



**DPV**  
Health

# Early Childhood Development Program



DPV Health's Early Childhood Development Services provide parents and families with the knowledge, skills and support to meet their child's developmental needs and participation in community life. Our Early Childhood Development Key Worker model is recognised as best-practice in **Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)** across the sector and under the NDIS.



DPV Health offers an experienced and qualified Early Childhood Development workforce with all Key Workers being tertiary qualified and registered with a professional body. Our team of specialists include – Specialist Teachers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, **Child Psychologists**, **Play Therapists** and Music Therapists. We work in partnership with your family and other key people within the usual routine of your child's day-to-day experiences, by offering:

- › Individualised programs for children aged 0 – 6 years
- › Individualised programs for children aged 7 – 12 years
- › Group programs at our sites for children aged 0 – 12 years

### Key Highlights of our Model:

- › Every child (0 – 6 years) and family is assigned their own key worker.
- › The key worker focuses on the strengths of the child and family, and fosters relationships and communication founded on trust, honesty and respect.
- › The key worker understands that their role is to work alongside families to develop and work towards your goals.
- › The key worker recognises that the child and family's needs will change, and ensures that the Family Services and Support Plan is regularly reviewed with the family, so that it delivers the right support at the right time.
- › Support services are tailored to meet your child's individual needs and goals and to fit naturally into the family routine, home and community setting.
- › Information is provided in a way that builds up the family's confidence in making decisions and engaging in your early years and community programs.



# 0-6 Years

Our child-and-family centred approach in which DPV Health works alongside you with all the support and expert therapy programs to optimise your child's development.

- › This model is delivered under the 'best practice' principles of the keyworker model, thus allowing true flexibility of service for each child, delivered within their natural learning environments.
- › The therapies will be based on a capacity-building model of support, ensuring families are building skills and knowledge of their child and supporting them to integrate strategies and supports into home and community settings.
- › Travel will be costed into the model to allow therapists to work alongside the child, family, educators and other providers to ensure an integrated holistic approach to supports across a variety of settings.
- › DPV Health recommends a minimal support package to ensure effective plan development, goal setting, implementation across settings, evaluation of plan and recommendations for future/ongoing plan development.
- › The packages and support will align with our geographic site boundaries and travel policy and procedure.





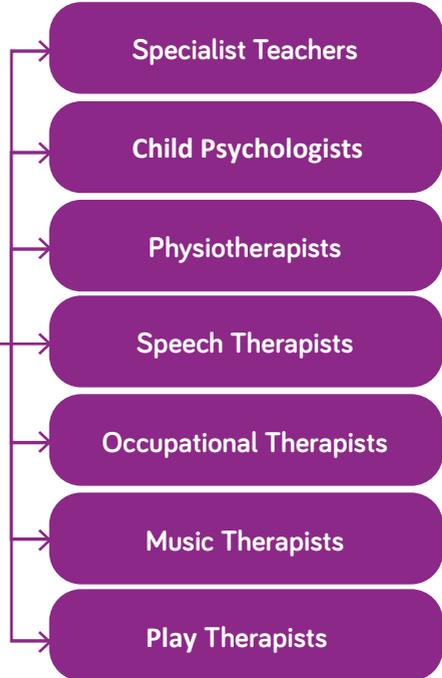
## 0—6 Years



Parent/  
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Key  
Worker





# 7-12 Years

Our program is designed to give young children the chance to learn new skills, in an environment best suited to the child – home, school or a DPV Health centre in our community.

- › A range of packages of support are available based on therapy delivered by qualified and experienced therapists.
  - › Our team of specialists include speech therapists, occupational therapists, music therapists, play therapists, child psychologists and physiotherapists.
- \* Centre based therapy with a clinician – provided by qualified and experienced therapists across the life of your plan.
- \* School based supports in school hours – provided by professional therapists against targeted goals within a defined time frame. Our preference is to work within the classroom to build the capacity of all educators working with your child. Travel is included in your total hours of support.
- \* Home based support by a clinician – provided by qualified and experienced therapists against targeted goals.
- \* Minimal packages of support are recommended to assist with optimal skill development across the life of your plan.
- \* The packages and support will align with our geographic site boundaries and travel policy and procedure.



