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Baptcare provides a range of accessible, integrated services, which strengthen and resource families, young people, children and individuals. Our service is responsive, person focused and will build on the strengths of individuals and families to enable them to participate in their community.

Parents' information

The Parenting Assessment and Skills Development Service (PASDS) is available to parents who have children between 0 – 3 years and are currently involved with the Department of Human Services (DHS). PASDS is a voluntary service and you must provide your consent to participate.

If you choose to be involved, we will focus on helping you to further develop your skills in the parenting of your infant/child (or children).

Your PASDS worker will assist you to determine what you do well as a parent and how you can further develop these skills. We will also look at areas of concern or difficulty and attempt to find ways to help you to address these. PASDS provides a flexible and tailor-made service to meet your family's specific needs.

The aim of this program is to carry out an assessment of your parenting capacity and competency. The program assesses whether your child is growing up in a safe environment. It also assesses whether you can learn new skills to nurture and meet your child's intellectual, emotional and physical needs. This work is guided by goals set by you, the PASDS worker and the DHS protective worker.

Together, you and your PASDS worker will undertake an assessment focusing on some of the following areas:

- Your child's developmental, physical, social and emotional needs.
- Your own family history and the impact/influence this has on current family/individual functioning.
- Your parenting capacity - what are you doing well and in what areas do you need support.
- The family and the external supports you have. From this, a skills development program will be created and implemented to build on areas of strength and address any areas of concerns.

What can I expect when consenting to work with PASDS?

- We will work with you for up to eight weeks. Baptcare and DHS will evaluate the program with you regularly to ensure we are meeting your individual needs.

- After six weeks, formal reviews will be held with you, your PASDS worker and your DHS protective worker to see what is going well and what areas require further development. Informal meetings may also be organised in between this time, for the same purpose.
- Your PASDS worker will want to work with you in your home at a minimum of twice a week for up to two hours until completion of the PASDS program.

Is there a written report?

The PASDS team will write a final report which is given to DHS. The PASDS team and DHS will discuss the report with you at the PASDS closure meeting. You are able to make a formal request for a copy of the report from DHS.

If I have difficulty in caring for my child/children and require support, who should I contact?

You can call your PASDS worker during office hours or the Baptcare on-call service if you need assistance after hours or on weekends.

PASDS on-call contact number:
03 9373 3859
(For after hours service only - 5pm to 9am)