

## What to expect

- An Autism specific program and curriculum incorporating the Early Years Learning Framework
- A quality early learning program based on the individual needs of the child and family
- A key therapist who acts as a contact person for each family
- A highly structured and supportive learning environment
- Intensive communication support
- Training and consultancy services to kindergartens, pre-primary and community services
- Parent training and support to access additional community services
- A staff to child ratio of 1:4

## Frequently asked questions

### How do I enrol my child in the centre?

Expressions of interest are currently being accepted by phone or email below. Visits to the centre to view the service are also welcomed.

### How much are the childcare fees?

Standard childcare fees apply.

### Can siblings enrol in the program?

Siblings aged 2 years to 5 years are welcome to enrol in the program and will have many opportunities for interacting with their siblings during the day.

## First Steps Autism Day Care

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## Opening Hours:

7:30am - 5:30pm (Monday to Friday)

## About the Autism Association of Western Australia

The Autism Association is one of Australia's largest not-for-profit Autism specific service providers.

The Association provides services to individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families from early childhood through to adult life.

Services include:

- Support for families post diagnosis
- Early Intervention programs
- Autism specific childcare
- School support programs
- Community Living
- Respite services for children
- Family and professional services
- Independent living support
- Specialised employment support services
- Professional learning services
- In-home support

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# About the First Steps Autism Day Care

The Autism Association of Western Australia provides a service to parents seeking long day care for children with Autism, or whom are going through the diagnostic process.

It is located at 10 Mellor Court Midland and provides Autism specific, early learning programs for children with Autism between 0 and 5 years in a long day care setting.

## Staffing

A highly skilled trans-disciplinary team of professionals work with families to provide an individualised, Autism specific early learning program.

Staff include:

- Speech Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Early Childhood Teachers
- Primary Teachers
- Psychologists
- Experienced Child Care Educators
- Trained Qualified Educators

## Funding

First Steps Autism Day Care is one of 6 national Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre's (ASELCC) funded by the Department of Social Services.

## NDIA Placements

The program currently offers enrolments for children who have NDIA funding. Please contact the centre for details or support for pre-planning.

## Early Learning

The service is based on best-practice in the field of Autism and early learning. It is an evidence based approach grounded in peer reviewed research. The Autism specific curriculum incorporates the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) as part of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care. Each child's program commences with an individual assessment by the specialist team. All assessments are undertaken to identify the child's learning profile and areas for skill development.

A documented program is developed in consultation with the family and includes the following areas:

- Attention
- Communication
- Behaviour/self-regulation
- Cognitive skill development
- Gross/fine motor development
- Play/social skills
- School readiness
- Self-help/independence/transition

## Partners with Curtin University

The research component of this program is being undertaken in partnership with Curtin University.

## Eligibility

To be enrolled in the centre, children must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident under 6 years of age, and have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or going through the diagnostic process for ASD.

Eligibility criteria and priority of access guidelines can be discussed at a meeting with the centre manager.

