

DIRECTORY
for
AUTISM SPECTRUM
ASSESSMENTS and SERVICES
in the Eastern Region

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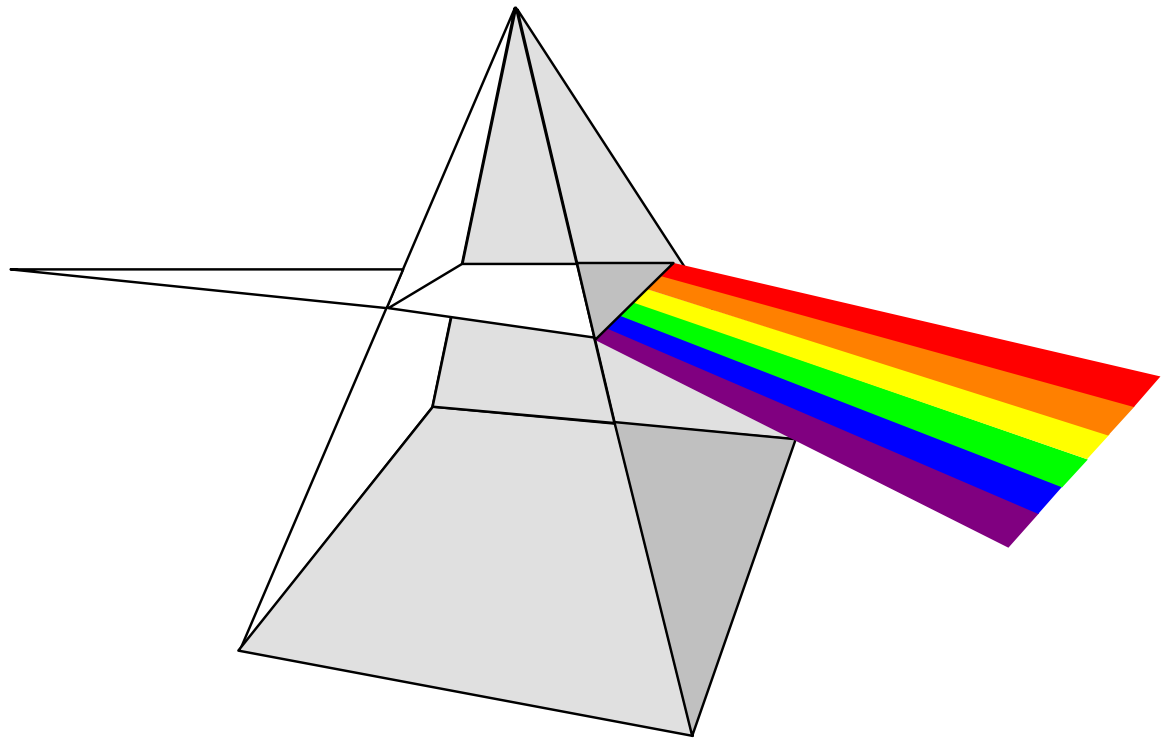


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AUTISM ASSESSMENTS AT EASTERN HEALTH CAMHS

Eastern Health CAMHS has a tertiary referral team for autism assessments and an educational program for community professionals who conduct autism assessments.

The Eastern Health CAMHS Autism Team does not provide on going support for children with autism and recommends that all children with a major developmental difficult have a paediatrician/child psychiatrist.

The Eastern Health CAMHS Autism Team is happy to provide secondary consultation to the paediatrician/child psychiatrist .

The Eastern Health CAMHS Autism Team is based at Box Hill and comprises a paediatrician, psychologist, speech pathologist and occupational therapist. The team accepts cases if they have had assessments within the community or CAMHS and there is still a question about the diagnosis of autism.

The Victorian Department of Education has legislated that a paediatrician or a child psychiatrist can make the diagnosis of autism together with a speech pathologist and a psychologist. All children should have a full audiology assessment. Occupational therapy and educational assessments are valuable but not essential for diagnosis for integration support at a State School.

A team diagnosis is NOT needed to access early childhood intervention services. (but may be needed for the new Federal initiative once it is establishe with Autism Victoria)

A team assessment for integration funding at school can take place prior to school entry using the staff at the early childhood intervention service and/or the Education Department from the future school with the child's paediatrician or psychiatrist.

This booklet identifies the public and private professionals within the community who can work as teams or individuals to assess a child for autism.

There are publicly funded teams of psychologists and speech pathologists who work closely with private paediatricians and psychiatrists. The teams identified are:

- Illoura ECIP in Knox for local children
- Specialist Children's Services - Inner and Outer teams
- Maroondah and Whitehorse Community Health Centres
- Department of Education
- Irabina Childhood Autism Services can provide private speech and psychology assessments at a reduced cost or a team assessment as part of the child's early childhood intervention package.

There are private psychologists and speech pathologists who also have close working relationships with paediatricians and psychiatrists in their locality.

If a child is referred to Eastern Health CAMHS who has not had any professional involvement they are asked to obtain a GP referral to one of the interested paediatricians/child psychiatrist. Once the child has had an assessment with a suitable paediatrician/child psychiatrist a referral can be made to the team if there is any doubt or concern about the diagnosis of autism. A referral can be made by any member of the assessment team or by the parents provided there is a paediatrician /child psychiatrist involved.

A referral to CAMHS can also be made if there are significant cultural or social reasons that make other methods of assessment difficult. This must be discussed with the Autism team directly

The waiting time to date has been short. Members of the initial assessment team are welcome to attend – an assessment with the parents' permission.

As of July 2008 there are new Medicare item numbers for autism **assessment** up to the age of 13 years. These item numbers give rebates on assessments by a speech pathologist, occupational therapist OR psychologist. A total of four rebates are allowed before the child's 13th birthday.

There are also new Medicare items that paediatricians and psychiatrists can use to complete the assessment and provide a report. So an assessment within the community is now more accessible than ever. Publicly funded services are limited and the use of private services will help resources to be targeted to those in greatest financial need.

For a private assessment with a paediatrician/child psychiatrist please note that the Medicare safety net for charges above the Medicare rebate and up to the Schedule fee is only \$400 if the child has a health care card (children with autism will generally qualify for health care card). So check with the paediatrician/child psychiatrist about their fees and complete the forms for the Medicare safety net.

In addition there are new Medicare item numbers for autism **treatment** up to the age of 15 years provided the child has been diagnosed before they are 13 years old. These item numbers give rebates on treatments by a speech pathologist, occupational therapist OR psychologist. A total of 20 rebates are allowed before the child's 15th birthday. The child must see a paediatrician or psychiatrist and be charged a specific Medicare item number to access these sessions. Details of the Medicare items are provided on page 12.

New Federal Funding for Autism in pre school children

Later this year pre school children with a formal diagnosis of autism will be able to access \$6,000 a year for two years before commencing school. (Children in remote country areas will get an additional \$2,000 per year – but no definition of remote country at present) Still do not know what date – funding start to become available 1st October but services then have to get organised and advisors have to be trained.

This funding will be given to recognized service providers on a panel of service providers. Tenders for becoming a service provider are currently being requested. To qualify the service provider has to show that they provide a multidisciplinary program.

The child will be initially referred to an Autism Advisor appointed by Autism Victoria. There will be 4 – 5 such advisors for the whole of Victoria but as yet these positions have not been advertised and the necessary qualifications for holding such a position are not clear.

The autism advisor will make sure that the child has the correct paper work to show that they are autistic – i.e. a speech pathology assessment, psychology assessment and a paediatric or child psychiatry report. We do not know specifically what reports are required and if this includes the whole spectrum or just autism.

Once the child has been approved by the autism advisor they will be referred to one of the service providers to commence therapy. This is worked out with the parents and the service provider depending on their preferences and the child's needs.

This is in addition to the State Government funded services.

