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**WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?**

Paediatric occupational therapy focuses on helping children develop skills which enable them to achieve their best abilities in areas including independence in self-care, sensory processing, fine motor skills and gross motor skills.

The term ‘occupational’ in occupational therapy refers to the ‘occupations’ of our daily life. For a child this usually is kindergarten/school, self-care or play.

Occupational Therapy works towards helping to make ‘life easier’ for children with developmental challenges.

**WHEN TO SEEK SUPPORT**

If you have a child who has challenges with any of the following, an Occupational Therapist may be able to assist:

* Concentrating (on one thing at a time) and behaving appropriately
* Sensory Processing (for concentration and learning): sensory reactions within the body or in response to external stimulus which may impact concentration, behaviour and learning.
* Finger skills (Fine Motor skills): pencil and scissor skills (colouring, drawing, writing), opening lunch bags, manipulating toothbrushes, tying shoelaces.
* Whole body skills (Gross Motor skills): running, jumping, swimming, bike riding ball skills, posture at the table.
* Developing independence in self-care (mealtimes, dressing, toileting etc)
* Organising themselves (such as for playing a game, or packing their bags for school/kinder)
* Playing (both alone and with others)
* Self-Management: general organization, keeping track of personal items, understanding time, and using money.

**HOW TO REFER**

Parents/Guardians can call a Private Occupational Therapist of choice and make an appointment for their child; a referral is not required, unless you wish to access Medicare rebates (see below)

The following list contains a variety of Occupational Therapists in the Wyndham area - this list is not exhaustive and the PSFO Service do not endorse any service listed. Please contact the service direct for more information and details of charges. You can also refer to OT Australia website to search for an Occupational Therapist within your area on [www.otaus.com.au](http://www.otaus.com.au) and go to the “Find an OT” link.

Families may be able to obtain Medicare rebates (up to 5 allied health rebates per calendar year) to patients who are referred by a GP under the Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP) - please refer to the section “**Medicare rebates for seeing private therapists**” on our website.

\*Please Note\* Children may be eligible for Community Health OT through IPC Health.

There are criteria that must be met in order to be eligible.

For eligibility criteria please contact your local IPC Health Service <https://www.ipchealth.com.au/locations/> or speak to your child’s Educators / PSFO

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| **INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES**Tel: 0400 825 344Email: charlievella@bigpond.comWeb: [www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au](http://www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au)  | Services Provided | OT and Speech Therapy (Telehealth only) |
| Usual waiting times | 2 weeks for Telehealth and 2 months for face to face |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**We do after hours and weekends. |
| **D.O.T.S OT for Children**275 Princes HighwayWerribee 3030Tel: 8256 2484Email: ccteam@dotschildot.com.auWeb: dotschildot.com.au  | Services Provided: | Occupational Therapy |
| Usual Waiting Time | Extensive |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | No but accept self-managed or plan-managed patients |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Clinic, School, community, Home & Telehealth appointments |
| **HORIZON ALLIED HEALTH**Occupational Therapy & Speech Therapy ServicesTel:  1300 389 422Email:  admin@horizonalliedhealth.com.auWeb: horizonalliedhealth.com.au | Services Provided | Occupational Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | 2-4 weeks |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Medicare registered |
| **Additional Info** Occupational therapy services available on Saturdays |
| **LEAPFROG THERAPY PTY LTD** Paediatric Occupational Therapy ServiceMail Address:Level 1, Suites 1&2, 74 Doncaster RoadBalwyn North 3104Mob: 0406 508 281Email: support@leapfrogtherapy.com.auWeb: www.leapfrogtherapy.com.au  | Services Provided | Occupational Therapy |
| Usual waiting times |  |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes (with care plan from GP) |
| **Additional Info**Occupational Therapists at Leapfrog are specialists in Paediatrics with a particular focus on developmental and learning challenges and disabilities.  We work with children of all ages and abilities with and without a diagnosis.We have a clinic in North Balwyn and are a community-based practice that works in kindergartens, schools and homes of children in the inner Western and Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.  Just some of the things we can help with are skills needed in the classroom such as fine motor skills and staying on task; self-care skills leading to independence appropriate for the child's age;  play/social skills such as emotional regulation and understanding social cues and recreation skills to improve hand-eye coordination and balance.Assessments and therapy are conducted at our Balwyn North clinic, child's home, school or kindergarten.  Our therapists can also assist with SWEP applications and with NDIS application/review supporting documentation. |

