

Ready to take the first step?

Families know their children best.

If you've noticed signs with your child's development and aren't sure what they mean, have questions about your child's development or are ready to start looking for support, Thriving Kids is an easy place to start.

Early support, big impact

Thriving Kids can help your family find information, advice and available supports for your child's development.

Getting support for your child's development when they need it can help them to:

- ✓ Build on their strengths
- ✓ Take part in social and learning activities
- ✓ Grow the skills they need for everyday life.

Scan the QR code or visit
health.gov.au/thrivingkids



Helping children develop, learn and grow

Support for families and their children aged 8 and under with extra developmental needs.



Who Thriving Kids is for

Thriving Kids is for families and their children aged 8 and under with development delay or autism.

Developmental delay

Every child develops in their own way. Developmental delay is when young children take more time to build skills like:

- communicating
- learning
- moving
- interacting with others
- managing emotions

Autism

Autism shapes how people experience the world. Autistic children might show differences in how they:

- communicate and interact with people
- understand language and body language
- cope with changes or interruptions
- process information

You don't need a diagnosis to access support through Thriving Kids



Thriving Kids can help you with information and advice, learning about your child's development and finding supports.

Supports will include:



Online information and resources



Trusted advice about child development and autism



Health and development checks, including a new GP check for 3-year-olds



Peer support, parenting groups, facilitated playgroups and family programs



Targeted supports like allied health, low-cost assistive technology or capacity building for families and children who need it.

The supports your child can access may look different in different places, depending on their needs and local services.

Thriving Kids is adding to the existing system of supports for you and your children in your community

Thriving Kids is a joint Australian, state and territory government initiative.



Thriving Kids started in October 2026 and supports are growing over time. All supports will be rolled out by 1 January 2028.



There are no changes to how people access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) until 1 January 2028.



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