Ideally the State Government service would be the same as the panel service e.g. Irabina are applying and could expand the child program using the funding. This does not have to be the case the child could use the State Government programs for one need and the panel programs for another.

PAEDIATRICIANS

<p>Dr Lionel Lubitz Specialist Centre Royal Children's Hospital PARKVILLE 3052 Tel 9347 1155 also Austin and Repat Medical Centre</p> <p>Dr Richard Mc Neill 2 Mountain Gate Drive, FERNTREE GULLY 3156. PO Box 1287 Tel 9758 4666</p> <p>Dr Chris Pappas Cabrini Children's Centre 1st Floor Cabrini Hospital 183 Wattleree Rd MALVERN 3144 Tel 9500 1011 Fax 9509 1022</p> <p>Dr Katie Heathershaw Melbourne Children's Clinic Unit 1 44 Warra St KOOYONG VILLAGE 3144 Tel 9822 8028</p> <p>Dr Cathy Mc Adam 122 David St. DANDENONG 3175 Tel 9791 4344</p> <p>Dr Barry Kras 17 Murray St CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9543 7652</p> <p>Dr Brian Timms Knox Private Hospital 92107300 370 Blackburn rd MTWAVERLEY 9802 8055 Ringwood Private Hospital 88044050 Micham Private Hospital 9210 3146</p>	<p>Dr David Cutting 102 Anderson St, LILYDALE 3140 Tel 9739 7250</p> <p>Dr Philip Rosengarten 122 David St DANDENONG 3175 Tel 9791 4344</p> <p>Dr Kerryn Saunders Suite 42 Level 1 Fawkner Towers 431 St Kilda Rd MELBOURNE 3004 Tel : 9820 0410 Fax 9820 0793</p> <p>Dr Maryanne Lobo Burwood Specialist Health Care 396 Burwood Hwy BURWOOD 3125 Tel 9888 8166</p> <p>Dr James Hu Elgar Specialist Centre 496 Elgar Rd BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9890 5606 Fax 9890 5441 17 Morrah St PARKVILLE 3052 Tel : 9347 5309</p> <p>Dr Ann Turner Melbourne Children's Clinic, Suite 2/321 Camberwell Rd, CAMBERWELL Vic 3124, Tel: 98135700.</p>	<p>Dr Chitra Chandran Suite 7 90 Mitcham Rd DONVALE 3111 Tel 9841 9388</p> <p>Dr Colin Feekery Private consulting suites Masada Hospital 26 Balaclava Rd East St Kilda 3182 Ph 9038-1600</p> <p>Dr Bronwyn Cathels Dr Kate Thomson 429 Barkers Road, KEW, 3101 Tel 9817 4688</p> <p>Dr Phillip Graves 111 Atkinson St OAKLEIGH 3166 Tel 9563 0133</p> <p>Dr Ian Rawlinson Eltham Specialist Centre 28 Luck St ELTHAM 3095 Tel 9431 0455 Northpark Consulting Rooms Cnr Plenty and Greenhills Rdr BUNDOORA 3088 Tel 9467 1222</p> <p>Dr Anthony Chin William Angliss Hospital FERNTREE GULLY Tel 9594 666</p>
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CHILD PSYCHIATRISTS

<p>Dr Trish Coulton 77 Laburnum St BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9894 4739</p> <p>Dr Mark Lowen 17 Murray St CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9543 7652</p> <p>Prof Bruce Tonge 56 High Street WOODEND 3442 Tel 5427 4052 Fax 5427 1016</p>	<p>Dr Richard Kefford 77 Laburnum St BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9894 4739</p> <p>Dr Richard England 1 Murray St CLAYTON 3168 Tel. 9562 9695</p>	<p>Dr Gerrard King 20 Kildare St HAWTHORN 3122 Tel 983 1381</p> <p>Dr Alan Blanthorn 1st floor 43 Carrington Rd BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9843 5855</p>	<p>Dr Porpavai Kasiannan Suite 210 1 Princess St KEW 3101 Tel 9017 9849</p> <p>Dr John Stevens and Dr Paul Wilson Stradbroke Consulting Rooms 1068 Burke Rd NORTH BALWYN Tel 9859 400</p>
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A GP referral is needed for seeing a paediatrician or psychiatrist

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS with a special interest in autism

<p>Dr Lynette Wong Mobile 0447 730 060 email gremlyn2@bigpond.net.au Available for home visits also</p>		
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PUBLIC/SEMI PRIVATE - ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Publicly funded teams

<p>Illoura E.C.I.S. 72 Francis Cres FERNTREE GULLY 3156 Tel 9758 7991 Fax 9758 0268 Email; illoura@knox.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Psychologist: Zuzanna Wojcik Speech pathologists: Kay Peck Ruth Cahill Sally Duff Melissa Hedstrom</p>	<p>Occupational therapist: Sue Outhred Sarah Zaidel Generally this team can provide assessment in conjunction with a paediatrician for Knox City Council children under school age who are enrolled at Illoura ECIS</p>
<p>Monash Medical Centre Developmental Disabilities Clinic</p>	<p>Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9594 2399</p>	<p>Dr Philip Graves</p>
<p>Irabina Childhood Autism Services 193 Bayswater Road, Bayswater.3153. Tel 9720 1118 Fax 9720 6641</p>	<p>Speech Pathologist: Bernadette Fraraccio Psychologists: Gaye Mc. Dermott Gwen Crawford Sonia Street</p>	<p>Dianne Bailey-Tribe This team can provide some assessment for registered clients at Irabina and will also conduct assessments at a fee</p>

Specialist Children Services Team

SCS provide multidisciplinary team assessments to a small number of selected children as part of their on going support and work with families. SCS does not provide an assessment-only service. SCS team assessments may contribute to the decision-making processes by which a Paediatrician or Child Psychiatrist may make the diagnosis of autism.

Referrals can be made by contacting the Intake Workers on 1300 662 655 9am – 5pm weekdays

Manager: Raymond Burnett
 Team Leader (Inner Eastern Team): Anat Elbaz, Glenys Freeman
 Team Leader (Outer Eastern Team): Jann Kirkland
 Team Leader (Early Childhood Intervention Services): Yvette Laurel
 Tel: 9265 2524

Inner Eastern Team: 295 Springvale Rd 28 GLEN WAVERLEY	Outer Eastern Team: Warrandyte Road, EAST RINGWOOD, 3134
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Community Health Centres

<p>Ranges Community Health 1624 Burwood Highway BELGRAVE 3160 Tel 9754 8963 (and 17 Clarke Street, LILYDALE)</p> <p>Contact Intake Worker for referrals to the Child Health Team (OT, SP, Psych, CHN), based at Belgrave.</p>	<p>EACH Maroondah Social and CHCH 75 Patterson St EAST RINGWOOD 3134 Tel 9879 3933 Psychologists: Siobhan Hannigan Alexandra Tait Speech pathologist: Sharon Pretty/Anne Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Whitehorse CHS 43 Carrington Rd BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9874 2174 Psychologist: Sonia Prescott Speech pathologist: Kate Salman/Karen Svanosio Occupational Therapist Lisa Edwards</p>
<p>Knox Community Health 0-6 Speech assessments 3-10 Occupational Therapy 1063 Burwood Hwy FERNTREE GULLY 3156 Tel: 97576200 Fax: 9752 3750</p>		<p>Yarra Ranges CHC</p>
<p>Monash Link Community Health Service 0 – 6 years speech and developmental assessments 568 Neerim Rd HUGHES 3166 Tel 9568 2599 Fax 9563 2893</p>	<p>Monash Link Community Health Service 0 – 6 years speech and developmental assessments 7 Dunscombe Ave GLEN WAVERLEY 3150 Tel: 9568 2599 Fax: 98023416</p>	<p>Monash Link Community Health Service 0 – 6 years speech and developmental assessments 11 Cooke St CLAYTON 3168 Tel: 9543 9142 Fax: 9554 9821</p>
<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service - Paediatric Allied Health Service for children who require assistance in one main area of development</p> <p>Priority is given to families/children who are health care card or pension card holders</p>	<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service –</p> <p>Occupational Therapist <12 years</p> <p>Speech Pathologist - preschoolers</p> <p>Dietician and Podiatrist - children of all ages</p>	<p>The Yarra Valley Community Health Service - All referrals need to be sent to the ‘Service Coordinator’</p> <p>Tel: 1300 130 381 Fax: 5962 3429 Mail: Shop 2/297 Maroondah Hwy, HEALESVILLE Vic 3777</p> <p>Available to post codes 3139, 3770, 3775, 3777, 3797, 3799</p>

