

REFERRAL PATHWAYS

When you have a child in your kindergarten program that you have concerns about regarding any area of development or wellbeing, there are referral options that you can support families to access. These options are the same for both 3-year-old and 4-year-old kinder teachers. (This excludes PSFO, which is currently funded only for 4-year-old programs).

Maternal Child Health Nurse: For developmental checks. Particularly 3.5-year-old screening.

Community Health: Particularly for speech and language concerns but also for other developmental issues.

Bellarine Health: intake@bch.org.au.

Barwon Health: www.barwonhealth.org.au to access the referral form.

Colac Area Health: (Ph.) 52325100

Western District Health Services, Hamilton: (Ph.) 5551 8222

GP for a chronic healthcare plan: This enables families to access the Medicare rebate for Speech Pathology, Psychology or Occupational Therapy. This covers 6 sessions.

Orange Door (CHILD FIRST): For any concerns about family issues or circumstances that may be having an impact on the child, particularly family safety/violence. Teachers can phone for a secondary confidential consult for advice. Parents can phone any time for help and guidance. (Ph.): 1800 312 820.

Drummond Street Family Services: for parenting/family support and counselling to promote health and wellbeing within families. For further info: ds.org.au.

Geelong Continence Clinic: For concerns about toileting issues. Referral needed from GP. (Ph.): 03 4215 5292.

Private therapists: There are many options to choose from for speech therapy, psychology, occupational therapy and play therapy. It is best to Google for services in your area as the list is constantly changing, or try Healthshare and use the search bar to find specialist/therapy type and region.

ECEI @ BCYF: Refer when there are concerns about a child's development in more than one area. This referral is done by the teacher in collaboration with parents. Children may be deemed eligible for short term support that is delivered by an Early Childhood Practitioner, or be considered eligible for NDIS funding. See BCYF website for information and referral form www.bcyf.org.au - Search: Early Years Services - Referral Form.

PSFO Service: For when you have concerns about a child in your program and would like some guidance with planning for inclusion, referral pathways, strategies for support,

resources and information, observations, responding to parent concerns or mentoring.
[Access the current referral form on the Gateways Support Services website.](#)

Paediatric Fellow (RCH): No GP referral needed. No cost for families. For developmental concerns. Contact PSFO for referral form or www.rch.org.au/ccch .