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| **LANGUAGE FOR LIFE SPEECH PATHOLOGY**118 Derrimut RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 8714 1751 / 1300 9898 07Email: enquiries@languageforlife.com.auWeb: languageforlife.com.au | Services Provided | OT, Speech Therapy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Dietetic, Art Therapy & Music Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | Speech & OT: In-clinic sessions – 12 monthsWe do have availability for Telehealth therapy sessions **for all services** and NO WAITLISTMobile therapy (areas covered):**OT** – South East Melbourne, North Melbourne and West Melbourne**Speech Therapy** – West Melbourne and East Melbourne**Physiotherapy** – South West Melbourne, North West Melbourne, West Melbourne, South East Melbourne |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**We accept clients across Australia for Telehealth Therapy sessions (online video sessions done via Zoom).Experienced therapists working with children, adolescents, adults and aged.Diverse range of expertise area services:**Speech**: Autism, Articulation difficulties, Language, Fluency (stuttering) and Literacy, learning difficulties in the area of Social Skills, handwriting, activities of daily living, sensory skills and adults with swallowing and communication difficulties.**Psychology**: Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Anxiety, Depression, Autism, ADHD, Addiction, Interpersonal relationship issues, Eating disorders, Grief & Loss**Occupational Therapy**: Developmental Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Behavioural Issues, Mood disorders (eg depression), Anxiety disorders, Cerebral Palsy, DIR Floortime, Learn to Play (Karen Stagnitti), Parent Coaching, SPARK communication (Hanen strategies), Handwriting, Sensory Processing**Physiotherapy**: Hands-on treatment, exercise prescription and management techniques to prevent and minimize the impact of injury, coordination issues, abnormal tone, acquired orthopedic injuries and movement disorders like cerebral palsy.**Dietetics**: Eating disorders, food intolerances and allergies, physical and cognitive disabilities, fussy eating, nutritional deficiencies and chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.Clinic Base/Teleheath/Home visit/School & kinder visit/Group and Centre Based Activities/Therapeutic SupportOnline Appointment BookingsAssessments available for all the servicesOpen on Saturdays as well |
| **Katrina Smith**66 Derrimut RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel – 0409 673 435Email: katrinas@y7mail.com | Services Provided | OT |
| Usual waiting times | Minimum 12 months |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info** Children 0-12 years. Kindergarten, childcare and school visits available.Appointments available: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday |
| **EQUIPKIDS OT SERVICES**C1, Level 1, 5 Main Street, Point Cook, Vic 3030Tel: (03) 9913 7826Email: info@equipkids.com.auWeb: equipkids.com.au | Services Provided | Occupational Therapy (OT) |
| Usual waiting times | 3 months + |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info** EquipKids offers community and clinic based occupational therapy for children. Our clinic is located in Point Cook Town Centre and we also offer mobile therapy sessions covering the Wyndham Area.  Our operating hours are Mon to Fri: 09:00 to 18:00 |
| **SPLASH PAEDIATRIC THERAPY**31Wyndham Private Medical CentreLevel 1, 242 Hoppers LaneWerribee, 3030Tel: 8731 6555Email: info@splashtherapy.com.auWeb: splashtherapy.com.au | Services Provided: | OT and Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | Waitlist closed at Dec 2021 |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes (CDMP for OT & Speech & MHCP for OT) |
| **Additional Info*** Provide service for children with mild to significant developmental issues
* We run eating groups, based on Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) approach, can be offered individually
* Can offer home and kinder/childcare services
* Can offer Professional Devt sessions for educators and parents
* Provide an evidence based quality private practice that works in partnerships with parents and educators to provide goal directed intervention with measurable functional outcomes
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| **Early Start Australia (formerly Children’s Speech & OT)**25/2-14 Station PlaceWerribee 3030Tel: 9731 7583Email: werribee@earlystartaustralia.com.auWeb: earlystartaustralia.com.au | Services Provided: | Occupational Therapy and Speech |
| Usual Waiting Time | Depends on needs  |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Creative Steps**1-3 Thames BlvdWerribee 3030Tel: 9731 0069Email: info@creativesteps.com.au | Services Provided: | OT, Speech Pathology, Psychology, Social Skills Groups, Counselling |
| Usual Waiting Time | No details available |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Plan Managed or Self Managed only |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes, for some services |
| **Healthy Kids at Play**19a Princes HwyWerribee 3030Tel: 9071 3076Email: admin@healthykidsatplay.com.au | Services Provided: | OT, Speech Pathology, Functional Assessments, Positive Behaviour Therapy, Counselling Services, Physiotherapy |
| Usual Waiting Time | Speech Pathology = 3 monthsAll other services = immediate sessions available |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Monday to Saturday hours Services include home/education center and in clinic visits. Social skills group Sessions available School Holiday Sessions availableSchool Readiness Programs available  |
| **BILLY BUTTONS THERAPY**Mobile Service – Wyndham LGATel: 0499 793 093Web: billybuttonstherapy.com.auEmail: admin@billybuttonstherapy.com.au  | Services Provided | Occupational TherapyEarly Childhood Intervention services under Key Worker Model |
| Usual waiting times | Variable |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Self-managed and Plan-managed participants only |
| Medicare Rebates? | No |
| **Additional Info** * Occupational Therapy services for children 0-12 years.
* Early Childhood Intervention under the Key Worker model for children under 7.
* We work with families to provide individually tailored strategies and support for their child.
* We are a mobile therapy service providing support in the home, school, kindergarten, childcare and other community settings.
* Telehealth services also available.
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| **NEUROREHAB ALLIED HEALTH NETWORK**Suite 3, Ground Floor, 236 Hoppers Lane, Werribee, Vic 3030Tel – 1300 13 16 19Email – info@nrah.com.auWeb – nrah.com.au/neurojunior | Services Provided: | Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Exercise Physiology, Behaviour Support, Music Therapy, Dietetics, Cognitive Assessments, Allied Health Assistants |
| Usual Waiting Time | 4-6 weeks |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm and can provide therapy in our clinic, the home, community, school or via telehealth. We provide family-centred, evidence-based therapy for children and young people under 18 years of age.Our experienced team love to support kids and teens with neurodevelopmental conditions and neurodisability. We keep therapy fun and motivating, so let’s work together to achieve your best. |
| **NATIONAL PEKE CENTRE WERRIBEE**15 Manor Lakes BlvdManor Lakes VIC 3024Tel: 8742 4874Email: werribee@pekecentre.com.auWeb: [www.pekecentre.com.au](http://www.pekecentre.com.au) | Services Provided: | Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychology, Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Allied Health Assistants (AHA Program), Professional Development |
| Usual Waiting Time | Contact clinic for more information about wait times. * Psychology currently has a waitlist
* OT & AHA OT – no waitlist
* SP & AHA SP – no waitlist
* Art Therapy – no waitlist
* Music Therapy – no waitlist
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| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | With a Mental Health Care Plan |
| **Additional Info:**Opening Hours:Monday to Friday: 8am - 4pmSaturday: 9am - 5pm |

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