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for children with autism

**EARLY AUTISM
ASSESSMENT CLINIC**

INTRODUCING AEIOU AUTISM-SPECIFIC EARLY ASSESSMENT CLINIC

AEIOU, is Australia's leading provider of autism-specific therapy, education and care. Our expert team has facilitated standardised assessments for children enrolled in the service for more than a decade.

AEIOU's new autism-specific Early Assessment Clinic is open to the community, for children aged 5 and under. Using standardised assessments, our clinicians will share a comprehensive diagnostic report, which will not only support paediatricians to assess a diagnosis, but provide families with information about their child's strengths, skills and needs.



WHAT IS A STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT?

A standardised assessment is a consistent and reliable way to measure an individual's development abilities across a wide range of areas, to determine their skills and needs compared to the norms for their age group.

The assessments AEIOU uses include the Mullen Scales of Early Learning, the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2) and Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales (VABS).

This assessment has been designed to capture the following:



Language and daily living skills



Intellectual functioning



Sensory and repetitive interests or behaviours



Social engagement skills

We will do this through several face-to-face appointments, in addition to parent report questionnaires.

You can read more about standardised assessments and early diagnosis of autism by visiting reputable websites such as the Raising Children's Network.

BENEFITS OF COMING TO AEIOU FOR A STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT:



A full clinical report with scores



Reduce waiting periods during the diagnostic process



An affordable, reliable assessment and report



Help you with starting therapies



Learn more about your child's skills, strengths and needs and how they can be best supported at school



Supports applications for NDIS plans and funding

DOES MY CHILD NEED A REFERRAL?

No.

A Standardised Autism Assessment does not require a referral, as it is funded privately. However, if your child's health care has provided a referral letter or additional information, it would be beneficial to share this with the assessment team to ensure the assessment report adequately addresses the clinician's concerns.



CAN I USE MEDICARE OR PRIVATE HEALTH REBATES?

At this stage, the AEIOU Assessment Clinic does not offer Medicare, private health or other rebates. The assessment is designed to be among the most affordable assessment reports available. Assessments are privately funded and require an upfront payment.

MY CHILD HAS AN NDIS PLAN, CAN I USE NDIS FUNDING?

At this stage, the AEIOU Assessment Clinic is unable to offer NDIS funded assessments.



CAN AN ASSESSMENT BE COMPLETED VIA TELEHEALTH?

Assessments cannot be completed via telehealth or video. They require the use of physical objects and social interaction, and must be completed face-to-face.



DOES THE ASSESSMENT REPORT PROVIDE A DIAGNOSIS?

No.

The assessment and report provide information about your child's skills and behaviours. It will not provide a diagnosis.

The information in this report is to be provided to your child's clinician (i.e., Paediatrician, GP, Psychiatrist, Psychologist). They will determine if your child has a diagnosis of autism based on this information and any other clinical information and tests.

This service helps to reduce delays in accessing autism assessment and early diagnosis from other private and public clinicians with long waitlists. A Specialised Autism Assessment provides evidence for diagnosis, and reduces strain for Paediatricians and clinicians, assisting in a smoother and faster path to diagnosis or intervention.



MEET THE TEAM LEADER



AEIOU Foundation Senior Leader Jaime Kliese is an experienced professional with qualifications in psychology and clinical assessments. Jaime joined AEIOU in 2021 where she leads an assessment program for almost 300 children each year.

WHERE ARE ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED?

AEIOU Central Office
Level 1, 60 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill QLD.



HOW LONG IS THE ASSESSMENT?

Typically, the assessment will take between 2-3 hours with a short break. If the full assessment is unable to be completed in one day, two days may be required. A suitable date will be arranged at no additional cost.

Contact

To enquire, please contact assessment@aeiou.org.au or phone. 07 3320 7500