Public government schools can access Outreach services via the mainstream school Principal or Deputy Principal contacting us either by phone or email, on the contacts below.

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Who are we?

In Western Australia there are 5 Language Development Centres (LDC), each providing intensive oral language and literacy early intervention to children with speech and language difficulties. Each LDC has an attached Outreach Service (West Coast, North East, South East, Fremantle & Peel). The Outreach Services are the only free/low cost education-based public support for mainstream students with speech and language difficulties.

The WCLDC Outreach Service provides support to the West Coast Metro and Midwest regions. The Outreach Service consists of a team of 'Speech and Language Consultants' led by an Associate Principal. The Outreach team collaborates closely with the West Coast Language Development Centre (WCLDC) Speech Pathology team to ensure fidelity of service for transitioning students.

We have expert knowledge in the field of oral language and literacy development, planning and programming for students with communication difficulties.



This service is unique in the Education sphere and invaluable to students' learning and growth in the formative primary school years.

What do we do?

The WCLDC Outreach team offers a range of services to support teachers in public primary schools with a focus on improving speaking, listening and early literacy learning for students with language difficulties, differences and disorders.



Schools are invited to apply for services at the end of each year. Each school is allocated a speech and language consultant who negotiates outcomes and service requirements that are documented in a Service Agreement.

School Based Services include

- Delivery of professional learning at a district and school level.
- Key Language Leadership series training.
- School based face to face services with teachers and administration staff.
- Online learning/training for metropolitan, country and remote school staff.
- Assessment analysis using centre designed tools, standardised language assessments or On Entry data.
- Classroom observations
- Providing intervention resources



Transition to mainstream

The Outreach service oversees the transition to mainstream program for exiting WCLDC students.

Teachers/schools of exited WCLDC students are invited to a full day of training in term 1, of each year. The professional learning opportunity aims to support mainstream teachers who have students with language difficulties within the classroom. It also supports teacher understanding of the programs, assessment and reporting rubrics used within the WCLDC in the areas of language and early literacy.

Speech and language consultants are available for teacher consults to develop their understanding of how best to support the learning needs of any ex WCLDC student, within the public schooling system. Schools do not need to have a service agreement with the WCLDC Outreach to access the expertise of the service's support officers.

Mainstream teachers will be given the opportunity to contact the former teachers of ex WCLDC students.

Please note that our Outreach consultants do not conduct student based therapy.

Approximately 38,000 WA young people are estimated to have language related difficulties at any one time. That's two in every classroom.