

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. 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%

Experience satisfaction

Total playgroup attendance:
6,500+
clients



460+ remote & First Nations individuals.*

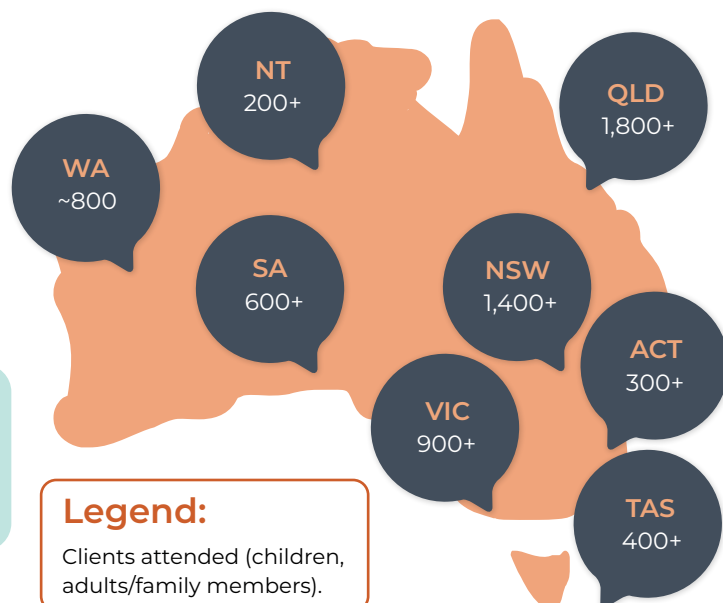


500+ culturally/linguistically diverse individuals.



250+ families with a family member also experiencing a disability/illness.

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



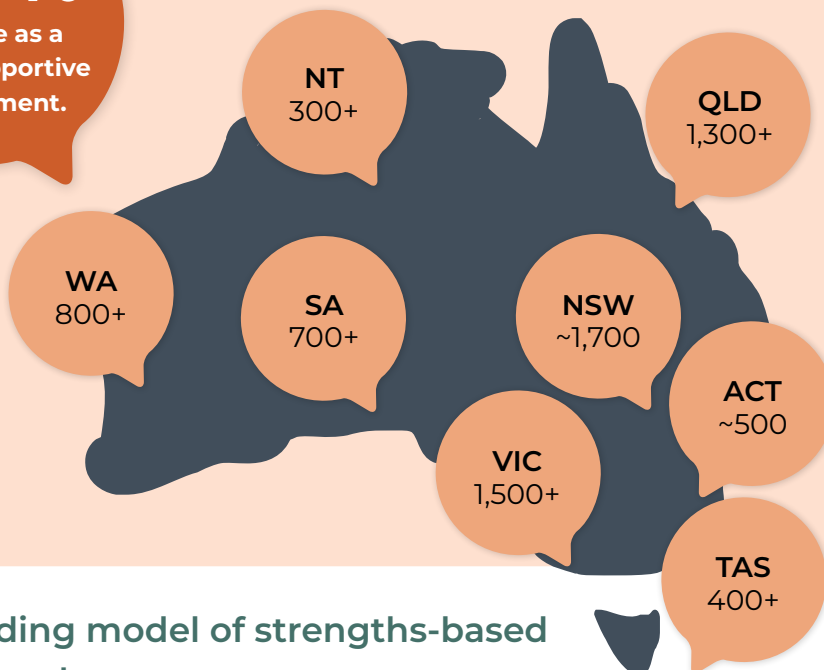
PlayConnect+ has helped 3,000+ families build self-confidence and skills to participate in early childhood settings and school.

Caregivers describe the program as a supportive space where they feel heard and believe their child's needs are understood. PlayConnect+ promotes **social inclusion** and **empowering families** to connect with others.

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describe as a
safe & supportive
environment.

7,400+ sessions delivered since 2022:



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.



Scan QR code to visit the PlayConnect+ website & learn more about our nationwide playgroups.

We're here to help—get in touch to learn more:

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"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."

Autism Queensland is the lead agency for the PlayConnect+ consortium which comprises state and territory playgroup organisations and the autism peak bodies of SA, WA and NSW.



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