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Kinder Partnerships – Allied Health Services Expression of Interest

Thanks for your enquiry about Kinder Partnerships.

Merri Health is offering allied health services to kindergarten programs through the **School Readiness Funding (SRF)** menu items '*Allied Health: Multi-disciplinary teams (arranged by services independently)*' and '*Speech Pathologist (arranged by services independently)*'.

The purpose of the program is to provide support for early childhood educators and teachers to enhance children's learning outcomes in the areas of communication, wellbeing, and access and inclusion.

The **Kinder Partnerships team** can currently offer **Speech Pathology** support. The team will work with you to develop an individualised package to meet the needs of your service and address your learning objectives. The Kinder Partnerships team is not able to provide assessment and support to individual children within the service. The areas we can provide support in are:

- Communication – language, speech, fluency
- Play and social skills
- Pre-literacy
- Emotional regulation and behaviour
- Self-care skills – toileting, eating, dressing
- Kinder and school preparedness



We can support you by providing:

- Professional development through workshops, presentations and case discussions
- Observation, coaching and mentoring visits to early childhood settings
- Parent/carer workshops, handouts and resource development
- Information about local services and how you can refer children, e.g. local allied health services, NDIS, etc.
- Support with having challenging conversations with families

Please complete the following questions to give us an indication of what your objectives are and how we can best support your service. Based on your responses, we will then develop a plan together.

Name of service:	
Today's date:	
Tell us about your service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Type of service, e.g. sessional kinder, long day care centre</i> • <i>Names & number of kinder groups (3 & 4 year old)</i> • <i>Number of enrolments</i> • <i>Number of teachers, educators and support staff</i> • <i>Days and times of sessions (please provide timetable if possible)</i> • <i>Kinder demographics, e.g. children with additional needs, EAL, etc.</i> 	
What is your main priority area? Communication (language development) Wellbeing (social and emotional) Access and inclusion	Please provide details:
How much funding do you have available to use towards allied health support?	\$
When would you like support to be provided, e.g. which term? Which days and times?	
Who is the key contact person at your centre (please provide contact details)? Who else would you like to be part of the program?	

Please attach a copy of your School Readiness Funding Annual Plan to assist us. We recommend you look back over your goals to help with planning your package.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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