



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCHOOL SERVICES

We welcome the opportunity to discuss with schools their specific needs and collaboratively design a service that promotes their students foundational skill development to enhance participation and confidence within the classroom and school yard.

The following are examples of some of the services that we are able to offer schools.

Screening

An annual screening program in either Kindergarten or Pre-primary years is recommended to identify those children who require additional support. Screening can be conducted in different formats; we have listed them below in order of those that provide the most detailed information, requiring the most amount of time from our staff and thus incur the greatest cost to the school.

- Individual – Administered by one of our Occupational Therapists. Each individual screen takes approximately 30 minutes. We will also conduct some whole class observations.
- Group – Administered by one of our Occupational Therapists in a small group situation; maximum of 4 students at a time. We will also conduct some whole class observations.
- Classroom Observations – One of our Occupational Therapists observes the students within the class and break times for approximately 3 hours. We would liaise with the classroom teacher about what tasks or activities would be best suited for our observation session.
- Checklist – Completed by the classroom teacher to identify those students that would benefit from an Occupational Therapy Assessment.

School Based Intervention

We provide individual assessment and direct intervention for students. These sessions are funded by parents and incur a travel expense which may be waived dependent on the number of families accessing on site therapy; or if an outreach service to your area has been organised.

Parent Information Sessions

The Building Blocks team is passionate about assisting children to reach their potential and supporting caregivers in their role of enabling children's development. With this in mind we have developed our Parent Information Sessions. Topics include:

- Getting ready for Kindy
- The importance of play
- Learning to write
- Let's get organised

We are equally happy to discuss your students' particular needs and develop an information session accordingly. Of course families are welcome to attend our clinic services if they would prefer.

For more information on our services for schools please contact **Maria Fuentes Arrocha**, Principal Therapist, on **0450 700 836** or email buildingblocksOT4kids@iinet.net.au