

# WARATAH for Kids

## GP Information

The WARATAH for Kids program is a free pilot project with a focus on children aged 0-7 years, who have a developmental delay or behaviour concern.

Through this program, we coordinate a multidisciplinary clinic (MDT) with a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist – with other services sometimes available on a case-by-case basis.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the program, the child must:

- Be aged between 0-7 years old
- Have at least one developmental delay or behaviour concern as diagnosed by GP or a screening tool such as an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), or Learn The Signs Act Early (Blue Book)
- Not previously have seen a Speech Pathologist or Occupational Therapist for an assessment in the last 12 months

Note: Vulnerable children and families will be prioritised.

### Child journey

The program aligns with the Enhancing Paediatrics in Primary Care (EPIPc) project which provides community paediatrician support for GPs in Murrumbidgee.

The WARATAH for Kids journey is depicted below:

#### WARATAH for Kids – Child Journey



GP referral

Intake

Multidisciplinary clinic

Referrals and case conference

Review and exit

### Who is Marathon Health?

Marathon Health is the lead contractor for the WARATAH for Kids program. We are a not-for-profit, registered charity with a vision of enabling communities to thrive through improved health and wellbeing.

#### Key points about the program:

1. This is a pilot project, so there is a requirement flexibility in the way the MDT clinic operates.
2. There is a need for commitment for responsive collaboration between the team working with the child.
3. Vulnerable children and families will be prioritised.

If you have any questions about WARATAH for Kids or your referral process:

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This project is supported by funding from the Murrumbidgee PHN through the Australian Government's PHN program.

### What regions does it cover?

Under the pilot project, only participating GP clinics can refer children into the program. These include:

- Deniliquin Clinic
- Hay Medical Centre
- Hay Aboriginal Medical Service
- Gundagai Medical Centre
- Koorngal Medical Centre
- Leeton Family Clinic
- Shiloh Medical Practice

### How can I refer a child?

To refer into the WARATAH for Kids program:

1. Complete our [referral form from our website](#)
2. Email to [waratahforkids@marathonhealth.com.au](mailto:waratahforkids@marathonhealth.com.au)

Note: If you don't hear from our team within two weeks, email the above address again or call 0428 350 266.

Once the referral is accepted, we will be in touch to find out more information and make an appointment.