



Bright Start

Early Intervention Group Program

Group programs at Can:Do 4Kids run regularly on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. These programs target specific skills which relate to your child's goals.

Your therapist will be able to discuss these groups with you and assist you to select the group/s that best suit your child's needs.

They also provide an opportunity to connect with other children and families on a regular basis, develop social connections and friendships.

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Bright Start helps prepare your child for 'big school'.

Location

Can:Do 4Kids, North Adelaide, 185 Melbourne Street,
North Adelaide. Parking is available at rear of the building.



Age groups:
4-5 years old

Goals of the group:

The program provides opportunities for children to develop:

- Pragmatic language skills, independence and social confidence
- Self-advocacy skills including equipment management
- Theory of Mind and vocabulary of emotions
- Listening attention in a classroom environment
- Early literacy skills.

About Bright Start

Transition from pre-school to school can be a challenging time for all children and families. For children with hearing loss the early years of school present children with new challenges – academic, personal, social and auditory. Starting school with confidence can help set the foundations for future school learning.

Funding and Staff

This program is funded through the Children and Students with Disability Program. The group is facilitated by a Speech Pathologist or Listening and Spoken Language Specialist, and may be assisted by an Allied Health Therapy Assistant.

Parents/caregivers

Participants attend the sessions independently from their parents. Parents/caregivers are required to sign the attendance sheet each week.

Lunch

The children will have lunch during their Bright Start session. Lunch has purposely been included in the program as it provides an avenue for children to socialise and have conversations. Lunch also provides an opportunity for children to practise their self- help skills including opening and closing their lunch boxes, packets and drink bottles. Please include packets and containers that can be easily opened.

We promote healthy food choices and encourage families to include fruit and vegetables in the lunch box!

Hearing equipment

Please send a clearly labelled spares kit along with your child.

- **Children with hearing aids**
This kit should include batteries and puffer, gel to seal the moulds, and any spares that you may have.
- **Children with cochlear implants**
This kit should include batteries, and any spares that you may have.

Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs)

Wireless communication devices are essential for any learning environment where background noise may be present. If your child uses a WCD such as a Roger or MiniMic, please ensure they come to Bright Start with it charged. WCDs will be used throughout the Bright Start group during group instruction and learning about WCDs is also incorporated into the self-advocacy and equipment management portion of each Bright Start session, so please bring your child's along.

Medication

If your child requires medication, it is imperative that it is administered safely and correctly. Please provide a Health Care Plan along with written instructions for any medications required.

Spare clothes

Pack a change of clothing in a plastic bag in your child's bag.

Accidents and First Aid

First Aid will be given immediately to sick or injured participants. Any treatment given to a participant is reported and an accident report will be given to the parents.

If an injury is more serious, or the child is distressed we will contact parents by phone. If further medical attention is required the appropriate procedures will be followed.

Report on your child's progress

At the end of the second term your child will receive a report that summarises their progress in all of the 5 Bright Start goals.

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