

Intervention

Ratoka Whakawhanake Tamaiti (CDS) can provide intervention programmes in a variety of ways:

- ◆ Individual therapy on a regular basis at the Vera Hayward Centre or at home/ Early Childhood Centre.
- ◆ Regular review/assessment to monitor progress with ideas for home/Early Childhood Centre.
- ◆ Regular home visits in rural areas.
- ◆ Visits to early childhood centres providing information and ensuring continuity of your tamaiti's programme & liaison with Ministry of Education CCS Disability Action.

Transition and Discharge

As your tamaiti approaches discharge from this service, we can help advise you about any ongoing services they may require and assist you in accessing these.

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Child Development Service

Vera Hayward Centre

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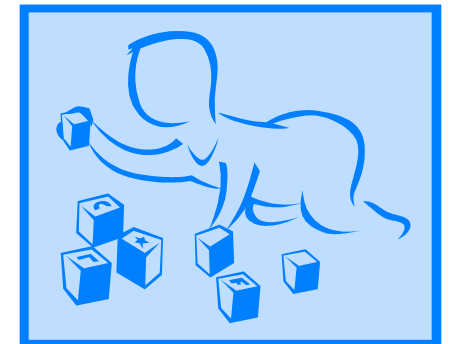
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Vera Hayward Centre



Information for whānau

Ratoka Whakawhanke Tamaiti

Child Development Service (CDS)

The CDS Vera Hayward Centre is based in the Fraser Building, across the road from Dunedin Public Hospital. Our service is primarily for tamariki aged 0-5 years, but we also work with some tamariki and young people aged 5-16 years who meet the intake criteria and are not eligible to receive services through the education system.

We work with pre-term pēpi and tamariki who are identified as having additional needs that might cause developmental delay.

We work in partnership with whānau and other early intervention services to provide and implement an individual development programme (IP) for each tamaiti.

These programmes aim to assist whānau to prepare their tamaiti for inclusion in early childhood and primary school settings.

CDS Team

- ◆ Receptionist
- ◆ Occupational Therapists
- ◆ Paediatrician
- ◆ Physiotherapists
- ◆ Social Workers
- ◆ Speech-Language Therapists
- ◆ Clinical Psychologists
- ◆ Visiting Therapists
- ◆ Autism Coordinator

Referrals

Referrals for children under 5 years of age can be made by:

- ◆ Paediatricians
- ◆ Specialist Physicians
- ◆ Health professionals
- ◆ GP
- ◆ Education Professionals
- ◆ Early Childhood Centres
- ◆ Parents

Referrals for 5-16 year old tamariki/rangatahi need to be made by a medical specialist, e.g. paediatrician.

Pre-assessment

Following a referral for your tamaiti, you will be sent a letter outlining the developmental screening assessment process. There could be a waiting time of a few weeks for the assessment date.

You will be given a patient information form to complete and return before the assessment. You will receive a pre-assessment phone call to discuss the details of the assessment process.

Assessment

The developmental screening assessment is carried out by the team at the Vera Hayward Centre. At the end of the assessment the results will be discussed with you, and you will receive a copy of our written report in the post.

Should your tamaiti require follow-up, we will discuss a management plan with you.