

# Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory

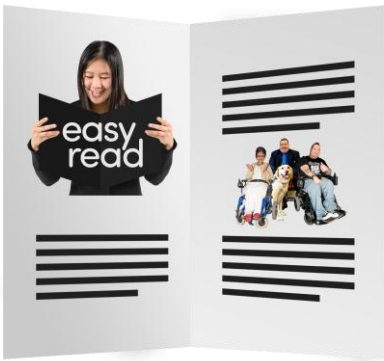
## Easy Read Fact Sheet



# About Easy Read



This is an Easy Read book.



Easy Read uses plain language and pictures to explain ideas.

# Bold

Hard words are written in **bold**.



We will explain what hard words mean.



Easy Read includes key information to help you understand what is happening.

# About this book



This is our Easy Read fact sheet about the new **Thriving Kids** Program.



When you see the word **we**, it means the Northern Territory Government.

# Who will use Thriving Kids?



Thriving Kids is a new program for some children with disability aged 0 to 8 and their families, carers and kin.

Thriving Kids is for children with **developmental delay**.

Developmental delays are when children need extra help to:

- Talk
- Move
- Learn



Thriving Kids is for children with Autism with **low to moderate support needs**.



Low to moderate support needs means a child can do some things by themselves.



Your child needs support to develop like other children their age.

# Do you need a diagnosis?



Children do not need a **diagnosis** to use Thriving Kids.



A diagnosis means a doctor writes a report to say you have a health condition or need support.

# How will Thriving Kids services work?



Thriving Kids services in the Northern Territory can be:

- in-person



- online



- for one child at a time



- for groups of children and their families



- different places, like a community centre.

# Our plan for Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory



We want Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory to be **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone is welcome and safe when they use Thriving Kids.



We want Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory to be **accessible**.



Accessible means Thriving Kids is easy to find and use.

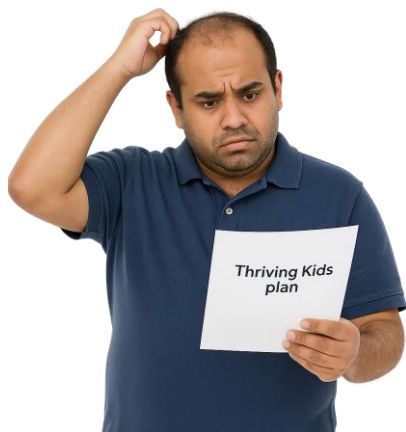


We also want Thriving Kids to meet the needs of the whole Northern Territory community.



Supports should also be available when you need.

# How will we design Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory?



We want to make sure people are happy with the plan for Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory.

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We will design Thriving kids using:

- public surveys



- talking to people who support with people with disability



- ask for ideas from families and children with disability



We will also work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to design Thriving Kids for remote communities.

# When will Thriving Kids start in the Northern Territory?



The first Thriving Kids services will begin from 1 October 2026.



It will take time to plan Thriving Kids in the Northern Territory.



The Northern Territory needs to have all services ready to use by 1 January 2028.

# Where can I find out more information?



For more information about Thriving Kids, visit the following websites:

- The Northern Territory [Department of People, Sport and Culture](#)
- The [Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)