**Child Development Service Referral Information for CDS Stakeholders**

The ACT Government’s Child Development Service assists families who live in the ACT and have concerns about their 0-6-year-old child’s development. This may include concerns about a child developing skills slower than others of the same age in areas such as, speech and language, movement, hand skills, self-care, and social development. Parents and guardians can refer their child to the Child Development Service. With parent/ guardian permission, others may make a referral, including early childhood educators, teachers, GPs, nurses, paediatricians and case workers.

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| **Concern Children 0-6 years** | **Referral pathway** | **Contact** |
| Speech (sounds)  Language (understanding and speaking)  Fluency  Social communication | Speech Pathology Drop In Clinic | For a copy of the Drop In Clinic Timetable Visit: <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice>  Call Intake: 6205 1246 |
| Feeding / eating concerns | Online referral Form  Email  Phone call | <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice>  [child.development@act.gov.au](mailto:child.development@act.gov.au)  Intake: 6205 1246 |
| General/lower limb posture concerns  Gross motor development  Clumsiness  Difficulties with catching, throwing, kicking balls | Physiotherapy Drop In Clinic | For a copy of the Drop In Clinic Timetable Visit: <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice>  Call Intake: 6205 1246 |
| Hand skills (excluding Handwriting)  Self-care concerns  Sensory concerns impacting on participating in activities of daily living  Play skills | Online referral Form  Email  Phone call | <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopmentservice>  [child.development@act.gov.au](mailto:child.development@act.gov.au)  Intake: 6205 1246 |