

Ellen Barron Family Centre

Pre-referral Guidelines

Ellen Barron Family Centre (EBFC) provides a Statewide specialist child health service to families requiring tertiary level intensive (residential inpatient and/or residential virtual) support to gain practical skills and confidence in parenting young children from birth up to the child's third birthday. EBFC receives referrals from across Queensland, northern New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

REFERRAL CRITERIA

- The parent/carer has agreed to participate in the program.
- The parent/carer does not require immediate intervention for their emotional well-being and is fully capable of actively participating in the program throughout their admission.
- The parent/carer is currently experiencing parenting concerns of a complex nature which could be assisted by strategies in an intensive residential inpatient or residential virtual program.
- Children with complex health conditions are ideally referred once necessary investigations have been completed (ie. MRI/CT/EEG/bloods) and treatment has been initiated.
- The parent/carer is currently experiencing parenting issues of a complex nature, where community based service intervention such as the Child Health Service; Infant and/or Adult Mental Health Services; Allied Health Services; and Parenting Groups, have been unsuccessful in addressing concerns.
- Parent/carer agrees and acknowledges not to use any illicit substances or alcohol during the admission (except prescribed opiate replacement therapy, prescribed medicinal cannabis and TGA approved vapouriser).
- There are no current acute illnesses or infectious diseases of family members.
- If admission is related to complex feeding/medical issues, a current feeding plan and relevant medical review and treatment plans are in place.

REFERRAL PROCESS

- To support triaging of the referral and streamlining the admission process, please ensure that the referral is filled out in full.
- Details for all admitting family members/support persons should be included on the referral for example full name, phone number, email address and DOB.

REFERRAL OUTCOMES

- Families accepted for admission will be contacted directly for booking.
- Written correspondence will be sent to the referrer for referrals that are not accepted to EBFC.



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