Department of Education and Early Childhood Services

For details of educational support available you can contact the local school principal or the main office of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Tel 8561 2700

Senior Staff

<p>Mark Pierce - senior psych Heathmont College Waters Grove HEATHMONT 3135 Tel 9871 4855 Fax 9879 4888</p>	<p>Julie O Byrne – senior psych Pembroke Primary School Pembroke Rd MOOROOLBARK 3138 Tel 9723 5877</p>	<p>Rosa Ickowicz – senior psych Orchard Grove Primary School, 101 Orchard Grove, BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130 Ph: 9894 3400</p>
<p>Marian Rybalko – senior psych Doncaster Secondary College Church Rd DONCASTER 3108 Tel 98561061</p>	<p>Susanne Muir – senior speech Kew East PS Kitchener St KEW EAST 3102 Tel 9859 2432</p>	<p>Leanne Pollock – senior speech Pinewood Primary School Pinewood Drv. MT WAVERLY 3149 Tel 9886 5269</p>
<p>Ken Urquhart – senior psych Heatherwood School 370 Springvale Rd Donvale 3111 Tel 9842 8319</p>	<p>Ieuan Williams - Consultant Psychologist to the Regional Director for ASD assessments Bulleen Heights Special School PO Box 5 BULLEEN 3105 Tel 9850 7122</p>	

Catholic Schools

The government has allocated resources to Catholic Schools for conducting assessments but individual schools choose to use these resources as they see fit.

Others

Centres which would not routinely accept a child for an autistic assessment but in the course of their work may assess a child whom they consider is autistic and need to liaise with a other professionals

Services for the Deaf

<p>Aurora School (previously Princess Elizabeth Junior School and Monnington Centre) 96 Holland Rd BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130 Tel 88789878</p>	<p>Aurora provides services to children who have a hearing loss and ASD. This service can also provide psychology assessments for children with hearing loss.</p> <p>Psychologist: Gaye Mc Dermott</p>	
<p>Taralye 137 Blackburn Rd BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9877 1300</p>		

PRIVATE - ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Psychologists

<p>Heather Mitchem Suite 11, 497 Burke Rd CAMBERWELL 3124 Tel 9824 4530 Fax 9824 4630</p> <p>Margaret Charlton 177 Glen Iris Rd GLEN IRIS 3146 Tel 9885 3004/Fax 9885 3394</p> <p>Richard Eisenmajer 4 Wills St GLEN IRIS 3146 Tel 9886 0188 Fax 9885 2066</p> <p>Sonia Street PO Box 107 CROYDON Tel 9733 1196 Email sonia.street@bigpond.com</p> <p>Helen Chau Suite 11 497 Burke Rd CAMBERWELL 3124 Tel 9824 4530 Fax 9824 4630 122 David St DANDENONG 3175 Fax 97949174 Mobile 0411 592 219 Speaks Cantonese</p> <p>Gwen Crawford 921 Station Street BOX HILL NORTH 3129 978 Main Rd ELTHAM 3095 Tel 9430 5050 Mobile 0417 384 325 Email gwenc@bigpond.net.au</p> <p>Lana-Joy Durik Smiles all round 589 Whitehorse Rd MITCHAM 3132 Tel 0430 022 705 Email lane-joy@smiles-all-round.com.au</p> <p>Dr Sonia J Prescott 662Elgar rd BOX HILL North 3129 Tel 0421 220 378 Email: susprescott@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Tonya Miles 99 Windsor Court SURREY HILLS 3127 Tel 0413 118 968</p> <p>Janine Manjiviona 544 Brunswick St, NORTH FITZROY 3068 Tel 9891 6835</p> <p>Lewis and Lewis Sue Hymus 58A Melville Rd BRUNSWICK WEST 3055 Tel 9380 5752 Fax 9380 5739</p> <p>Karen Haydon 196 Elgar Rd WATTLE PARK 3128 Tel: 0418 992 666 (P.O.Box 7029 Wattle Park)</p> <p>Gwen McDermott 2 Francis St EAST BRIGHTON 3187 Tel 9596 6830 721 Riversdale Rd CAMBERWELL 3124 Mobile 0419 397 380</p> <p>Catherine Leigh Smith PO Box 657 TORQUAY3228 Provides visiting service 03 52612994 0418146917 leighsmithpsych@bigpond.com</p> <p>Belinda Dan PO Box 5788 WANTIRNA SOUTH 3152 Tel 9887 0055 Mobile 0438 088 940 Fax 9887 0055</p> <p>Fiona Zandt 119 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052 Saturdays only Mobile 0438 291 077.</p> <p>Caroline Buckley Ryans Rd Clinic 1 Parry Rd ELTHAM NORTH Tel 94440904 Mobile 0419421 960</p>	<p>Pam Langford 54 Nepean Hwy BRIGHTON 3186 Tel 9523 9346 Fax 9523 6421</p> <p>Jane McGillivray MONT ALBERT Tel 9898 3392 Email mcgill@deakin.edu.au</p> <p>Ruth Rosalion 18 Martin Street HEIDELBERG, 3084 Tel: 9457 1837 Fax: 9457 4646</p> <p>77 Greythorn Road NORTH BALWYN 3104 Tel: 0419 816350 Fax: 9857 8866</p> <p>Tania Pietrzak CBT Australia 32 Balcome Rd MENTONE 3193 6 Roy Close NARRE WARREN NORTH Tel: 9585 1881 Mobile:0407059617 Email tpietrzak@optusnt.com.au</p> <p>Deidre Brandner Moonee Valley Psychology Group 961 Mount Alexander Rd ESSENDON Tel 9531 0977 Mobile 0413 805 704 Email d_brandner@hotmail.com</p> <p>Lewis and Lewis Australia 58A Melville Rd BRUNSWICK WEST 3055 Tel 9380 5752 Fax 9380 5739</p> <p>The RCH Child and Family Psychology Clinic 1stFloor South Eastern Building Royal Children's Hospital PARKVILLE 3052 www.rch.org.au/psychology/clinics.cfm Email enquires.cfpc@rch.org.au Fax 9345 7915</p>
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Speech Pathologists

