



Allied Health Professionals

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Introduction

Kerry Street Community School recognises the valuable contribution Allied Health Professionals provide to support the wellbeing and learning of children and young people.

Our school collaborates with both parents and allied health professionals to meet the needs of students and support their learning and development. This may include sharing information about a student and what activities might work best to support them. In some cases, where it is suitable, this may mean working directly with the provider in the classroom.

What are allied health professionals?

Allied health professionals are external providers from non-school organisations who attend the school to observe, consult teachers and work with students individually, or in small groups to support the achievement of goals in students Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Externally funded health, disability and wellbeing service providers may seek to provide their services to students at the school during school hours. Access to the school by an externally funded allied health professional is at the discretion of the principal. Allied health professionals are not funded or engaged by the school.

Services may be provided by one or more of the following health professionals.

Paediatrician

Paediatricians assess children for developmental delays or difficulties and will discuss any concerns with parents/carers. A paediatrician may refer children to other team members or specialist services.

At a school level, a paediatrician may consult with teachers, and/or attend school to make observations to inform their assessment.

Speech Pathologist

Speech pathologists work with children and their families to develop communication skills. This includes improving childrens' ability to understand and use speech and language appropriately, and to be understood by others. Speech therapists may also support the development of reading and writing skills. Speech pathologists can also help if a child has eating, drinking or swallowing problems.

At a school level, speech pathologists consult teachers, observe students, create programs that support IEPs and can provide ongoing therapy.

Physiotherapist

A physiotherapist develops programs to help children improve their physical abilities, gross motor skills, and co-ordination, looking at skills such as rolling, crawling, walking, balance and ball skills.

At a school level, physiotherapists may consult with teachers, provide recommendations for an IEP, or provide ongoing therapy.

Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists work to help improve childrens' play, fine motor skills, co-ordination (e.g. drawing and writing), sensory skills, daily life skills (e.g. eating, dressing) and regulation skills.

At school, occupational therapists consult teachers, observe students, provide ongoing individual or group activities to support learning.

Social Worker

A social worker can offer counselling and support to families.

At a school level, a social worker may consult with teachers, observe students and provide recommendations for adjustments.

Clinical Psychologist

Clinical psychologists specialise in the assessment and treatment of childrens' behavioural development, learning and emotional problems.

At school level, a clinical psychologist consults with teachers, observes students, makes recommendations for adjustments and provides ongoing treatment to students.

Audiologist

Audiologists test a child's hearing and listening skills and prescribes treatment if needed.

An audiologist may consult with teachers and make recommendations for adjustments to learning.

Podiatrist

Podiatrists provide assessment and treatment for concerns relating to feet and gait (walking pattern).

A podiatrist may attend school to make observations and consult with teachers.

How to request the service for your child to be provided at school

1. Firstly, make your request to the principal in writing so that there is a record of your request. The principal will consider your request.
2. Meet with the principal or the school staff they nominate. This may be during your normal planning meetings with the school about your child's learning and support.
 - You may want to invite the therapy provider to the meeting. Note: The school will not meet any costs for providers to attend meetings at school.
 - Bring all relevant documents and information to the meeting. This may include reports from specialists or therapists, or your child's NDIS support plan.
 - Discuss with the school possible days and times for the service to be provided at school.
3. The principal will then need time to consider your request and let you know their decision.

When might Allied Health Professionals engage with schools?

An Allied Health Professional may engage with a school for the following reasons:

- Parent Request E.g., A parent has sought external support and would like to request engagement with a service.
- Teacher Recommendation E.g., A teacher has recommended that you seek external support, if requested, they may provide you with a letter of support to give to your health care provider.
- Child Health Nurse or Dental Visits – these are organised through the Department of Health, and permissions forms will be send home explaining their services.

Please note: An Allied Health Professional will only engage and make contact with the school with parent involvement and approval, and the school can only liaise with the service with written permission from the parent.

Who supports the School?

The School and teachers also seek support to cater for students needs through various organisations. Two of these include:

AISWA School Psychology Service

The role of AISWA Educational Psychologists is to provide expert advice to teachers and schools through consultations, case conferences, case management and implementation of strategies and programmes. The AISWA Educational Psychologist is not a service for parents or students to access.

Child Health Nurse

Whilst the Child Health Nurse is a service that is accessible by parents, schools utilise their services for advice, screenings and health and development professional learning and workshops.

