# Useful child & family services

## Services in Department of Health – provides public allied health services e.g. speech pathology, occupational therapy, counselling & parenting support.

| Community Health (WSAHS) (CONNECTFirst Services) | Ph: 1800222268  
www.health.gov.au |
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## Human Services

**Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC)** – provides information and referrals services

| Metro North Intake Ph: 98419350  
Metro South Intake Ph: 93343700  
www.adhc.nsw.gov.au |
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## Supported playgroups

- **PlayLinks (Parramatta, Auburn, Holroyd & Blacktown)**  
(02)98973635
- **Early Childhood Intervention Mobile Play Group (Early Ed)**  
(02)98971511
- **Family Development Services (Blacktown LGA)**  
Ph: 9620-4194, 0402223755  
www.fdsinc.org.au
- **Hills play group (Hills area)**  
Ph: 9831 5121 or clarep@childrenfirst.asn.au

## Private Allied Health Services (supported by some Medicare rebate)

- **Medicare Support. (Better Access to Mental Health Care and Chronic Disease Management items)**  
Ph: 132 011  
www.health.gov.au
- **Australian Psychological Society – provides information about neuropsychologist and clinical psychologist (search by area & specialties)**  
Ph: 1800333497  
www.psychology.org.au
- **Australian Occupational therapist association NSW (search by area & specialties)**  
(02)96483225  
- **Australian Speech pathologist association NSW (search by area & specialties)**  
(02)97430013  
www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au
- **Australian Physiotherapist association NSW (search by area & specialties)**  
(02)87481555  

## Learning Difficulties Parent help line

(02)98069960

## Community / Family Support Services

- **Northcott Earlystart Diagnosis Support Service – support family in accessing appropriate services**  
Parramatta office: 9890100  
Penrith office: 47204400
- **Brighter Futures – provides targeted support to vulnerable families includes parenting and children services**  
Local DoCS office / Ph: 97162222  
www.community.nsw.gov.au
- **Intensive Family Support Options – intensive family support for families in crisis**  
Metro North Intake  
Ph: 98419350

## Raising Children Network

http://raisingchildren.net.au

## Autism specific services

- **ASPECT Australia – provides information & parent education**  
Ph: 89778377  
www.autismspectrum.org.au
- **Autism Advisor**  
Ph: 1300 978 611  
www.autismspectrum.org.au/aap
- **EarlyDays - provides information & parent education**  
Ph: 1800 334 155  
www.earlydays.net.au
- **Positive partnerships - provides information & parent education**  
www.autismtraining.com.au
- **Commonwealth Carelink – provides respite programs**  
Ph: 1800 052 222