your day-to-day life.

- Understanding your child's diagnosis
- Parenting skills specific to the child's needs
- Entitlements in terms of services and financial support
- Education and schooling issues
- Self-advocacy skills
- Coping skills for grief, stress, anxiety, anger and sadness
- Developing resilience within the family: supporting siblings, maintaining family relationships

Frossa has rooms in Burwood and Knox and offers home visits and A/H sessions.

Contact Frossa on 0418 174 545 or email at frossamrakas@hotmail.com

FaHCSIA funding and Medicare rebates can be used for Frossa

Help 4 Families

In home parent coaching and support – this service offers a range of in home services based on individual family needs which includes:

Strategies to improve challenging behaviour
Specialised support to enhance communication
Early Intervention at home
Parent education and much more

Contact Tiffany Birch Mobile 0405 792 527 help4families000@gmail.com

Office :20 Sycamore Grove Mt Evelyn 3796

Chinese Parents Resource Centre

At this centre there is a Chinese Parent's Support Group for Children with Special Needs including autism. They provide culturally appropriate information on ASD and assistance with language issues.

Alpha Employment Services

This is the only employment service in Victoria designed specifically for assisting clients with an autism spectrum disorder to obtain work. The service has recently relocated to East Malvern and enquires can be made by calling Alpha Autism Inc on 9885 2777 or by visiting the webpage: www.alpha-autism.org.au

Good Web Sites - for parents and professionals

The Australian Parenting Website has been given government funding to develop a special section on raising children with autism spectrum disorder. <http://raisingchildren.net.au/> - go to the special needs heading on the top right and click on children with autism. The other sections are good as well.

Amaze (previously Autism Victoria) have a lot of information and resources click on this link <http://www.amaze.org.au/discover/about-autism-spectrum-disorders/resources/>

ACT-Now - Great Fact Sheets for all sorts of autism related difficulties – from grandparents to play ideas mats to diet and sleep <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/research/devpsych/actnow/factsheet.html>

There is a good UK site with information sheets you can download – some are not relevant for Australia. Go to www.oaasis.co.uk

The Australian Autism Education and Training Consortium – has been funded to deliver services to schools and parents of school aged children with autism. The website is www.autismtraining.com.au - You can register on line to be part of the Learning Platform and work through a learning module on autism. It is meant to target teachers but is available to anyone who has access to the net.

Tony Attwood's homepage with lots of information about all aspects of Aspergers Syndrome. www.tonyattwood.com.au

Autism Victoria: www.autismvictoria.org.au

Statewide Autistic Services Inc <http://www.sasi.org.au/>

Gateways Program in Geelong www.autismhelp.info

Irabina on line www.irabina.com (funded by the William Buckland foundation)

Autism Watch aims to provide a scientific perspective on many aspects of autism – run by an American doctor who has a child with autism. Readable and debunks many of the myths about diet mercury etc. www.autism-watch.org

The Research Autism site is produced by a UK group that attempts to counteract the myths on the net with scientifically reliable information about autism, the issues facing people with autism, and the interventions used to help them. www.researchautism.net

A useful free site is www.dotolearn.com there are free pictures, which can be useful for social stories and Make-A-Schedule:

Early Intervention for children with ASD – Guidelines to best Practice – this paper by Margot Prior and Jacqueline Roberts forms the basis of the new autism funding and gives detailed references

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/846804F6D67F34F3CA257280007853DE/\\$File/autrev.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/846804F6D67F34F3CA257280007853DE/$File/autrev.pdf)

Early Days – for free parenting workshops <http://www.earlydays.net.au/>– or phone 1800 334 155

FAHCSIA - Authorised Panel providers to access the funding available through the pre school autism program therapists need to be selected from the approved panel which can be found at:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/overview/Pages/default.aspx>

Sibling websites at www.sibs.org.au Teenagers: www.yourshout.org.au Sibling link for primary school children at

www.siblink.org.au

There are many books on autism/Aspergers – for all different types abilities and problems. Looking through Amazon website or the Jessica Kingsley website or the web sites below can give lots of suggestions!!

BOOK IN HAND

(deals specifically with books and videos for ASD -huge stock and post books quickly – also will give helpful advice)

PO Box 899

Redcliffe

Qld 4020

Tel 1800 505 221

Fax (07) 3283 8214

Email Blackman@eis.net.au

Web site www.bookinhand.com.au

FOOTPRINTS

1/6a Prosperoty Parade

WARRIEWOOD NSW 2102

Tel (02) 9997 3973

Email sales@footprint.com.au

Website www.footprint.com.au

Good local sources are:

COORDINATES THERAPY BOOK AND TOY SHOP

10 Collier Cres. Brunswick 3056

PO Box 59 West Brunswick 3055

Tel 03 9380 1127

Fax 03 9387 4829

Email jenny@therapybookshop.com

Web site www.therapybookshop.com

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375 Camberwell Road

Camberwell 3124

Victoria Australia

Tel 03 9813 2533

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Email books@peoplemaking.com.au

Web site www.peoplemaking.com.au

OPEN LEAVES

79 Cardigan Street

CARLTON Vic 3053

Tel 9347 2355

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Web site www.openleaves.com.au

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