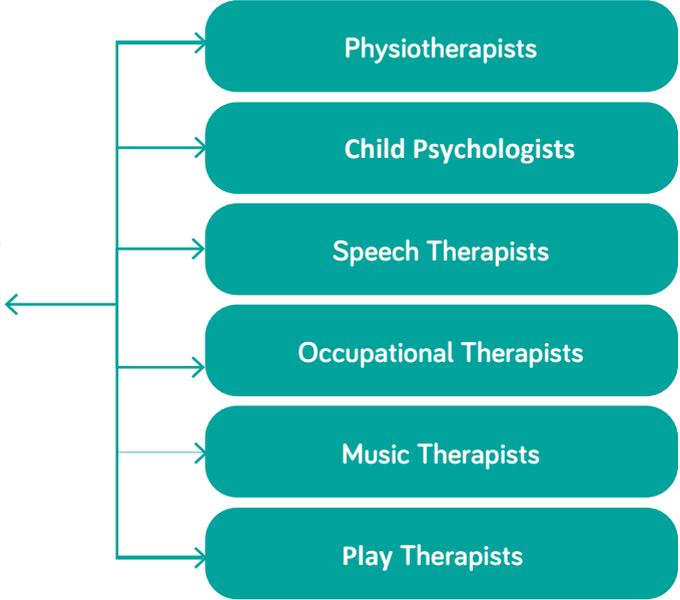


## 7–12 Years



Parent/  
Carer

Child



# Group Programs

Our Group Programs focus on building skills and achieving developmental goals in a fun, shared learning environment.

- > Group programs are a valuable and well utilised support, particularly for those families who are less engaged with their community or feel they currently don't have the capacity to engage with broader early years support services.
- > Groups can also provide a space for children to develop targeted skills in a smaller, less overwhelming and highly specialised environment that then provides a foundation to develop a supported move into a larger group environment such as kindergarten or child care.
- > Groups may offer a range of interactive play based activities to build skills such as communication, play, social and movement skills.

## Music Therapy

The aim of this group is to build communication and social skills. Communication skills are developed by following instructions embedded in songs and making choices; social skills through activities such as sharing and taking turns. The group will use a variety of music therapy methods including, singing familiar songs, exploring musical instruments, movement and music activities.

## Lego Therapy Group

This group will involve working together to build a Lego creation, free play and snacks. The Lego Club group requires a 1:3 ratio of therapists/teachers to children to facilitate the group goals. This group aims at helping the child improve their communication skills through meaningful interactions and dialogue, teaching them how to get along with others and work together in a team, follow verbal instructions and most of all, to have fun!

## Play & Movement Group

The aim of this group is to build communication, movement and play skills. The group will include welcome/ farewell activities, movement-based games, musical-fun, sensory exploration and peer-focussed social activities.

## Social Skills Group (ASD)

This evidence-based Social Skills Group is designed for children who have started school or are transitioning to school, including children who may have been assessed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The focus will be on learning successful social strategies that can be generalized into other environments, such as school, home and sporting activities. It will include a range of activities that encourage making choices, teaching parents how to support their child through interest-based learning, strategies to assist children to identify and manage their own behaviours, conflict resolution, providing sensory supports and using appropriate social skills.

\* Current research shows that children learn best in the context of their caregiver and peers, so there is an expectation that a family member/carer support the engagement of the child in the group.

*The above are just examples of some of the group programs we offer. For more details, speak with your key worker.*

## Service Locations

### Broadmeadows

1 Sorrento Street  
Broadmeadows, VIC 3047

### Meadow Heights

21-27 Hudson Circuit  
Meadow Heights, VIC 3048

### Craigieburn

55 Craigieburn Rd  
Craigieburn, VIC 3064

### Mill Park

20 Civic Drive  
Mill Park, VIC 3082



## How do I make an appointment?

To access our services, please call the DPV Health Intake Team on **1300 234 263** and select Option 3.

We accept referrals from your GP, paediatricians, specialists, maternal and child health nurse or other health professionals, and early years educators.

All referrals MUST have parental consent.

## Fees

Fees may apply. Refer to our Service Fee Schedule. Your fee will be determined prior to your first service.

NDIS Services: Fees apply and are based on NDIS Price Guide.

## Access to Interpreter Services

Interpreters are available. If you require an interpreter, please let our staff know at the time of making an appointment.



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