

## How do I get involved?

Referrals are welcome by phone or in writing from anyone who feels a child may benefit from our support.

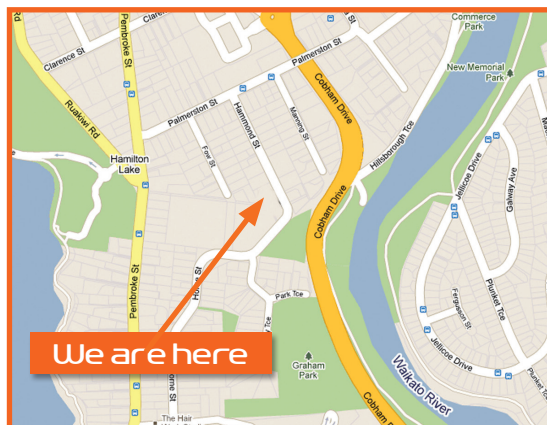
Referrals from:

- Parents/Whanau
- Health Professionals
- Social Workers
- Social Support Agencies
- Education Professionals

Parent permission is required and Early Intervention is offered only where need is demonstrated after assessment.



"The support from the team at McKenzie Centre made a huge difference to our family and we saw our daughter make real progress almost immediately."



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Early intervention for children with special needs

Te Whare Awhina o nga Kohungahunga Hava

## What is McKenzie Centre?

At McKenzie Centre, we provide specialist Early Intervention for pre-school children who have special needs, and their families, throughout the greater Hamilton area. We are also a licensed Early Childhood Centre.

## Our Mission

We help children under six with special needs to realise their potential by providing an early intervention service that is child-centred, play-based and family-focused.



## Quotes from families

*"At McKenzie Centre you learn practical ways to help your child and you also find understanding, acceptance and hope."*

*"We always feel welcome, we have so much fun, and the information, support and help we receive is faultless. My daughter has learned so much in such a short time, from walking and talking, to mixing with others so much more easily."*

## Why is early intervention important?

Young children learn and develop differently. One child may talk earlier than others. Another child might walk later. Often, these differences will even out over time. But some children will need extra support.

You may see signs which indicate your child might need extra support. If you suspect your child does have a delay, the earlier you get help, the better, and Early Intervention can make a difference.

## Who should be referred for early intervention?

Any child aged from birth to school age who has a developmental delay and is behind in at least two areas of development, including:

**Physical** – includes vision and hearing, gross or fine motor skills.

**Cognitive** – play skills, attention, memory, problem solving, sorting skills and visual perception.

**Communication** – how the child understands what is said and how the child uses sounds, words or gestures to let others know what he/she wants.

**Social/Emotional** – the child's ability to interact, respond and engage in social situations.

**Self Help** – including feeding, toileting and dressing skills.

*"Coming to McKenzie Centre is the highlight of our week! The team are so welcoming, my son enjoys his programme and I love meeting other parents who understand."*



## What services does McKenzie Centre offer families?

At McKenzie Centre, our education and health professionals provide Early Intervention by developing specific strategies, in partnership with parents, to support children to realise their potential.

The staff at McKenzie Centre include:

- Occupational therapists
- Speech Language therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Early Intervention teachers
- Assistive Technology specialists
- Psychology and Social Work services

Our services are individually designed to meet the needs of children and their families/whanau and may include the following:

- Early Intervention sessions - group and individual
- Assistive Technology
- Specialist individual and team assessments
- Individual Plans
- Early Childhood Centre visits
- Home visits
- Transition to early childhood centre and school
- Education Support Workers for children with very high needs
- Referral to, and information on, other services in the community
- Support groups
- Parent education programmes
- Resources and Equipment
- Parent support and networking