Where to find support in the community

Family Support Services

Organisation/Service	About	Contact
Family Support Network	Government funded organisation that provides support to families by linking families into services including family support and counselling, parenting support, homelessness services, family and domestic violence services and community support.	1300 951 190 www.wafsn.org.au
Ngala – Parenting Line	Ngala supports parents, families and communities to enhance the wellbeing and development of children and young people. Parenting line is for parents of children aged 0-18 years.	08 9368 9368
Parenting WA Line	The Parenting WA Line provide telephone information, support and referrals to parents, carers and families taking care of a child or children aged from pre-birth to 18 years. Parenting support officers can also provide information and referrals to local community support services and programs. Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm	08 6279 1200 1800 654 432 parentingwaline@dlgc. wa.gov.au Facebook: 'Parenting WA'
Relationships Australia	Relationships Australia is an organisation that offers resources to couples, individuals and families to help enhance and support relationships or provide support with family separation.	Phone: 1300 364 277 Counselling: 6164 0190 www.relationshipswa.org.au
Wanslea – Children and Parenting Support	Government funded organisation that supports families in their home to help you build confidence and skills to provide a nurturing environment and safe care for your children.	08 9245 2441 www.wanslea.asn.au

Counselling and Psychology

Organisation/Service	About	Contact
Ajay Hawkes – Uplift Counselling	Psychodynamic Psychotherapist and Hakomi Therapist	0421 476 429
Angela Ranallo	Clinical Social Worker Child and Family Therapist www.childfamilytherapycounselling.com.au	08 9319 8262 angelaran@bigpond.com
Jane Hancock – South Fremantle Health and Counselling	Counsellor	0417 934 945
Healthfocus Clinical Psychology Services	Practice of Clinical Psychologists – Monique Armstrong-Burgin is highly recommended.	08 6369 1191
Jane Locke	Clinical Psychologist	0468 629 980 janerlocke@gmail.com
Kids Help Line	The Kids Help Line is a free and confidential, 24-hour telephone counselling and online service for 5 to 25 year old's.	1800 551 800 counsellor@kidshelpline.com.au www.kidshelp.com.au
Lifeline	Lifeline provides a 24-hour telephone counselling service and a crisis support chat service each night from 7pm to 4am (AEST) via the website	131 114 www.lifeline.org.au
Nicole Setton	Counsellor – Loss and grief, transitions and adjustments, relationships, trauma, depression, anxiety, personal growth and development	0466 840 466
Pek Yen Lee – Perth Children's Counselling	Play Therapy and Children's Counselling	0403 914 072
SANE Australia	SANE is an independent national charity working for a better life for people affected by mental illness and their carers. HELPLINE operates Monday – Friday 9-5 AEST	1800 187 263 helpline@sane.org

Intervention Specialists

Organisation/Service	About	Contact
Ability Centre	The Ability Centre focuses on providing intervention for children with disability aged 0-7.	1300 106 106 www.abilitycentre.com.au
Autism Association of WA		08 9489 8900 www.autism.org.au
Calm and Connected	Occupational Therapy Services	0430 645 086
DSF – Dyslexia SPELD Foundation	DSF provides a range of clinical services to support children struggling with literacy and/or numeracy including: consultations, assessments, therapy, counselling, and tutoring	08 9217 2500 www.dsf.net.au
Kids Are Kids!	Kids Are Kids! Provide government funded programs to children and families, including: Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and/or Psychology services.	08 9313 6566 www.kidsarekids.org.au
Rocky Bay	Provides services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological support, Rehabilitation and skills development, Social Work and Hydrotherapy.	08 9383 5111 www.rockybay.org.au
Senses Australia	Provides early intervention services for children with disabilities including physical, sensory and motor difficulties and intellectual disabilities.	08 9473 5400 www.senses.org.au
Sensory Connections	Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, Social Skills Therapy	08 9382 8538
Skillbuilders	Provides therapy to children including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Therapy.	1300 132 785 www.skillbuilders.com.au
Spectrum Space	Formerly Autism West – assessments, consultants, education and training	www.spectrumspace.org.au
Therapy Focus	Support children aged 0-8 with therapy including: Play and social skill development, Communication skill development, Mobility and movement skills, Toileting, self-care and hygiene skill development, Relationship development, Behaviour support, Sensory and emotional regulation, and more.	1300 135 373 www.therapyfocus.org.au
Wize Therapy	Wize Therapy provides physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology to young children with disability.	08 9317 7932 www.wizetherapy.com.au

Medical and Health Services

Organisation/Service	About	Contact
13SICK	Home doctor	13 74 25
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	CAMHS provides mental health programs to infants, children and young people up to the age of 17.	Fremantle: 08 9435 9700 Acute Response team: 1800 048 636
Dr Stephanie Greeff	Paediatrician – Murdoch Wexford Medical	08 9332 5652
Dr Alpana Kulkarni	Paediatrician – Murdoch Wexford Medical	08 9467 6361
Dr Chester Tan Development Clinic	Paediatrician	08 6336 9455
Dr Hock Leng Chua	Paediatrician	08 9497 1771
Health Direct	24 hour health advice	1800 022 222 www.healthdirect.gov.au
Mental Health Emergency Response Line	Provides over the phone risk assessments for suicidal ideations and non-suicidal self-injury	1300 555 788
Poisons Information Services	Provides information on poison or drug indigestion/inhalation	13 11 26