<p>Virginia Peacock 2 Ashley Crt RESEARCH 3095 Mobile 0408 106 431</p> <p>Melinda Schambre Word By Mouth Pty Ltd PO Box 2056 RANGEVIEW VIC 3132 589 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham Vic 3132 Tel 0438368287</p> <p>Robyn Stephen Jan Walter Caroline Bates Heidi Rees Patty Pournaris and others 463 A Whitehorse Rd BALWYN 3103 Tel 9830 4111 New Heidelberg practice to open Call 9830 4111 for information</p> <p>Mandy Brent 14 Halley St BLACKBURN Tel: 9878 9417 -Secondary School students</p>	<p>Joanna Murphy 33 Sullivan Avenue ROWVILLE 3178 Tel 9752 7933</p> <p>Melvin Speech Pathology 1222 Toorak Rd CAMBERWELL 3124 Tel 9889 9010 (runs social skills groups)</p> <p>Clarity Plus Speech Pathology Loretta Blackall 196 Elgar Rd WATTLE PARK 3128 Tel: 98080055 (P.O.Box 7029 Wattle Park)</p> <p>Emma Barber 36 Mackie Rd MULGRAVE 3170 Mobile 0417950938 email daleandemma@y7mail.com</p> <p>Anna Breakell 93a Wood St TEMPLESTOWE 3106 Tel 9846 1445</p> <p>Meg Dicker</p>	<p>Robyn de Marco & Karen Chen, Anne Lees 156 Manchester Rd MOOROOLBARK 3138 Tel 9726 0810 (preschool, early school aged)</p> <p>Suzanne Goldin 3/2A Kean St SOUTH CAULFIELD 3162 Tel 9572 4850</p> <p>Danni Jennings Cheeky Monkey Speech Pathology 1/5 Grey St VERMONT 3133 Tel 0412 400 126 cheeky.monkey@aapt.net.au</p> <p>Spectrum Speech Path Christine Kendall and associates 495 Warrigal Rd, ASHBURTON, 3147 Tel: 9886 9130 Fax: 9813 8387 <i>-(for social skills groups contact ratna@unite.com.au)</i> runs groups</p> <p>Andrea Houlihan Po Box 1588 Healesville 3777</p> <p>Patricia Cleslar Healesville EI Vimy Ridge Healsville 3777</p>
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Occupational Therapists

<p>Hilary Cohn 64 The Esplanade CLIFTON HILL 3068 Tel 9482 1402</p> <p>Shelley Van der Werff 5 Elizabeth Crt EMERALD 3782 Tel 59 685 650</p> <p>Diane Tribe 4 Lagoon Crt BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9877 3496</p> <p>OT Discovery Tanya Lowes(runs groups) 40 Silvertown Drive FERNTREE GULLY 3156 Tel 9778 4499 Fax 9778 4900 tanyalowes@otdiscovery.com.au</p>	<p>Angela Madden 59 Highfield RD CANTERBURY Tel 9836 5800</p> <p>Clare Stampa PO Box 43 KERRIMUIR 3129 Tel 9898 8595</p> <p>Dale Proudfoot 36 Mackie Rd MULGRAVE 3170 Mobile 0402 552 157 email daleandemma@y7mail.com</p> <p>Pyman Occupational Therapy Katrina Pyman Croydon South pymanot@hotmail.com Tel 0413 872 735</p>	<p>Christine Siddle Kid-Eze Therapy service PO Box 219 OLINDA 2788 Tel 9751 2881</p> <p>Jumpstart Tali Joffe Tel 0424 387 294 tali@jumpstartautism.com.au</p> <p>PUBLIC Motor Action Group Monash Link Community Health Centre Tel 9568 2599 Contact Liz Porter or duty worker</p> <p>Check Local Council details as they may also provide services locally which can vary term to term</p>
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Private Teams

<p>Irabina Autism Specific Program Diane Tribe 193 Bayswater Road BAYSWATER 3153 Tel 9720 1118 Fax 9720 6641</p> <p>Irabina are now offering speech and psychology assessments. Fees will be charged to cover costs but this will be cheaper than some other private services. The assessments will be offered in conjunction with a private Paediatrician</p> <p>MOOROOLBARK CLINIC Karen Chen – speech pathologist Sonia Street - psychologist 156 Manchester Rd Mooroolbark Tel 9726 0810</p>	<p>RMIT University <u>Developmental Assessment Team (DAT)</u> Comprehensive assessment for children with suspected developmental delay or autism through the: RMIT Bundoora Psychology Clinic Building 209 Bundoora Campus Plenty Rd BUNDOORA Phone 99925 7603 or 99257376 Fax 9925 7303</p> <p>Typical cost is \$820 – 840 including, medica, speech pathology and psychology and comprehensive report A rebate can be claimed through Private Health Insurance extras.</p> <p>Emma Barber speech and Dale Proudfoot OT 36 Mackie Rd MULGRAVE 3170 Mobile 0417950938 email daleandemma@y7mail.com</p>
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AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

<p>Knox Private Hospital. 262 Mountain Hwy WANTIRNA 3152 Tel 9210 7327</p>	<p>Taralye 137 Blackburn Rd BLACKBURN 3130 Tel 9877 1300</p>	<p>Monash Medical Centre 246 Clayton Rd CLAYTON 3168 Tel 9594 6666</p>
<p>Australian Hearing Services Level 1 801 Glenferrie Rd HAWTHORN 3122 Tel 9810 1000</p>	<p>Australian Hearing Services Centro Whitehorse 17 Market St BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9890 0606</p>	<p>Australian Hearing Services 26 – 28 Station Rd CROYDON 3136 Tel 9724 9144</p>
<p>Australian Hearing Services 280 Thomas St DANDENONG 3175 Tel 9794 5274</p>	<p>Melbourne Diagnostic Audiology Suite 3 28 – 32 Arnold St BOX HILL 3128 Tel 9898 0777</p>	<p>Other options include Royal Children’s Hospital and Eye and Ear Hospital</p>

Review of current situation with regards Medicare and autism

The situation is confusing and readjustment needs to be made to the Medicare schedule but we are stuck with the system as it stands.

Major issues are the training of professionals who can charge these fees and lack of availability of those who do know what to do.

This is only going to get worst when the new *Helping Children with Autism* package becomes available - parents of children 0 – 6 not at school will get \$6,000 each year for two years for early intervention therapy in addition to the State Government services.

The other issue is the increased pressure to diagnose autism rather than intellectual disability or developmental delay so children can access therapy.

Medicare items commonly used by paediatricians:

110 (rebate \$115.60) - initial attendance in a single course of therapy.

Can be billed for each new GP referral - no limits

116 (rebate \$58) - each attendance subsequent to the first

119 (rebate \$33)- each minor attendance subsequent to the first

No minimum time duration is necessary for the above items

122 (rebate \$140.6) like the 110 but conducted at patient's home

128 (rebate \$85) like the 116 but conducted at patient's home

131 (rebate \$61.20) like the 119 but conducted at patient's home

132 (rebate \$202.60) - 45 min attendance for an initial assessment of at least two problems (includes behaviour and development and both will be affected by autism) with production of a comprehensive treatment plan. Can be billed once in a 12-month period for each paediatrician.

133 (rebate \$101.45) - 20 min attendance subsequent to the above with a revision of the plans made. Can be billed twice in a 12-month

Minimum time limits for duration of consultation must be met.

Must bill a 132 before getting a rebate on 133

135 (rebate \$202.60) - 45 min assessment for a patient less than 13 years old with any form of PDD – have to do a comprehensive assessment for PDD with treatment and management plan for the GP and allied health professionals. A patient can only ever have one 135 in their life time so if another doctor has done one it cannot be claimed again. Without this assessment the child cannot access the 20 therapy sessions with allied health.

There are also items for case conferences if needed with other care providers of different disciplines.

Note that the rebate is only the Medicare amount that the patient will be able to claim.

The paediatrician usually charges above this rate. The paediatrician may charge the schedule fee and the gap will contribute towards the Medicare Safety net – which is just \$400 for a child with a health care card. Fees charged above the schedule fee cannot be reclaimed or add to the safety net so check what level you are being charged.

Medicare Items for allied health

Autism Assessments by Allied health

Speech pathologists and occupational therapists:

82005 and 82010 (rebate \$67.50) for a 50 minute assessment of autism in a child less than 13 yrs. Patient must have been billed by paediatrician/child psychiatrist

Psychologists:

82000 (rebate \$76.65) for a 50 min assessment of autism in a child less than 13 yrs. Patient must have been billed by a paediatrician/child psychiatrist

Autism Treatment by Allied health

20 sessions of speech pathology, occupational therapy OR psychology can be billed before the child turn 15 yrs. Any combination can be used but the total number of rebates will only be 20 and only once in the child's lifetime.

