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Children's Services

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Early Childhood Services

From birth to six years of age

Early Childhood Intervention Services

... provide therapy and educational support to children with developmental delay or disability. We assist children through fun play activities to best use their strengths and abilities and to participate, learn and develop skills within their home and community with their family and friends.

We use a family centred approach, supporting all family members to access information and resources that will assist them in their responsibilities as carers and to gain support from significant others in their lives.

Inclusive Kindergarten Programs

Altona North Early Childhood Centre, Narre Warren Central Children's Centre and The Patch Early Learning Centre run three and four year old kindergarten groups that are especially designed by our teachers to include children with additional needs.

With higher staff/child ratios and the curriculum, routines and activities adapted to enable each child to participate at their own level, learn at their own pace and join in with their peers, the individual needs of all children are met.

Therapists ensure that the environment, equipment and activities are adapted for the successful participation, skill development and enjoyment of children with developmental delay or disability.



Early Childhood Intervention Services - Extra Flexible Support Packages

... offer assistance for families who have a child with a disability or developmental delay and complex support needs.

Children must be eligible for, or already accessing, Early Childhood Intervention Services (but not necessarily from Yooralla), and live in the Southern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

These individually designed packages of time-limited supports and services aim to address each family's priorities and achieve specific child and family goals to ensure the child can participate, and be included, in all activities of family and community life. Note: This program is not auspiced by Yooralla in other regions of Melbourne or Victoria.

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Kindergarten Inclusion Support Services

... support the inclusion of children with severe disability to access, and participate in, their local community kindergarten in the Southern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne.

Approved support may include extra staff to increase the staff/child ratios in the kindergarten, staff training, or resources to support the kindergarten group.

Specific DHS eligibility criteria must be met before support can be approved.

Families must also be eligible for, or receive, the Centrelink carer's allowance.

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School Services

... provide support for students with disabilities in school settings.

Facility based services in special school settings are located at Glenroy and Belmore Specialist Schools. An integrated collaborative approach is used to support students with multiple and complex needs, ensuring each individual is able to participate in and gain maximum benefit from, the school curriculum.



Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech Pathologists, Nurses, Equipment Technicians, Program Assistants and Attendant Carers all support these special school programs.

Community based **Outreach Services** are also available through therapists who support students in mainstream, special, Catholic and private school settings.



Recreation Services

... provide wide ranging fun, adventurous and/or relaxing recreational pursuits that give feelings of wellbeing, physical achievement and purpose, as well as the opportunity of making friends and getting out and about in the community.

Activities include swimming, camping, attending children's activity groups, youth groups, and holiday camps.

Call the Recreation team today to see what's going on in your neighbourhood.

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Facility based Respite Services

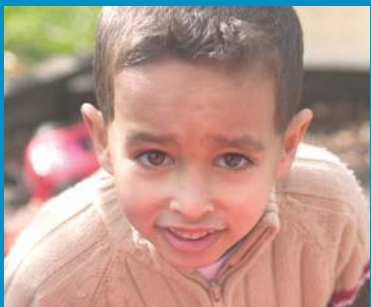
... provide short term out-of-home accommodation for people with disabilities aged from five to 64 years of age at houses in Box Hill (Eastern Region), Reservoir and Glenroy (North Western Region). These services support people with physical, intellectual and multiple disabilities, as well as those with complex physical support needs. The Reservoir service is specifically designed to support individuals with intellectual disabilities and behaviours of concern.

In-home Respite Services

... provide support for people with disabilities in their own homes, as well as assisting them to get out into the community, while giving their families and primary carers a break.

Breakaway Flexible Respite Service

... provide funds to carers for planned and emergency respite in and out of the home. This allows people to choose the type of respite that best suits their individual needs.



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Respite Coordination Services & Individualised Planning Services

... provide assistance to primary carers of children with a disability to identify and access meaningful respite according to their individual need. It assists primary carers to navigate a sometimes complex respite system and is ideal for people requiring support to explore community based options.



Family Options

... provides alternate family-based care for children and adults with disabilities who are unable to remain living at home with their birth families.

Family placement case managers assist in coordinating and supporting alternate family placements and act as a link between the birth family and alternate family.



The complete range of Yooralla service brochures are available under the following titles:

- Somewhere to Live
- Information and Equipment Services
- Getting Out and About
- Children's Services
- Employment and Choices for School Leavers
- Having a Break
- Getting Information and Making Plans

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