

How can you connect with the service?

Families can contact our service directly by telephone. With family consent, your child's teacher, community nurses, GPs and other health professionals can ask us to contact you.

Where is your closest Child Development Service?

Child Development Services are located across country WA.

Please refer to the Child Development Services directory for your local Child Development Service, available at

www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/childdevelopment or talk to your Child Health Nurse, School Health Nurse, General Practitioner or teacher.

Tell us what you think about the service

We are committed to providing a quality service. Listening to your ideas and feedback lets us know what is working well and what can be improved. Please talk to our team about the many different ways you can tell us about our service.



Patient Opinion (www.patientopinion.org.au) allows you to provide feedback about our service online.

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Child development describes the changes in children as they grow. All children develop at different rates, with some children needing extra support to develop and strengthen their skills. This includes skills such as eating, hearing, talking, understanding, movement, hand skills, and social/play skills.

If you have questions about your child's development you can talk to your Child Health Nurse, School Health Nurse, General Practitioner or teacher. They may suggest you contact your local Child Development Service for support. They may also suggest other supports available in your community.

Further general information about child development can be found at

- Raising Children's Network www.raisingchildren.net.au
- Pregnancy, Birth and Baby www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au
- Ngala www.ngala.com.au



What services are provided?

WA Country Health Service (WACHS) offers a range of free child development services for families of children from birth to 18 years of age. Parents, carers and families play the most important role in supporting their child's development. Our teams work with families to:

- Discuss and explore your questions and priorities for your child's development.
- Assist you to develop a plan to support your child's development.
- Work with you to develop strategies and ideas to carry out with your child.
- Support you to strengthen your child's skills in everyday activities.
- With your consent, work with other people who can help achieve your goals (e.g. schools, childcare).
- Monitor your child's progress towards their goals.
- Provide information and links to other services in your community.

We will discuss with families options for where our services can be accessed (such as health service, school, home, and play group) and the way the service is provided (such as phone, telehealth and in person).

Who is part of the team?

Children, parents, family members and carers are an important part of the team. Other team members may include:

- Allied Health Assistants
- Aboriginal Health Workers or Liaison Officers
- Audiologists
- Child and School Health Nurses
- Dietitians
- Occupational Therapists
- Paediatricians
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Speech Pathologists.

Depending on your child's needs you may see one or more of our team members.

