

Enquiries

Referrals to the RCH Child and Family Psychology Clinic come from parents, teachers, doctors and school support personnel.

Enquiries about whether the clinic's services are suitable for a family can be made by contacting the Child and Family Psychology Clinic Intake Workers on

Tel (03) 9345 5917

Email enquiries.cfpc@rch.org.au

Our intake staff will contact families to confirm details and determine suitability before arranging an appointment time.

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Learning Differences Assessments

Child and Family Psychology Clinic
Integrated Mental Health Program

About the Clinic

The Child and Family Psychology Clinic provides psychological assessment and treatment for children experiencing a range of emotional, behavioural and learning difficulties, and their families.

Learning Differences Assessments

Learning differences assessments provide specialist psychological assessments for children experiencing difficulties with their learning at school. These assessments are conducted by both fully registered psychologists, and by provisional psychologists undertaking professional training at university.

Learning Differences Assessments involve:

Step 1: Prior to appointment

- The family completes a questionnaire about the child's past and present health, learning and behaviour.
- The child's teacher also completes a questionnaire (with the parent's permission).

Step 2: On the day of the appointment

- The assessment at the hospital takes place in one day, or across two half days. Each assessment covers the following areas:

1. Developmental history
2. General intellectual ability
3. Academic skills (including literacy and numeracy)
4. Information processing skills (including attention span, memory, organisation and new learning capacity)
5. If required, the assessment can also review emotional well-being and behaviour.

Step 3: Report, feedback and recommendations

- The consulting psychologist will examine all the information he or she has collected. A detailed report will be completed, which will explain the assessment and make recommendations according to the needs of the child.
- Parents are offered the opportunity to meet with the psychologist to discuss the findings and recommendations.
- In cases where additional emotional and/or behavioural assessment is warranted, further services can be arranged.

Other Services

The clinic offers a variety of psychological services including:

- Developmental, behavioural, emotional and psychosocial assessment
- Psychological therapy with clinical psychologists
- Educational assessments
- Neuropsychological assessments
- Cognitive assessments
- Academic assessments
- Autism assessments

Please contact the clinic for more information about these services.

Consultation and Training

The clinic welcomes referrals for consultation and training to community agencies and health professionals. Professional supervision is provided to clinic psychologists and psychology interns undertaking professional training.

Our staff

The clinic is staffed by

- Clinical Psychologists
- Educational Psychologists
- Clinical Neuropsychologists
- Psychology Interns
- Specialist remedial teachers.