

Developmental Educator:

Factsheet for carers



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Information for carers about the type of services that a Developmental Educator can provide to support children and young people.

Developmental Educators (DEs) are allied health professionals who specialise in offering practical support to assist people with disabilities to achieve greater independence.

Developmental Educators -

- Support the development of life skills, social skills, and independence.
- Provide strategies to support positive behaviours and emotional regulation.
- Ensure access to services and supports in the community that will support development.
- Collaborate with other professionals to implement therapeutic interventions that enhance daily functioning.

How do DEs support young children?

- Identifying developmental delays and guide families to support the development of movement, communication, play and social interactions as part of their daily routines.
- Providing carers with resources and training to support infant care and attachment.
- Recommending activities and sensory experiences that encourage exploration and

engagement, supporting cognitive and physical development.

- Designing and implementing play-based learning activities with a focus on the development of language, fine motor skills and social interactions.
- Facilitating group activities to promote cooperation, sharing and emotional regulation.

How do DEs support young people?

- Providing training in essential life skills such as self-care, budgeting, and job readiness, helping young people prepare for independence.
- Offering study skills supports tailored to individual learning needs
- Assisting connection and participation within the community.
- Supporting the young person during significant life transitions.

What can you do?

Contact your DCP case worker and/or child's DE about being an integral part of the therapeutic support provided to your child.

Ask how you can support your child's development in the home environment.

Where can I learn more?

Please visit the DCP carers website for more information in supporting children and young people in care <https://bit.ly/dcp-disability-development> or by scanning the QR code:

