

Autism Gold Coast Inc is a not-for-profit volunteer self-help organisation and Support Group for parents, families and carers of people diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder: Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified.

Autism Gold Coast Inc, as lead agency in the *Autism Gold Coast Early Intervention Service Consortium*, has an excellent reputation and established positive and proactive networks across the Gold Coast community, with parents, State and Federal government officers and members of parliament, medical professionals, educators and local community organisations.

Autism Gold Coast Inc provides emotional support and information that families require in order to meet the challenges of daily living and cope with the social-emotional dynamics within the family structure. It also assists the families to seek early support and build supportive networks, to enable a resilient future for themselves and their family unit. It is not surprising to note that given the success of this organisation's networking and community linkages, *Autism Gold Coast Inc* is recognised as a key resource for the community.

In forming this Early Intervention Service Consortium with experienced local service providers who have been part of our autism community networks for some years, we believe that together we have the capacity to deliver evidence-based multidisciplinary early intervention services that will benefit the children aged 0-6 years diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The service providers in our consortium offer a range of best practice interventions and approaches to service delivery, within the disciplines of Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Behaviour Management and Counselling.

For more specific details, go to:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/progserv/people/autism_panel/qld/Pages/AutismGoldCoastInc.aspx

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Helping Children with Autism 0 - 6 years

Autism Gold Coast Inc, as lead agency, has formed the *Autism Gold Coast Early Intervention Service* to:

- Provide opportunities for increased access to evidence based early intervention services and programs for children with an ASD;
- Provide choice and flexibility to families and carers in accessing services;
- Provide families and carers with funding options to increase their access to services; and
- Link families and carers to the most appropriate information, support and early intervention services available.

Service Providers who belong to the *Autism Gold Coast Early Intervention Service* deliver high quality early intervention services using the following interventions:

- Behavioural interventions – application of learning theory and skill development;
- Developmental and social learning interventions – building relationships and development of social emotional capacities;
- Therapy-based interventions – communication and social development or sensory motor development; and
- Family-based interventions – working with families to develop skills in working with their children.

Autism Gold Coast Inc takes great pride in its contribution to assisting those affected by autism on the Gold Coast and beyond. This organisation values feedback from families. It is supported by written policies and procedures, including the management of complaints which will be addressed quickly and effectively. Contact details are provided on the back page.

In order to access the services of the *Autism Gold Coast Early Intervention Service*, parent or carers of children with an ASD are required to present a Letter Of Introduction confirming their child's eligibility for services under the *Helping Children with Autism package* from the Autism Advisors based at Autism Queensland. Contact the Autism Advisors on 1800 428 847 or (07) 3273 0000.

Autism Gold Coast Early Intervention Service provides families and carers access to a range of FaHCSIA funded services from our consortium members listed in the adjacent table.

Please note that there may be travel fees and/or cancellation fees associated with some services. For more information please contact the relevant panel provider as these are not included in the HCWA Strategy.

Our [Service Provider Panel](#) includes:

Name	Service	Contact Details
KidAbility Louise Hunt	Occupational Therapy	(07) 5576 4688 13 Hill Avenue BURLEIGH HEADS
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