Speech pathologists and occupational therapists:

82020 and 82025 (rebate \$67.50) for a 30 min individual therapy sessions in a child less than 15yrs with PDD. Child must have been billed a135 or before their 13th birthday – not necessarily by the doctor making the referral.

Psychologists:

82015 (rebate \$76.65) for a 30 min individual therapy sessions in a child less than 15 yrs with PDD. Child must have been billed a 135 before their 13th birthday – not necessarily by the doctor making the referral.

Enhanced Primary Care plan

Treatment is also available by a GP referral under the EPC plan – this gives 5 sessions total a year with a rebate of \$47.85 for a service that lasts at least 20mins with any of the following:

Audiology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, speech pathology, podiatry and some others

Mental Health Care Plan (Better outcomes)

Children with chronic conditions such as autism who have mental health issues e.g. anxiety can access psychology and occupational therapy under this plan. (which suggests the autism sessions may be better used by the speech pathologist)

12 sessions in total per calendar year are available and additional ones if there are exceptional circumstances. The rebates are higher for psychologists.

To access these services the child must have been billed a 110,116,119, 122,128 or a 131. So cannot be referred after a 132, 133 or 135 only.

Psychology rebates under Mental Health Plan:

These sessions may be: individual lasting 20 – 50 minutes (rebate \$76.65), lasting more than 50 minutes (rebate \$112.45). There are higher rebates for these two types of therapy in the home \$95.75 and \$131.55 respectively and also 60 min group sessions of 6 – 10 people rebate \$28.6 per person

Occupational Therapy rebates under Mental Health Plan:

These sessions may be: individual lasting 20 – 50 minutes (rebate \$47.85), lasting more than 50 minutes (rebate \$67.50). There are higher rebates for these two types of therapy in the home \$67.50 and \$87 respectively and also 60 min group sessions of 6 – 10 people rebate \$17.20 per person

The psychologist and occupational therapist must be registered by Medicare as meeting the credentials for provision of this service. So need to check this as not all therapists dealing in early intervention especially OT may have the credentials for mental health provision.

Note social workers can also be accessed under this plan

Only rarely will the Medicare rebate cover the cost charged by the allied health therapist so check how much you are being charged a session before starting therapy.

Private health care funds may also give rebates.

EASTERN HEALTH CAMHS TERTIARY REFERRALS
(for children in the Eastern Health area – see list of suburbs)

If there is any doubt about the diagnosis by any member of an assessment team or by the parents then the child should be referred to Eastern Health CAMHS for a second opinion. A referral to CAMHS can also be made if there are cultural or social reasons that make other methods of assessment difficult.

All children must have a paediatrician or child psychiatrist in the community who can provide follow on care.

To date the waiting list is short. A member of the initial assessment team should make the referral, which should include copies of all available and relevant reports.

Members of the initial assessment team are welcome to attend the assessment with the parents' permission.

Please contact:

Intake EH CAMHS
Upton House
Box Hill Hospital
BOX HILL 3128
1300 721 927
Fax 9895 4672

The referral will be passed on to Dr Sian Hughes, Coordinator of Autistic Assessments and if necessary Dr Hughes will speak further to those involved. If you wish to discuss the referral with Dr Hughes please call her directly on 9843 1200 on Monday or Tuesday 9.30am to 4pm. The parents/caregivers and all members of the initial assessment team will be informed of the date of the assessment.

The Eastern Health CAMHS Autistic Assessment Team is based at the:

Eastern Health Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service,
Box Hill Campus,
Level 3/ 43 Carrington Road
BOX HILL 3128
Tel: 9843 1200
Fax: 9843 1299
Email: Sian.Hughes@easternhealth.org.au

The team members are:

Dr Sian Hughes - Coordinator, Paediatrician
Karen Haydon - Psychologist
Debbie Plastow - Speech Pathologist
Hannah Schotten - Occupational Therapist

Boundaries of Eastern Health CAMHS

<p>City of Knox</p> <p>Bayswater 3153 Boronia 3155 Ferntree Gully 3156 Knoxfield 3180 Lysterfield 3156 Rowville 3178 Scoresby 3179 The Basin 3154 Upper Ferntree Gully 3156 Wantirna 3152 Wantirna South 3152</p> <p>City of Manningham</p> <p>Doncaster 3109 Doncaster East 3109 Donvale 3111 Park Orchards 3114 Templestowe 3106 Templestowe Lower 3107 Warrandyte 3113 Warrandyte South 3134 Wonga Park 3115</p> <p>City of Maroondah</p> <p>Bayswater North 3153 Croydon 3136 Croydon North 3136 Croydon West 3136 Heathmont 3135 Kilsyth 3137 Kilsyth South 3137 Ringwood 3134 Ringwood East 3135 Ringwood North 3135 Warranwood 3134</p> <p>City of Monash</p> <p>Amstel 3166 Ashwood 3147 Brandon Park 3170 Burwood 3125 Chadstone 3148 Clarinda 3169 Clayton 3168 Clayton North 3168 Glen Waverley 3150 Hughesdale 3166</p>	<p>Huntingdale 3166 Jordanville 3148 Mount Waverley 3149 Mulgrave 3170 Nottingham 3168 Oakleigh 3166 Oakleigh East 3166 Springvale North 3150 Syndal 3149 Syndal East 3150 Westall 3169 Wheelers Hill 3150</p> <p>City of Whitehorse</p> <p>Bennetswood 3125 Blackburn 3130 Blackburn North 3130 Blackburn South 3130 Box Hill 3128 Box Hill South 3128 Burwood East 3151 Forest Hill 3131 Mitcham 3132 Mount Albert 3127 Nunawading 3131 Parkmore 3131 Vermont 3133 Vermont South 3133</p> <p>Yarra Ranges</p> <p>Avonsleigh 3782 Wesburn 3799 Beenak 3139 Woori Yallock 3139 Belgrave 3160 Yarra Junction 3797 Belgrave Heights 3160 Yering 3770 Belgrave South 3160 Yeringberg 3770 Big Pat's Creek 3799 Burleigh 3795 Chirnside Park 3116 Clematis 3782 Coldstream 3770 Coldstream West 3770 Emerald 3782 Ferny Creek 3786 Gladysdale 3797 Gruere 3770</p>	<p>Hoddles Creek 3139 Kallista 3791 Kalorama 3766 Launching Place 3139 Lilydale 3140 Macclesfield 3782 Menzies Creek 3159 Millgrove 3799 Monbulk 3793 Montrose 3765 Montrose South 3765 Mooroolbark 3138 Mount Dandenong 3767 Mount Evelyn 3796 Narre Warren East 3804 Olinda 3788 Powelltown 3797 Sassafras 3787 Selby 3159 Seville 3139 Seville East 3139 Sherbrooke 3789 Silvan 3795 Silvan East 3795 Tecoma 3160 The Patch 3792 Tremont 3785 Upwey 3158 Wandin 3139 Wandin East 3139 Warburton 3799 Warburton East 3799 Warramate 3139</p> <p>Healesville 3777</p> <p>Burgoyne Chum Creek Dixons Creek 3775 Glenn Watts Gracedale Manangon Monda Narbethong 3778 Parish of Granton Steavenson Sutton Taponga Tarrawarra North Woodbourne 3717 Yarra Glen 3775 Youassabuk</p>
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AUSTIN HEALTH CAMHS TERTIARY REFERRALS
(for children in the Austin Health area – see list of suburbs)

Austin CAMHS - Developmental Assessment Program

Austin Health
 Edward Wilson Building
 PO BOX 5555
 HEIDELBERG 3084
Tel: (03) 9496 3620
Fax: 9496 3653

