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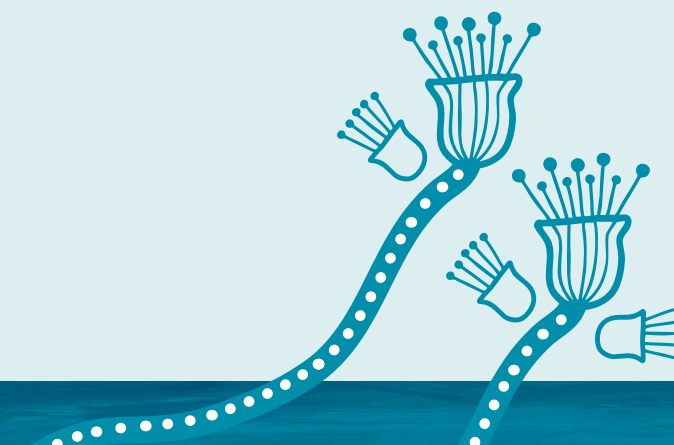
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A program to support babies
showing early social and
communication differences
in Western Australia

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



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WA Country Health Service



About the Inklings Program

Inklings is a program to support babies aged 6-18 months who are showing differences in how they communicate with and relate to others.

Backed by decades of research, the program seeks to support baby's development through enhancing understanding, connection and relating between caregivers and their baby.

The 10-session program uses video observation to help caregivers to better understand the many ways their baby communicates. With the guidance of a trained practitioner, caregivers will learn strategies to build on their own strengths as a responsive communication partner for their baby.

Inklings Program in WA

The Inklings Program is funded in Western Australia through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as part of a new partnership between the NDIS, The Kids Research Institute Australia, Child and Adolescent Health Service and WA Country Health Service to support babies showing early social and communication differences.

The 10-session Inklings Program is delivered fortnightly within six months.

Inklings is funded for eligible families who live in WA.

Who is Inklings for?

Your baby may benefit from Inklings if:

- Your baby is aged 6 – 18 months of age.
- You have noticed differences in how your baby communicates with and relates to others. *For example, your baby may not use gestures such as clapping or waving in the same way as other babies, you may find it difficult to gain your baby's attention, they may not point to show you things or join in social games like peek-a-boo.*
- You, another caregiver or a health care provider are worried about your baby's early communication development.

Key points

- Inklings sessions involve recording a short 5–6-minute video of you and your baby and then reviewing the video together with your practitioner.
- Using observations and learning from the video, the practitioner works with you to apply this learning in everyday interactions with their baby.
- Inklings sessions are delivered in-clinic, or via telehealth.



There is no out-of-pocket expense for eligible families participating in Inklings in WA

