

Child Development Service Referral Information for CDS Stakeholders

The ACT Government's Child Development Service assists families who live in the ACT and have concerns about their 0-6-year-old child's development. This may include concerns about a child developing skills slower than others of the same age in areas such as, speech and language, movement, hand skills, self-care, and social development. Parents and guardians can refer their child to the Child Development Service. With parent/ guardian permission, others may make a referral, including early childhood educators, teachers, GPs, nurses, paediatricians and case workers.

Concern	Children 0-6 years	Referral pathway	Contact
Speech (sounds) Language (understanding and speaking) Fluency Social communication		Speech Pathology Drop In Clinic	For a copy of the Drop In Clinic Timetable Visit: https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice Call Intake: 6207 8884
Feeding / eating concerns		Online referral Form Email Phone call	https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice/child.development@act.gov.au Intake: 6207 8884
General/lower limb posture concerns Gross motor development Clumsiness Difficulties with catching, throwing, kicking balls		Physiotherapy Drop In Clinic	For a copy of the Drop In Clinic Timetable Visit: https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice Call Intake: 6207 8884
Hand skills (excluding Handwriting) Self-care concerns Sensory concerns impacting on participating in activities of daily living Play skills		Occupational Therapy Drop In Clinic	For a copy of the Drop In Clinic Timetable Visit: https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice Call Intake: 6207 8884