



fact sheet - eligibility criteria

RESIDENTIAL CRITERIA

Must be a resident of the ACT.

- Where there is shared parental responsibility and one carer lives in NSW and one carer in ACT, clients are able to access Therapy ACT services on the basis of their ACT address.
- Clients who are in the care of the Chief Executive DHCS, (Territory Parent), who reside in foster care placements in NSW, are eligible for services based on guardianship arrangement and their family residence in ACT.
- Clients residing in foster care placements in the ACT who are in the care of NSW authority are able to access Therapy ACT services while they are in care in the ACT.

ELIGIBLE for Therapy ACT Services:

- People who have communication disorders including specific speech and language impairment and dyspraxia. Stuttering issues in children up to end of primary school age.
- People who have delays in their early development in the areas of gross motor, fine motor, communication skills, self help skills and feeding conditions which are not associated with a medical condition.
- People with developmental disabilities who require therapeutic support in order to participate in their community. Examples include disabilities such as Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus, seizure disorders, and other genetic syndromes, such as Muscular Dystrophy, where the disability presents before the age of 18 years.
- People with permanent disability as a result of acquired brain injury or disease process incurred after birth and prior to late-adolescence. Examples include motor vehicle accidents, childhood meningitis and encephalitis, childhood degenerative neurological conditions or tumours.
- People who require assessment for Pervasive Developmental Disorder.





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INELIGIBLE for Therapy ACT Services

- Where medical or other conditions (including mental health and orthopaedic issues) co-occur with delays in development or developmental disability, Therapy ACT will provide services in relation to the developmental or disability issues and not the co-occurring medical / mental health condition.
- Where a developmental disability is present before the age of 18, but symptoms do not become apparent until adulthood, Therapy ACT will not provide services on the basis of the issue not presenting before age 18 years.
- People with issues related to medical or other conditions that are in isolation from a delay in development or developmental disability are not eligible for Therapy ACT services.
 - Examples of issues, which cannot be addressed by Therapy ACT, include:
 - Issues relating to medical conditions such as Perthes Disease, Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Arthrogyrosis, Primary Osteoarthritis, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Juvenile Dermatomyositis Osteomyelitis, Scoliosis, velo-pharyngeal insufficiency and cancers.
 - Issues relating to medical / orthopaedic conditions evident at birth such as talipes, congenital dislocation of the hips, cleft palate
 - Issues relating to conditions / disorders such as Motor Neurone Disease, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological disorders, stroke, spinal cord injury, attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD), acquired brain injury (ABI) acquired during late adolescence or adulthood.
 - Issues relating to mental illness or behavioural problems that are not related to or inherent components of the person's delays in development or developmental disability. Includes depression, anxiety disorders, attachment disorder, conduct disorder, personality disorder, truancy, bullying, and forensic/criminal behaviours.
 - Issues related to adolescent and adult dysfluency.
 - Issues related to voice disorders.
 - Issues related to dysphagia and feeding problems that are related to medical conditions or medical intervention (respiratory and oesophageal conditions) such as failure to thrive, weight loss, reflux, stenosis and behavioural feeding issues.
 - Literacy or numeracy issues for children over the age of 8 years.

