Government of **Western Australia**
WA Country Health Service

Child Development Service

Together with country WA families and communities, we support children to reach their full developmental potential.



The Child Development Service is a free service for children and young people from birth to 17 years of age and their families.

We work in partnership with families to identify goals that are important to them.

We share information, practical strategies and support to promote participation, learning and development in everyday life.

Understanding child development

All children develop at different rates, and some may need extra support to develop and strengthen their skills. These may include:

- Talking, language and understanding
- Movement and coordination
- Hand skills
- Social interaction and play
- Attention, concentration and managing emotions
- Feeding and eating
- Hearing

If you have questions about your child's development

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development, you can talk to your GP, child health nurse, school health nurse, teacher or educator. They may suggest contacting your local Child Development Service or connect you with other supports available in your community.

Working together

Parents, carers and families play the most important role in supporting their child's development.

Our team works alongside you to:

- Understand your developmental concerns, priorities and what is important to your family.
- Identify strengths and areas where additional support may be helpful.
- Develop goals that are meaningful to you and your child.
- Share practical strategies that can be used during everyday activities and routines.
- Support participation at home, school, childcare and in the community.
- Work together with schools, childcare services and other people who can help achieve your goals.
- Review your child's progress and adjust supports as needs and goals change.
- Connect you with other services and supports when needed.

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Who is part of the team?

You and your child are an important part of the team.

Depending on your child's needs, support may be provided by one or more members of our team including:

- Paediatricians
- Nurses
- Speech pathologists
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Dietitians
- Social workers
- Audiologists
- Clinical psychologists
- Allied health assistants
- Aboriginal liaison officers



How services are delivered

Every family is different, so we offer flexible service options to support what works best for you. Support may be provided through individual appointments, group programs or parent information workshops.

Services can be delivered virtually, in clinics, or in community settings.

We welcome families from all cultural and language backgrounds. Interpreter services can be arranged if needed, including for Aboriginal families, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Accessing the service

Families can contact the Child Development Service directly. With your consent, your child's teacher, child health nurse, GP or another health professional may also help connect you with our service.

Child Development Services are located across country WA. To find your nearest service and their contact details, visit our website.

Contact us

Discover more about the developmental services provided by WA Country Health Service by visiting our website via the QR code or wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/Child-Development-Services

Speak to a staff member
Share your experience with the staff caring for the child.

Feedback form
Complete the online feedback form

Send us an email
Send an email to WACHS.ChildDevelopmentProgram@health.wa.gov.au

Share your story online
You can share your experience publicly or anonymously via Care Opinion