



Partnership *Proposal*



ALLIED HEALTH & SPECIALIST SERVICES

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Mission & Vision



Mission

Our mission is to bridge the gap for developmentally vulnerable children and their families - connecting them to the guidance and support they need, at the right time, to create lasting change. Because every child deserves the opportunity to participate fully at home, school and in their community.

Vision

A world where every child, no matter the challenges they face, has the opportunity to thrive. When vulnerable children get the right support, the impact reaches far beyond them - building stronger families, more inclusive schools and healthier communities for everyone. Every child who thrives makes our community stronger.

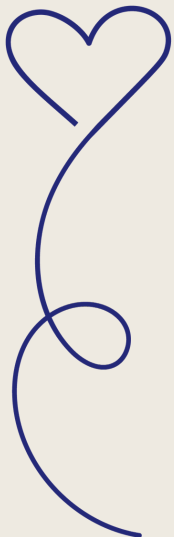
Who We're Looking For

We are proud to partner with a carefully selected network of allied health and specialist providers across Queensland, including:

- Psychologists
- Speech Pathologists
- Paediatricians
- Dietitians
- Occupational Therapists
- And other specialist services supporting children and families

Our ideal partners are practitioners who believe that quality care should not be determined by a family's bank balance and who are willing to play an active role in ensuring our beneficiaries receive timely, compassionate support.

If that sounds like your practice, we would love to hear from you.



The Need

The *developmental* gap is real and growing

According to the 2024 Australian Early Development Census , ***only 51.7% of Queensland children are developmentally on track across all five key domains when they start school*** meaning nearly half are not. ¹

Nationally, the proportion of children assessed as developmentally vulnerable on one or more domains has increased from 22% in 2021 to 23.5% in 2024, and those vulnerable on two or more domains has risen from 11.4% to 12.5%.²



***Disadvantage* makes it dramatically worse**

Children in the most disadvantaged areas are 73% more likely to be developmentally vulnerable compared with those in the least disadvantaged areas. ³ The 2024 AEDC confirms that in Queensland, only 40% of children living in the most disadvantaged communities are developmentally on track across all five domains. ¹

Children are *waiting years* for answers

Waitlists of up to two years have been reported across Australia for diagnostic assessments for neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism and ADHD. ⁴ For private assessments in Queensland, wait times are typically 6–18 months. Meanwhile, families who can't afford private fees have little alternative. ⁵



The cost of going without

Queensland Council of Social Service's 2024 Living Affordability Report reveals the devastating impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on Queensland families with low incomes - with parents unable to afford school camps, extra-curricular activities, and in some cases, meals. ⁶ Against that backdrop, a \$1,500–\$2,500 developmental or diagnostic assessment is simply impossible for many families.

Without support, the gaps compound. Teachers across Australia report growing challenges with children's attention, emotional regulation and social interaction - at scale, in every primary school, every day. A child who cannot get a diagnosis cannot access the educational adjustments, therapies, or specialist services they need to keep up. ⁷

References

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Partnership *Benefits*



When you partner with The Kids Matters Community Foundation, you join a growing network of practitioners making a measurable difference in the lives of Queensland's most vulnerable children.

In return for your commitment, we offer:

Recognition & Visibility

Your practice will be featured as a preferred TKMCF provider on our website and in our communications. Your logo and profile will be shared with our network of families, referrers, and supporters – connecting you with a community that values what you do.

Co-Branded Opportunities

Partners are recognised across our fundraising campaigns, events, and social media, amplifying your practice's commitment to the community in an authentic and meaningful way.

A Reputation Built on Purpose

Alignment with TKMCF signals to your clients, staff, and peers that your practice stands for something beyond the clinic walls. It strengthens your community presence and reflects the values that likely drew many of your team into healthcare in the first place.

Annual Impact Reporting

Every partner receives a detailed annual impact report – showing exactly how many children and families have been supported through our collective efforts, and the real-world difference your partnership has made.

Our Ask

We know your time and your appointment slots are precious. Our ask is designed to be meaningful, not burdensome and the impact for a child and their family can be life-changing.

As a TKMCF Allied Health Partner, we ask that your practice:

Provide Priority Appointments

Offer priority access to TKMCF-funded beneficiaries, ensuring vulnerable children are seen in a timely manner rather than waiting months or years for answers. All appointment fees are funded directly by TKMCF - there is no financial risk to your practice.

Collaborate on Outcomes

Work with us to track and report on the impact of services provided to our beneficiaries, helping us demonstrate the real difference being made to children and families.

Raise Awareness

Help us grow our reach by sharing information about TKMCF with your networks - whether through your waiting room, your social channels, or your referral relationships.

Participate Where You Can

Join us at fundraising events and community activities where possible. Your presence as a partner is powerful as it shows families that the people caring for their children also care about their community.



The Board



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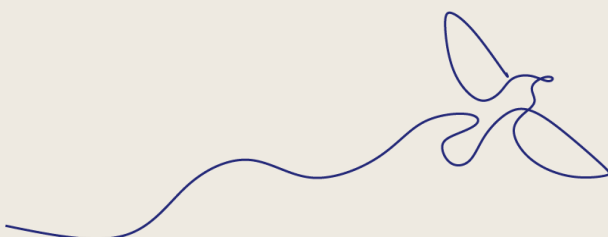
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A message from *The Board*

Every child deserves the chance to be understood, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. That belief is at the heart of everything The Kids Matters Community Foundation does.

We are reaching out to a select group of allied health and specialist providers who share that conviction. Providers who understand, perhaps better than anyone, what it means for a child to finally receive the support they have long needed and what it costs a family when that support remains out of reach.

We would be honoured to explore a partnership with your practice. Together, we can ensure that the children who need you most are able to reach you.



Ready to make a *difference?*

We would love to speak with you about how a partnership with The Kids Matters Community Foundation could work for your practice and for the children and families who need support most.

Reach out today. We would love to connect with you.

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