

Child Development Program

The Child Development Program works with families, health professionals and health services to improve the health and well-being of children and young people with development concerns.

We can assess, diagnose and offer intervention services for children in the community, and care for children with rare developmental conditions at the Queensland Children's Hospital.

The program includes the:

- Child Development Service
- Queensland Children's Hospital Child Development Service
- Community Allied Health Service

Child Development Service

The Child Development Service helps children who have multiple concerns and questions about their development. This service offers assessment and diagnosis to support understanding for children and their families in their local community.

Our team includes:

- **Developmental paediatricians** (understand how children develop and grow up)
- **Occupational therapists** (understand how children do everyday activities like play and learn)
- **Nurses** (help our families and coordinate care)
- **Physiotherapists** (understand how children move)
- **Psychologists** (understand children's behaviour, emotions and how they think)

What is child development?

Child development is the process of children learning different life skills, such as walking, talking, listening and eating, as they grow older. Children typically learn skills, also called developmental milestones in a predictable order and period of time. Understanding a child's strengths and difficulties will help them be involved in childhood activities and achieve their full potential.

- **Speech pathologists** (understand how children talk, understand words and eat)
- **Social workers** (understand how families fit together)

Our locations across Greater Brisbane:

- **North:** Caboolture, Deception Bay, North Lakes and Strathpine
- **Central:** Coorparoo, Inala, Keperra and Redlands
- **South:** Beenleigh, Browns Plains, Logan Central and Yarrabilba



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Queensland Children's Hospital Child Development Service

The Queensland Children's Hospital Child Development Service sees children and young people from across Queensland with developmental needs and complex medical conditions. We also see children and young people with specific needs in the following clinics:

- 22q (also called 22q11.2 deletion syndrome or '22qDS')
- Rett Syndrome
- Prader Willi Syndrome
- Tuberous Sclerosis
- Hearing loss
- Angelman Syndrome

Community Allied Health Service

The Community Allied Health Service cares for children in the Greater Brisbane area who have a concern in one developmental area. Our team of physiotherapists, speech pathologists and dietitians help children with concerns relating to movement, talking and listening and diet.

Locations in Greater Brisbane:

- **North:** Deception Bay, North Lakes and Strathpine
- **Central:** Coorparoo, Inala, Wynnum and Keperra
- **South:** Browns Plains and Logan Central

Please note: Services may not be offered at all locations at all times. Call our Community Access and Bookings Service (see 'Contact us' below) if you have any questions.

Accessing the service

Your child will need a referral to the Child Development Program from a general practitioner (GP), a general paediatrician or other medical specialist.



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Contact us

Call the Children's Health Queensland Community Access and Bookings Service if you have any questions.

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