Contact person: Jan Rudd

Boundaries of Austin Health CAMHS

<p>City of Banyule Briar Hill 3088 Banyule 3084 Bundoora 3083 Greensborough 3088 Heidleberg 3085 Heidleberg West 3081 Ivanhoe 3079 Ivanhoe East 3079 Lower Plenty 3093 Macleod 3085 Montmorency 3094 Rosanna 3084 Rosanna East 3084 St Helena 3088 View Bank 3084 Watsonia 3087 Yallambie 3085</p> <p>City of Boroondara Alamein 3147 Ashburton 3147 Auburn 3122 Balwyn 3103 Balwyn North 3104 Camberwell 3124 Canterbury 3126 Chatham 3127 Deep Dean 3103 Faversham 3217 Glen Iris 3146 Glenferrie 3122 Greythorne 3104 Hartwell 3124 Hawthorn 3122 Hawthorn East 3123 Kew 3101 Kew East 3102 Kew North 3102</p>	<p>Riversdale 3124 Solway 3147 Stradbroke Park 3102 Willison 3124 Yooralla/Balwyn 3103 Yooralla/Balwyn 3104</p> <p>City of Darebin Bell 3072 Croxton 3070 Darebin 3079 Dennis 3070 Fairfield 3078 Geln Park 3095 Gilbank 3073 Kingsbury 3083 Merri 3070 Mont Park 3085 Northcote 3070 Pender 3071 Plenty 3090 Preston 3072 Regent 3073 Reservoir 3073 Ruthven 3073 St Helena 3088 Sylvester 3072 Thornbury 3071 Westgarth 3070 Yarrambat 3091</p> <p>City of Nullumbik Arthur's Creek 3099 Briar Hill 3088 Christmas Hills 3775 Cottles Bridge 3099 Diamond Creek 3087 Doreen 3754 Eltham 3095 Eltham North 3095</p>	<p>Kangaroo Ground 3097 Mithans Bridge 3761 Nutfield 3099 Plenty 3090 Plenty Lower 3090 Research 3095 Rob Roy 3775 Smiths Gully 3760 St Andrews 3701 St Andrews North 3761 Warrandyte North 3113 Watson Creek 3097 Wattle Glen 3096 Yarrambat 3091</p> <p>City of Whittlesea Doreen 3754 Donnybrook 3064 Eden Park 3757 Epping 3076 Morang 3752 Hume Valley Lalor 3075 South Morang 3752 Thomastown 3074 Whittlesea 3757 Woodstock</p> <p>City of Yarra Abbotsford 3067 Burnley 3121 Clifton Hill 3068 Collingwood 3066 Fitzroy 3065 Fitzroy North 3068 Richmond 3121 Rushall 3066 Victoria Park 3067</p>
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EASTERN REGION PRESCHOOL FIELD OFFICERS - PSFOs

Pre School Field Officers provide consultation to kindergartens. If there is concern about the development or behaviour of a child attending a kindergarten the staff can request (with parental permission) that the child be seen by the PSFO.

Please note that these contact details change frequently and may not be correct as listed but work as a guide to services available.

<p><u>City of Monash:</u> PO Box 1 Glen Waverley 3150</p> <p>New PSFO being recruited Sept.08 Contact: 9518 3555 for more information.</p>	<p><u>City of Manningham:</u> PO BOX 1 Doncaster 3108</p> <p>Suzy Bennett Tel: 9840 9425 Fax: 9840 9476 suzy.bennett@manningham.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Whitehorse (also Maroondah):</u> Uniting Care Connections 1-3 Pitt Street RINGWOOD 3134</p> <p>Judy Steer Tel: 9871 0216 Fax: 9871 0299 Mobile: 0411889361 judith.steer@careconnections.com.au</p>
<p><u>City of Maroondah (also Whitehorse):</u> Uniting Care Connections 1-3 Pitt Street RINGWOOD 3134 Tel: 9871 0217 Fax: 9871 0299</p> <p>Helen Baker Mobile: 0411889362 helen.baker@careconnections.com.au</p>	<p><u>Knox City Council:</u> Locked Bag 1, Wantirna South 3152 Fax 9800 3096</p> <p>Wendy Grenfell Tue, wed, Fri Tel: 9298 8328 wendy.grenfell@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Deb Moore Tel 9298 8328 Deb.Moore@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Joan Quagliana Full time Tel: 9298 8870 Fax 9801 3921 joan.quagliana@knox.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>City of Boroondara:</u> Private Bag 1 Camberwell 3124 Tel: 9278 4642 Fax 9278 4611</p>
<p><u>Shire of Yarra Ranges</u> P.O.Box 105 Lilydale 3140 Tel: 1300 368 333 Fax 9294 6483</p> <p>Helen Spooner Tel: 9294 6245 Mobile 0409431744 h.spooner@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Jo Kitching Tel: 9294 6474 Mobile 0409 357 956 j.kitching@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p>	<p><u>Koorie Early Childhood field Officer</u> Department of Human Services Locked Bag 2015 Box Hill 3128</p> <p>Anna Briggs Tel: 9843 6352 Fax 9843 6118</p>	

EASTERN REGION - INCLUSION SUPPORT FACILITATORS ISF

ISF provide consultation to childcare centers. If there is concern about the development or behaviour of a child attending a child care centre the staff can request (with parental permission) that the child be seen by the ISF

Please note that these contact details change frequently and may not be correct as listed but work as a guide to services available.

East Middle Melbourne Inclusion Support Agency

Comprising the Cities of: Monash, Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham City Council

City of Monash: P.O. Box 1 Glen Waverley 3150 inclusion@monash.vic.gov.au Tel:9518 3548

Lorrelle Orrman (F/T) Natalie Cincotta (F/T) Barbi Kenny (P/T) Cheryl Nicholls (P/T)

City of Boroondara : Private Bag 1 Camberwell 3124

Sally Kost (F/T) Tel: 9278 4617

& Ame Christiansen (P/T) Tel : 9278 4618

Sally.kost@boroondara.vic.gov.au

ame.Christiansen@boroondara.vic.gov.au

City of Whitehorse: 15 Brunswick Road Mitcham 3132 Fax 9873 8613

Lynn Stewart (F/T) Tel: 9872 3246

Lynn.stewart@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

&

Lynette King & Nicole Dalglish (P/T – Job Share) Tel: 9873 39

lynette.king@whitehorse.vic.gov.au & nicole.Dalglish@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Manningham City Council: PO Box 1, Doncaster Vic 3108

Christine Bourke (P/T ISF)

& Andrea Droste (P/T ISF)

Christine.bourke@manningham.vic.gov.au

andrea.Droste@manningham.vic.gov.au

East Outer Melbourne Inclusion Support Agency - City of Knox and Shire of Yarra Ranges

City of Knox – Dawn Meldrum Group Leader Tel 9298 8150 dawn.meldrum@knox.vic.gov.au

Shire of Yarra Ranges Jane McCahon Coordinator Tel 9294 6213 j.mccahon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

See workers below...

