

Child Development Sub Network

Queensland Child and Youth Clinical Network

Fact Sheet

What is the Child Development Sub Network (CDSN)?

The CDSN, under the auspice of the Queensland Child and Youth Clinical Network (QCYCN), is a statewide partnership of child development services (CDS) founded on common principles of service delivery that are evidence informed and lead to better outcomes for children, families and the wider community of Queensland. With statewide multidisciplinary membership, the purpose of the CDSN is to provide clear apolitical advice on matters regarding CDSs in Queensland Hospital and Health Services (HHS) with reference to:

- Service delivery and standards of clinical care
- Planning, quality, research and clinical information systems
- Present and future workforce issues
- Local policy and advocacy as they relate to the above
- Adding value by supporting an integrated approach to services for children and families to optimise their development and wellbeing in order to reach their full potential

The group meets monthly, has representation from 13/15 HHSs and operates on the following values:

- Investing in relationships
- Identifying the importance of a common language to describe the core business, roles and responsibilities of this area.
- Encouraging application of systems (big picture) thinking while acknowledging that each context is unique.
- By building on what is already done.

Key documents

The CDSN has developed the following key documents which support the delivery of high quality, contemporary specialist child services while also assisting to decrease the variation in care across Queensland:

- Core business Statement for Specialist CDSs in Queensland
- [Childhood maltreatment](#)
- [Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Position Statement](#)
- [Act Now for a Better Tomorrow 2013 to 2020 : Child Development in Qld Hospital and Health Services \(2013\)](#)
- [Understanding the Development and Participation of Children with Significant Health Needs](#)

What are the benefits to child development service providers?

- Decreased variation in care across health services.
- Collective influence on HHS managers and clinical leaders regarding how care and services are provided for children.
- Collective influence on Department and Health policy and planning.
- Capacity building and leadership support.
- Opportunity to translate research into clinical and policy action

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