

Inclusion Support Programme (ISP)

Who are we?

The Inclusion Support Programme (ISP)

The current Inclusion Support Programme was established by the Australian Government in 2016 as a key component of the Child Care Safety Net. The programme's purpose is to build the capacity of educators working in eligible Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved Early Learning and Child Care services to provide inclusive practices for children with a range of abilities within mainstream services. Each state has an Inclusion Agency that delivers the programme to services via the Inclusion Agency and Inclusion Professionals and working in conjunction with the Inclusion Development Fund Manager.

The Inclusion Agency (IA)

Gowrie SA is the Inclusion Agency for South Australia delivering free inclusion support to services under the Australian Government's Inclusion Support Programme. We provide assistance to all eligible Early Learning and Child Care services to build their capacity to include children with diverse needs and/or backgrounds within mainstream services.

The Inclusion Agency will assist Early Learning and Child Care services to include all children by providing tailored inclusion advice and support from Gowrie SA Inclusion Professionals. The Inclusion Agency can work with your child's service to provide educators with ongoing support to best meet the needs of all children.

Inclusion Professionals (IP)

We have a diverse team of experienced Inclusion Professionals. Your service will be assigned an Inclusion Professional who will visit the service and work with the director and educators. The Inclusion Professional will visit according to the inclusion support needs of the service. We support educators in the service by providing free advice and support to increase the inclusion of every child in all aspects of the program.

The Inclusion Professional/s assigned to your service will be changed every 12-14 months to ensure you have access to a broad range of strategies and advice.

Inclusion Development Fund (IDF)

The Inclusion Development Fund provides funding to assist eligible services to address a barrier to inclusion that cannot be addressed by the support of an Inclusion Agency. There are four streams of Inclusion Development Funding—subsidy for an Additional Educator, Immediate/Time Limited Support, Family Day Care Top Up and Innovative Solutions Support. Each stream has different eligibility criteria, application processes and approved funding purposes.

KU Children's Services in partnership with Include Me is the Inclusion Development Fund Manager and is contracted to provide a nationally consistent and equitable management of the Inclusion Development Fund and are responsible for assessing and approving **ALL** funding.