Name	Work	Area Covered	Email address
Dawn Meldrum Group Leader	9298 8150 0423842819	Knox	dawn.meldrum@knox.vic.gov.au
Dani Campbell	9298 8324	Knox	dani.campbell@knox.vic.gov.au
Lisa Knight	9298 8559	Knox / Maroondah	lisa.knight@knox.vic.gov.au
Emma Martin	9298 8802 0423842816	Knox / Maroondah	emma.martin@knox.vic.gov.au
Monica Solomon	9294 6236 0418599781	Yarra Ranges	m.solomon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Kate Forster	9294 6365 0419521587	Yarra Ranges	k.forster@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Kamlesh Sohanpal	9294 6237 0419690322	Maroondah	k.sohanpal@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Margaret Kuyken	9294 6236 0419373498	Yarra Ranges	m.kuyken@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Elaine Gover	9298 8805	Knox/ Maroondah	elaine.gover@knox.vic.gov.au

Early Childhood Intervention Services

for children from birth to school entry with disabilities and developmental delays

Eastern Metropolitan Region – statewide toll free number 1800 783 783

Families may approach services directly or through their service provider.
Eligibility will be confirmed through discussion and observation as appropriate

Agency	Phone	Coordinator	Address
Biala - Box Hill	9899 0508	Nadine Wendt Gwen Sanders	10 Rose Street, BOX HILL 3128 bialaboxhill@westnet.com.au
EPIC	9466 9022		C/o RMIT Plenty Rd, BUNDOORA 3083 epic@rmit.edu.au
Elwyn Morey (Monash only)	9905 2887	Ros Patterson Di Chandler	Monash University Wellington Rd, CLAYTON 3168 elwynmoray@education.monash.edu.au
Healesville ECIP	9905 2887	Sue Lancaster	6 Vimy Ridge, HEALESVILLE 3777 slancaster@each.com.au
Illoura ECIS (Knox only)incl. Autism specific program	9758 7991	Janene Swalwell Sue Cleeve	72 Francis Crescent, FERNTREE GULLY 3156 Illoura@knox.vic.gov.au
Irabina Autism Specific Program	9720 1118 Fax 9720 6641	Diane Tribe	193 Bayswater Road, BAYSWATER 3153 autism@irabina.com
EACH Child Early Intervention Program	9837 3942	Olwyn Flett	75 Patterson Street, EAST RINGWOOD 3135 oflett@each.com.au
Aurora School EIP	8878 9878	Sandra Lindsay	96 Holland Rd, BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130 aurora.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mooroolbark	9726 7135	Donna Jacobs	8 Charles Street, MOOROOLBARK 3138 donnajacobs@optusnet.com.au
Noah's Ark Family Resource	9529 1466		28 The Avenue, Windsor 3181 noahsark@iprimus.com.au
Manningham Community Health Service - STRIDE	9870 8080 Fax 9852 4934		44 Balmoral Av, TEMPLESTOWE 3107 carol.tulberg@onthe.net.au
SCOPE Eastern Specialist Services	9561 1233 Fax 9562 1435		669 Waverley Rd, WAVERLEY 3150 sess@scopevic.org.au
Taralye (Hearing Impaired)	9877 1300		137 Blackburn Road, BLACKBURN 3130 info@taralye.vic.edu.au
Yooralla - The Patch	9756 7853 Fax 9752 1855	Helen Barker	53 Kallista-Emerald Rd THE PATCH 3891 thepatch@yooralla.com.au
Villa Maria St Paul's College EIS	9854 5144 Fax 9855 2340	Anne Muir	Gate 4 3-13 Fernhurst Grove, KEW 3101 Locked Bag 20 KEW 3101 anne.muir@villamaria.com.au 355 Stud Rd, WANTIRNA SOUTH 3152
Warooga (Monash only)	9563 0633	Geraldine Ryan	22 Cabena Crescent, CHADSTONE 3148 warooga@cfcn.org.au
Yarra Valley ECIS	5967 1284 (Tues, Weds, Thurs) 0419 107 296	Naomi Kenwright Sally Duff	Shire of Yarra Ranges, PO Box 105 LILYDALE 3140 Cnr Hoddle St and Warburton Hwy Yarra Junction yrecis@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
Yooralla – Blackburn	9808 6833 Fax 9888 9396	Carmel Browne	19 Neil Court, BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130 blackburns@yooralla.com.au
Healesville ECIP	9905 2887	Bronwyn Forster	6 Vimy Ridge, HEALESVILLE 3777 bforster@each.com.au

Schools that also provide an Early Education Programs for children under school age.

Croydon S.D.S.	9725 4933	Carol Shade	69-95Belmont Road CROYDON 3136 croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au
Burwood East S.D.S.	9803 4590	Gillian Humphries	Manooka Street EAST BURWOOD 3151 burwood.east.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash S.D.S.	9543 4400	Helen McCoy	1 Renver Road CLAYTON 3168 monash.sds.@edumail.vic.gov.au www.monashsds.vic.edu.au
Mt. Evelyn S.D.S.	9736 2499	Christine Sproson	Old Hereford Road MT. EVELYN 3796 mount.evelyn.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN EASTERN CAMHS REGION

School age children with an autism spectrum disorder with or without intellectual disability

Wantirna Heights School Primary only	9720 7492	Lois Thomsen	Kingloch Rd Wantirna 3152 wantirna.heights.sch@edumail.gov.au
Bulleen Heights S.D.S. Primary and secondary ages	9850 7122	Rose Walthers	Pleasant Road BULLEEN 3105 Bullen.heights.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au www.bullenheights.vic.edu.au

School aged children with a mild intellectual disability

Vermont South Special School Primary only	9802 8199	Jan Humphries	Livingstone Rd VERMONT STH 3133 vermont.south.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au www.vermont-south-ss.vic.edu.au
Heatherwood School Secondary only	9842 8319	Paul Hills	370 – 380 Springvale Rd DONVALE 3111 heatherwood.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

School aged children with moderate - profound intellectual disabilities

Croydon S.D.S.	9725 4933	Carol Shade	69-95Belmont Road CROYDON 3136 croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au
Burwood East S.D.S.	9803 4590	Max Collins	Manooka Street EAST BURWOOD 3151 burwood.east.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Monash S.D.S.	9543 4400	Helen McCoy	1 Renver Road CLAYTON 3168 monash.sds.@edumail.vic.gov.au www.monashsds.vic.edu.au
Mt. Evelyn S.D.S.	9736 2499	Christine Sproson	Old Hereford Road MT. EVELYN 3796 mount.evelyn.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

ASSESSMENT SERVICES DIRECTORY - VICTORIA

Austin CAMHS - Developmental Assessment Program Austin Health – HEIDELBERG 3084 Tel: (03) 9496 3620	Royal Children’s Hospital Mental Health Services Travancore – Autism Spectrum Assessment Team 50 Flemington St FLEMINGTON 3131 Tel: (03) 9345 6011 (Western Suburbs to age 15)
Alfred CAMHS Developmental Assessment Service 999 Nepean Hwy MOORABBIN 3189 Tel: (03) 8552 0555	Monash Autism Program MAP Monash CAMHS 246 Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel: (03) 9594 1300 (Coordinator)
Eastern Health CAMHS 21 Ware Crescent EAST RINGWOOD 3135 Tel: (03) 9870 9788	Gateways Support Services 10-12 Albert Street GEELONG WEST 3218 Tel: (03) 5221 2984 (for children under 6)
Developmental Disabilities Clinic - Paediatrics (MMC) 246 Clayton Road CLAYTON 3168 Tel: (03) 9594 2399	Gippsland Autism and Related Disorders Assessment Service LRH Mental Health Services - TARALGON Vic 3844 Tel: (03) 5171 1255
North East CAMHS Autism Spectrum Assessment Team (ASAT) Tel: (03) 5722 4837 WANGARATTA Tel: (02) 6024 7711 WODONGA	Barwon Children’s Health Service 1 Reynolds Rd. BELMONT 3216 Tel: (03) 52267075 (school aged)
Northern Mallee CAMHS – Autism Spectrum Support & Evaluation Team (ASSET) 107 Pine Avenue MILDURA 3500 Tel: (03) 5018 7990	Grampians Region Autism Assessment & Diagnostic Team Ballarat CAMHS Tel: (03) 5320 4100
Goulburn Valley CAMHS Autism Spectrum Assessment Team (ASAT) Operating in SEYMOUR and SHEPPARTON Tel: (03) 5799 0943	Other regional CAMHS teams which offer autistic assessments Bendigo CAMHS – Tel: (03) 5440 6500 Warrnambool CAMHS –Tel: (03) 5561 9100

OTHER RESOURCES THAT CAN ASSIST WITH MANAGEMENT:

Autism Victoria

35 High Street GLEN IRIS VIC 3146
PO Box 235 ASHBURTON VIC 3147
Tel: 9885 0533
Fax: 9885 0508
Email: admin@autismvictoria.org.au
Web site: www.autismvictoria.org.au

Membership costs are low (2008: \$22 for full time students and parents with pension card, \$44 for other families and professionals). The organisation keeps you informed of up coming events on autism as well as having a quarterly "Spectrum" newsletter, a good library for books and videos and short term family counseling. At the centre there is access to a photocopier, scanner, computer and the Boardmaker program for making visuals including a colour printer and laminator. There is a small charge to cover the cost of consumables. There is also a children's quiet play area and reading corner. The web site is very informative and a must for all new families.

