PlayAbility Service Update – 27th July, 2020

Early Intervention & Therapy Support

PlayAbility is committed to minimising the risk to potential covid transmission to both staff and clients. During term 3 our services will be limited to:

- Tele-practice via video link, email and phone
- Face to face EI sessions in outdoor community locations such as parks, ovals, bike tracks
- Face to face EI in our Bega or Eden centres – only one child and one parent /carer in each centre at a time with extra time between clients to allow for cleaning
- Home visits will be conducted outdoors where possible and weather permitting.
- For younger children our Family Support team is running a Virtual PlayAbility Playgroup accessible via our Facebook page and website and activity packs are available – speak to your keyworker about registering or find more details on our Facebook page or website.

In all interactions with families, social distancing and hygiene guidelines will be maintained. All staff and visitors to our centres will be screened upon entry and have their temperatures checked.

At this stage PlayAbility is providing limited Early Intervention in schools, preschools or childcare centres. We are in communication with all schools and are working collaboratively to follow their guidelines and provide supports where possible.

‘Let Me Create My World’ - Family Support

Supported Playgroups and Toy Truck visits continue to be postponed due to COVID 19 restrictions but our Family Support team are still very much here to support you and your family!

- Family Support - We are doing some face to face home visiting outdoors, if you want assistance or need to have a yarn contact us via call, text, email or Facebook messenger.
- Playgroups - Although we are currently unable to deliver our normal playgroups across the shire, and we miss seeing your faces, you can still see us by accessing our virtual playgroup by following this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/629362487845522/ or search Facebook for ‘PlayAbility Virtual Playgroup’. The content is also available on our website

The Committee members and staff of PlayAbility wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands of the Bega Valley, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We pledge in our endeavours to prioritise and embrace cultural diversity.
(playability.com.au) for people who don’t have Facebook. Get in touch with us for the password to access the page. This is a safe space for PlayAbility families to stay in touch and keep us connected as a community through fun and educational videos and resources.

➢ **The toy truck** - Currently unable to run with its normal timetable, updates will be posted on Facebook and the website as soon as we can resume normal services. If you require resources please contact us to arrange a drop off/pickup.

➢ **Resource packs** – The Family Support team are creating and distributing resource packs for families. This service will continue until the playgroups return face to face. These packs include cooking, craft, story and song activities in conjunction with the Virtual Playgroup content. Please contact the Family Support team if you would like to receive one of our resource packs.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch for more information on any of the above.

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