

MASS Purpose: To transform the lives of Victorian children and families living with autism

Mansfield Autism Statewide Services is a registered NDIS provider of Improved Relationships and Improved Daily Living.

Mansfield Autism Practitioners (MAPs) are behaviour support practitioners and work within the Quality and Safeguards Commissions Positive Behaviour Support Capability framework. MAPs also deliver Therapeutic Supports and Early Intervention services to build capacity to manage everyday tasks independently.

What is the Mansfield Autism Practitioner - in home service?

Our Service: We offer a transdisciplinary model of service working within the family home. Our MAPs are available at the times when families need it the most, working outside of school hours to deliver support at the key times for families - mealtimes, transitions home from school, morning routines, sleep routines and times of self care. We model and support individuals to build capacity for independence as well as building healthy relationships and managing social and emotional development.

MAPs may stay within the family home, or alternative accommodation nearby and may stay for between 1 to 5 days at a time. We are unlike any other model and we are proud of this approach. Within a year, we like to visit our clients over 92 hours. It is this intensive support model where we make our greatest impact of reducing disruptive behaviours and increasing adaptive behaviours (daily living, communication and social skills).

The MAP service is flexible and responsive to participant needs and goals, in general MAPs work in the family home on: daily living skills such as toileting, self-care, personal hygiene, eating programs, sleep hygiene, routines: night-time, morning and after school routines, social and communication skills, emotion regulation.

Our Approach: MASS staff use Positive Behaviour Supports and practices when working with our clients. We specialise in capacity building, skill development, and developing and implementing practical intervention strategies.

Evidence Based: Our model of service was evaluated by Monash University, Dr Avril Brereton & Ms Kerry Bull, 2011 as an effective ASD model and a broader adoption of the model across the sector was justified and recommended.

Access Criteria: The MAP service is available to all clients across Victoria with a diagnosis of autism, up to the age of 18 years.

What do our families say?

'My children and I look forward to our practitioner visits. We are always excited to see our practitioner and learn from her, we enjoy the family activities, new routines/suggestions when problem solving conflict and or behaviours. Our MAP helps create a family environment that is structured, caring, comfortable and that works for everybody. A positive experience for the entire family. Our MAP is culturally aware and sensitive to all our cultural beliefs and practices, I feel 100% happy and comfortable with having our MAP in our home. Thank you Mansfield.'

How do families access our MAP service?

Families require funding under the NDIS Capacity Building: Improved Relationships or Capacity Building: Improved Daily Living Skills categories. We may require funding to conduct a Functional Behaviour Assessment and Intervention Plan.

All families will need to contact MASS and provide us with a copy of their child's autism diagnosis. We will then arrange a time to meet with the family to conduct an Initial Access Interview. All families will be given a schedule of support and service agreement outlining the number of hours services available.

Mansfield Autism Practitioner NDIS Costings *

Capacity Building - Improved Relationships

MAP 1 Specialist Behavioural Intervention 1_022_0110_7_3	\$214.41/hr
MAP 2 Behaviour Management Plan 11_023_0110_7_3	\$193.99/hr

Capacity Building - Improved Daily Living

MAP 3 Therapist (OT, Speech, Behavioural therapist) 15_056_0128_1_3	\$193.99/hr
MAP 4 Early Childhood Capacity Building 15_005_0118_1_3	\$193.99/hr

* Prices will index in line with NDIS price increases.



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