



Dear Service Provider,

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect), supported by Perpetual Limited, are pleased to announce the establishment of a new **Early Intervention Readiness Program** for families in the local government areas of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Moonee Valley, Wyndham, Brimbank and Melton. The program aims to address the confusion many families experience following their child's diagnosis of autism spectrum and facilitate their smooth transition into appropriate intervention and early childhood services.

The program will be offered to families who:

- have a child with a recent diagnosis of autism or a child who has been referred for diagnostic assessment *and*
- are currently accessing no, or few, services to support their child and family.

The program will provide families with:

- **information** about autism, local service options and funding entitlements,
- **transition planning** to support families with decision-making and build their capacity to coordinate and successfully transition into appropriate intervention and education services and,
- **early strategies** to support families while they are waiting to access other services.

The program involves an initial consultation and a series of follow-up visits based on the needs of each family. The service is delivered within the family home or early childhood setting and is of **no cost to families**.

Families can be referred to the Aspect **Early Intervention Readiness Program** by contacting Amanda Reed, Aspect Therapy Service Coordinator, on 0458 009 615 or areed@aspect.org.au. Direct referrals from parents will also be received.

Our program staff looks forward to collaborating with you as an important part of this new service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Kerslake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kerslake

National Manager – Aspect Therapy
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