



northcott
disability services

metropolitan family support



The aim of the Metropolitan Family Support Service is to assist families to access generic and specialist community resources, to assist with integration into the school and general community and to provide counselling and specialist advice at times of crisis or transition.

Families can access Northcott Disability Services Metropolitan Family Support service once their children reach school age. The service provides social work and occupational therapy support to children, young people and their families on the basis of a 'keyworker' system. Through this, a family or individual client has a connection with a particular worker who works with them to identify their needs and assist with issues as they arise.

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Services include:

- Individual and family support and counselling
- Advice about eligibility and how to access services
- Parent support groups either organised by Northcott staff or referral to other organisations
- Advice and assistance with acquisition of equipment
- Home modification advice
- Advocacy to gain access to resources
- Support to families at points of transition such as moving to high school and from high school to adult services
- Group programs for children and young people, such as personal development and siblings groups and specialised skill training
- Introduction and access to respite services either run by Northcott or other organisations
- Connecting with other Northcott services, including Childrens Recreation and services for adults.

Eligibility

Young people aged between six and 18 who have a physical disability without a significant intellectual disability and their families.

Geographical area

Greater metropolitan Sydney.

Funding

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