



PROVIDER INTRODUCTION TO THE THERAPY ASSISTANCE SUNSHINE COAST (TASC) PROGRAM

If you have received this brochure, its likely your client has applied to participate in the Therapy Assistance Sunshine Coast (TASC) Program. We have prepared this document to provide you with some information about this new and innovative service, with the goal of gaining your support in assisting this family with goals and a home-therapy plan that our Therapy Assistant can implement on your behalf.

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WHAT IS THE TASC PROGRAM?

The TASC program aims to supply families with an Advanced Therapy Assistant to conduct home therapy sessions for 1 or more sessions per week, for a duration of 2 hours per session. The goal of this is that we provide families with good quality home-based, family-centred, and trans-disciplinary intervention in an intensive frequency. We hope to offer the benefit of skilled intervention with the opportunity for intensive and frequent support, which is considered best practice in Early Intervention. In addition, we are hoping that this service will help families be more consistent with home program activities between your sessions, and even in the future perhaps remove some of the pressure on in-demand therapists to provide such frequent intervention personally amidst the pressures and demands of modern clinical practice under the NDIS.

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WHAT IS THE INTERVENTION PROVIDED BY THERAPY ASSISTANTS?

The intervention provided in these sessions is based on treatment plans provided by private therapists who comprise the child's allied health team. These treatment plans outline low-risk home therapy activities that will help address the child's developmental goals, relevant to the discipline providing it. So your participation in the success of this approach is crucial. The goal of the program is not to replace you as the child's current therapist, but to support you in delivering your intervention in a more home-centred and intensive way, and to remove some of the pressure on parents in following home programs from multiple providers.





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If your client has home therapy needs that are a bit more skilled and specialised (e.g. using Proloquo2go, PECs, stretching/muscle release techniques) we invite you to arrange a time to visit with the child, parent and TA in their home to provide more specific training to them in the way they are to complete these tasks so that they can be successfully and safely delivered by the TA in that setting. Alternatively, in some cases we may be able to send the child's Therapy Assistant to one of your consultations, or have them participate via Zoom, to become familiar.





WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO THE THERAPY ASSISTANT HAVE?

Advanced Therapy Assistants have extensive direct supervised experience working with children with ASD in a early-intervention, education or disability support capacity, and/or an equivalent qualification in a relevant child-centred field/discipline (e.g. Teaching degree, Allied Health Degree, Cert 4 in Children's services or Allied Health Assistance).





WHO SUPERVISES THE THERAPY ASSISTANT?

All TAs are supervised by a qualified, registered and experienced Collaborative Partnerships Occupational Therapist. All treatment plans from other disciplines are reviewed by the supervising therapist to ensure their appropriateness and safety. The TAs attend coordination/training sessions with their supervising therapist regularly to ensure that they are delivering the intervention safely and effectively, and are adjusting therapy activities as needed. Meetings to consult with other members of the child's therapy team to receive additional instruction and training is highly encouraged. The TAs are fully insured under the supervising therapists Professional Indemnity Insurance, thus you are not held accountable for any injuries or damage that may occur as they implement your program, provided your recommendations are within your professional scope of practice.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

When your client registers with our program and is booked with a TA, we will send you a link for an online form to complete. This will be considered your discipline's Home Therapy Plan for the TA to implement with this client. It shouldn't take too long to complete (around 10-15 mins) and the time taken is billable to their NDIS plan. If you have additional documents to provide, please forward them to admin@collaborativepartnerships.com.au or provide to your client to pass on to the TA. The TA will email you from time to time to provide feedback on how they are going delivering the therapy plan and please feel free to offer more training and advice if needed. From time to time we may email you to request that you update your home therapy plan.



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If you would like to make an update to your clients therapy plan, just send us an email via the details below and we will send you a new link for an updated home therapy plan. Around the client's regular NDIS review time, we encourage providers to conduct thorough and objective re-assessment and reporting on progress so that we can quantify gains made during participation in the program, which we hope will enable families to continue to access this service.

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CAN I REFER OTHER CLIENTS TO THIS PROGRAM?

The TASC program is currently exclusively for clients currently engaged with Collaborative Partnerships Allied Health Service. However in future there will be scope for clients who are not already engaged with us to be able to participate. If you are interested in knowing when this option is more readily available for other clients, please stay tuned to our social channels 'Sam Gourley Occupational Therapist' or send a web enquiry at our website www.collaborativepartnerships.com.au and we will keep you in the loop.



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CONTACT US

We look forward to working with you in support of this client. Please contact us if you have any questions at:

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