

Specialist Equipment Library

Communicare manages the Specialist Equipment Library that provides equipment such as portable ramps, specialised seating and posture aids, change tables, switch toys and sensory items.

Equipment can be loaned to eligible services so children who need support can participate in the activities provided by the ECEC service.

The Inclusion Support Programme is funded by Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment. WA Inclusion Agency services are delivered by Communicare in partnership with One Tree and Wanslea Early Learning and Development.

Inclusion Development Fund

A new Inclusion Support (IS) Portal has been developed as part of the Inclusion Support Program and provides step-by-step guidance on how to complete an online Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) and, if required, how to access funding through the Inclusion Development Fund (IDF).

Four streams of funding are available through the IDF:

- IDF subsidy for an additional educator
- IDF subsidy for immediate or time-limited support
- IDF subsidy for family day care top up
- IDF - Innovative solutions support

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Wanslea acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.



WA Inclusion Agency
Creating inclusion

The Inclusion Support Program

The Australian Government's \$543 million Inclusion Support Program (ISP) is a key component of the Child Care Safety Net.

The ISP assists early childhood and child care services with tailored inclusion support and advice, and funding to address more challenging inclusion barriers.

Services eligible for support include:

- Long day care
- Outside school hours care, including vacation care
- Family day care
- Occasional care
- Mobile services
- Budget-based funded program

Children with additional needs may include:

- Children with disability or undergoing assessment for a disability
- Children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds
- Children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds
- Children from refugee backgrounds
- Children with serious medical conditions
- Children presenting with language and speech delays
- Children presenting with disruptive behaviour

Support available through the ISP includes:

- Support from an Inclusion Agency (IA)
- Access to the Equipment Library (SEL)
- Funding from the Inclusion Development Fund (IDF)



Improving access and inclusion for children in childcare and early childhood services



The WA Inclusion Agency — who are we?

The services offered by the WA Inclusion Support Agency (WAIA) are delivered by Communicare in partnership with One Tree and Wanslea, ensuring fair and consistent support across WA.

The WAIA employs a team of skilled Inclusion Professionals who work from regional hubs to provide tailored support to individual early childhood and childcare (ECCC) services.

Regional inclusion hub offices are situated across metropolitan and regional WA and each office will support a designated region of WA.

We will:

- Provide site visits to observe and discuss strengths, challenges and barriers to inclusion
- Assist educators to reflect on and learn about inclusive practices and attitudes, and understand and support diversity
- Provide practical support and strategies
- Assist services to link with community supports
- Collaborate to develop strategic inclusion plans
- Facilitate access to the IS portal and ISP supports