Asperger's Syndrome Support Network ASSN

The Nerve Centre
(this is also the [Multiple Sclerosis \(MS\) Society of Victoria](#) building)
54 Railway Rd, Blackburn, VIC 3130
Parking at rear via Solwood Lane
(Melways: Map 48 A9)
Tel.: 03 9845-2766
Email: assnvic@mssociety.com.au
Web site: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~asperger/>

A group of parents who have a family member diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome ranging in age from 3 years to adult. Hold regular coffee mornings and evenings, information sessions and seminars on Asperger's Syndrome.

Association for Children with a Disability

Suite 2, 98 Morang Road,
Hawthorn Victoria 3122
Tel: 9818 2000
Fax: 9818 2300
Freecall: 1800 654 013
Email: mail@acd.org.au
Web site: www.acd.org.au

An information, support and advocacy not for profit organisation for children with a disability and their families, in Victoria. Run by parents of children with a disability and covers all types of disability. Parents, family members, professionals and service providers can contact for information and advice on any issue.

Parents/Carers do not have to be a member to use the services, but membership costs are very low and the main benefits of membership is having the bi-monthly magazine, NoticeBoard mailed directly to you.

Education specialists

<p>Irabina School Support Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">●Consultancy Support for individual students with ASD●Professional Development Activities for School Staff <p>The consultancy support service consists of an observation session of the child and consultation with relevant staff to identify problems and create an individual support plan. A written report is provided by mail. Workshops can be tailored to meet the schools needs.</p> <p>Contact Jacqui Borland Tel 9720 1118 email at autism@irabina.com www.irabina.com</p>	<p>Sian Williams 1:1 Guidance and advocacy for children 2 – 12 yrs Eastern and Southern regions</p> <p>Tel 0417335092 sian@autismaction.com.au</p> <p>Tali Roth Consultancy support and training for students, families and school staff Tel 9509 1691 edulinkau@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Integrated Education and Communication - IEC</p> <p>Staff under the direction of psychologist Ann-Marie Russell can travel to home or organisation</p> <p>Tel 9893 5547 Fax 989 35497 services@abaservicesaustralia.com.au www.abaservicesaustralia.com.au</p>
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Music Therapy

Peter Carthew

PO Box 366 CROYDON 3136

Tel 97231550

Fax 97231150

Music therapy for people with learning problems, social and emotional difficulties, physical and intellectual difficulties – adults and children. “Music Opens us to the rapture of being alive” H Lingerman

Community Music Therapy Access COMMA (division of the DeafBlind Association) provides music therapy services to children and adults with a range of disabilities. Registered music therapists work as facilitators of group and individual programs. Contact the coordinator on 98827055.

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)

Integrated education and Communication

Address: 182 Canterbury Rd, Blackburn Sth, 3130

Phone: (03) 9893 5547

Fax: (03) 9893 5497

Email: services@abaservicesaustralia.com.au

The Autism Behavioural Intervention Association (ABIA) Resource Centre

This is a not-for-profit organisation that supports parents and professionals interested in intensive behavioural programs for young children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). *They also run a good parenting course called "Confident parenting" and other programs like "how not to lose my cool" at various times.*

Attention: [Andrea Swan](#)

PO Box 239

CANTERBURY, VIC, 3126

Tel: 9830 0677

Fax: 9830 0211

Email: info@abia.net.au <<mailto:info@abia.net.au>>

Web site: www.abia.net.au <<http://www.abia.net.au>>

An ABA program is a home based program where therapists work 1:1 with children for many hours per week so it is costly. The therapists are supervised ABA service providers.

Learning for Life Autism Centre

This is a charity that has been established to help fund ABA programs so they are affordable for more families. They have recently set up at premises in Surrey Hills where they will employ and train service providers and monitor children's progress.

276 Canterbury Rd, PO Box 58,

Surrey Hills Vic 3127

Tel: 9836 0422 Mob: 0439 394 500

Fax: 9836 1206

Autism Partnership

Provide ABA and other therapies.

Suite 3, 115 – 125 Victoria Rd

PB Boc 58

Northcote 3070

Site Director Karen McKinnon

Mobile 0438 332 225

Tel 9481 261

info@autismpartnership.com.au

Other services in Eastern Region:

Reach Out For Kids

8 – 10 Silver Grove
NUNAWADING 3131
Tel 9894 1966

All programs are free of charge. Not specifically for children with autism.

Tuesday club – for young people in Grades 4 – 6 with social skills difficulties and low self esteem. Tuesday 4 – 5.30pm

Feeling Cool - for young people in Grades 1 - 3 with social skills difficulties and low self esteem. Wednesdays 1.30 – 3pm

Study Hard – get a life – study skills and tutoring in years 7 – 11. Mondays 4 – 6pm during school terms

Triple C – Cool Calm and Cruising – isolated young people years 7 – 8 Social Recreational personal development
Wednesdays 4 – 6.30pm

Knox Social Skills Group

Knox Community Health service
Courthouse Venue
Call intake on 9757 6257

Social skills group for 6 – 7years and 8 – 9 years 4 – 5.15pm with two parents sessions

Kids with Courage

Knox Community Care
1248 High Street Road
Wantirna Sth
Tel 9871 8900 (ask for Faye)

Seven week program aiming to strengthen primary aged children together with their families who are struggling at school, home or with peer relationships. Not specifically for children with autism. Includes sessions for parents. Cost \$90 concession

Also at Careforce Linkages, Careforce Church, 87 Monbulk Rd, Monbulk Tel 9736 2274

Voice and Movement Program

Angelica Rose Drama for Everyday Life
Doncaster area
Tel 0408 668 055
www.voiceandmovement.com.au
info@voiceandmovement.com.au

Body Language and Social Skills Program This is designed for children with moderate to severe autism. It aims to improve eye contact, body language and verbal skills

Drama for everyday life program This program is designed for children and adults with high functioning autism/Aspergers Syndrome. It assists them to develop appropriate body language a, social skills and self confidence

Circles and Squares

Karinyah Counselling
Glen Waverley
Contact Leslie Tel 9802 2886

Social skills group for children with ASD. Usually held Saturday morning over school terms and cost \$15 – 20 a session

Martial Arts – Life Skills

Contact - Steve
Ultimate Marshal Arts
126 Canterbury Rd
Heathmont
Mobile: 0402 320 503

Not specifically for children with autism but Steve has expertise in managing children with difficulties. Two age groups 6 – 11yrs and 12 – 15yrs . Sessions at 11 – 12 noon on Sundays. \$10 for social competency. \$20 for intensive session

Scope - Communication Aids and Resource Materials

830 Whitehorse Rd
Box Hill 3128
Tel: 98432013
Fax: 9843 2033

Chinese Parents Resource Centre

At this centre there is a Chinese Parent's Support Group for Children with Special Needs including autism. They provide culturally appropriate information on ASD and assistance with language issues.
Suite 11, Level 1, Professional Suite Centre Whitehorse 17 Market St Box Hill 3126. Mrs Ada Poon and Ms Juleen Lau 9898 1965

Alpha Employment Services

This is the only employment service in Victoria designed specifically for assisting clients with an autism spectrum disorder to obtain work. The service has recently relocated to East Malvern and enquires can be made by calling Alpha Autism Inc on 9885 2777 or by visiting the webpage: www.alpha-autism.org.au

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