

All children, specifically those with disability, are more likely to experience success in an education setting where inclusion is embraced and supported as part of the culture, and where the different learning needs of all students are acknowledged, and appropriate adjustments made.

Orana's Education Consultants work with families, education staff, and therapists to support and coordinate a holistic approach for successful inclusion in education for children with an intellectual disability and/or other disabilities, receiving substantial or extensive level of adjustments. This service is funded through a grant.

The objective of Orana's Education Consulting Program is to:

- Collaborate and consult with families, education staff and therapists.
- Improve the learning outcomes of children with disability throughout their schooling and transition beyond school.
- Increase families, educators, therapists' and children's peers' knowledge of diagnosis and disability type.
- Assist families and education staff with participation and inclusion for learning in the classroom and to create social connections within the education community.
- Recommend and assist with the implementation of environmental and curriculum adjustments.
- Use teaching pedagogies, resources, and specialist programs to support the specific needs of children with disability.

- Suggest positive behaviour management techniques and strategies.
- Direct interventions to support successful transitions throughout their education journey.

Consultation may include:

- Direct visits, and/or contact through phone and email or video link.
- Observation of the child.
- Review and recommendations of adjustments for education support plans.
- Transition planning, including transitions to and from pre-school to primary school, as well as progress reviews.
- Staff training and mentoring centred on each child's specific support needs.

Want to know more?

To find out more or to request referral forms, please contact our team on 8375 2000 or info@downssa.asn.au or online.

