

Supported playgroups

Helping children and families thrive.

PlayConnect+ playgroups are delivered by the **State and Territory Playgroup Associations** through a consortium led by Autism Queensland and funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. They offer early support for young children aged 0–8 with developmental concerns or disability and their families.




Vital support to thousands of families across Australia

PlayConnect+ playgroups provide rich, supportive environments where children can learn, socialise, and develop important skills with peers through fun, play-based activities. Families are supported to build resilience and confidence, enabling them to thrive.

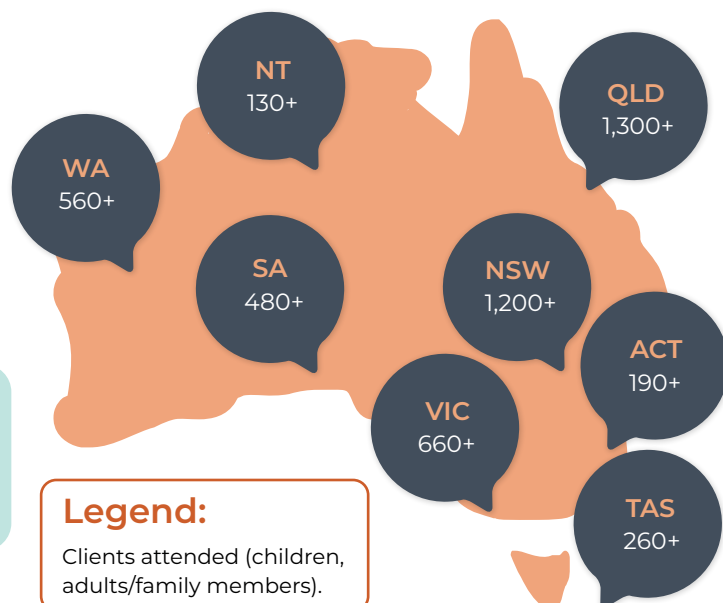
PlayConnect+ is more than a playgroup—it's a **flexible support program** tailored to each community, offering weekly playgroups, music sessions, holiday and online groups. It also connects families to broader supports including therapy, education, and the NDIS.

97%
Overall
Satisfaction

Total playgroup
attendance:
4,700+
clients

-  320+ remote & First Nations individuals.*
-  340+ culturally/linguistically diverse individuals.
-  100+ families with a family member also experiencing a disability/illness.

**Doomadgee, Thursday Island, Ngukurr, and South Arnhem Land.*



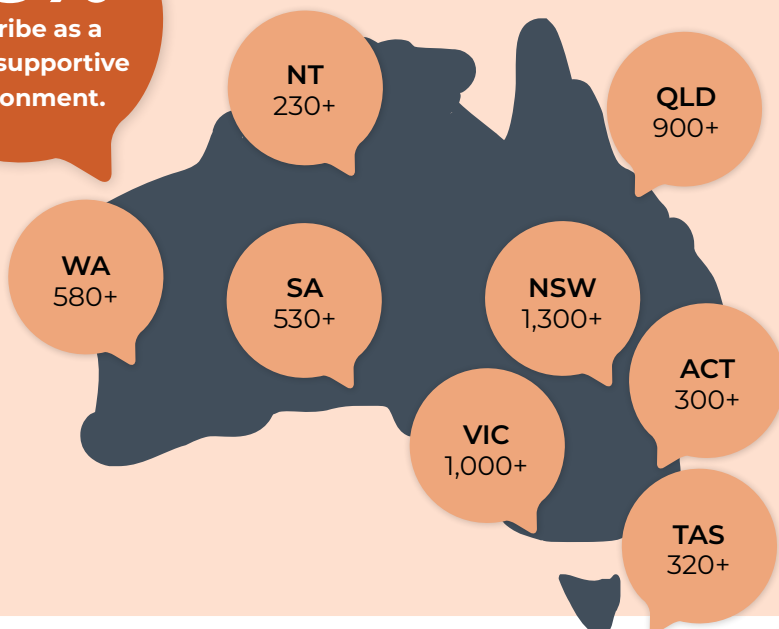
PlayConnect+ has helped 2,700+ children build self-confidence and skills to participate in early childhood settings and school.

Promoting **social inclusion** and **empowering families** to build networks beyond the program, PlayConnect+ provides guidance, resources, and a safe space to connect with others. Caregivers describe the program as a supportive environment where they feel heard and believe their child's needs are understood.

98%

describe as a
safe & supportive
environment.

5,200+ sessions delivered since 2022:



"I'm just so grateful...
It's just that interaction
with people who know
you, and who you see on
a week-to-week basis.
[Our opportunities are
otherwise] very limited at
the moment..."

"PlayConnect+ was
like 'home'... There
is absolutely zero
judgement there."

"PlayConnect+ has
given an environment
where [we] feel safe and
secure... [She] can be
trying new things [and]
meeting new people at
the same time."

Leading model of strengths-based support.

PlayConnect+ encourages families to celebrate their child's progress and focus on their unique strengths. The staff are qualified, experienced early childhood educators, many of whom bring lived experience, helping foster genuine connections and support that is practical and meaningful.



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