ROAR Program Eligibility Information



What we are

Early Intervention

ROAR is an acronym that stands for 'Reach Out And Relax'. The ROAR Program provides early intervention support for children who may be showing early signs of developing a mental health condition.

Psychoeducational

We are a **psychoeducational service** that focuses on understanding the relationship between the brain and emotions. We teach children **basic skills** to manage their emotions. We aim to improve children's **emotional** wellbeing.

What we are not

Clinical Service

The ROAR Program is not a clinical service. Our workers are not counsellors, psychologists, mental health clinicians, or psychiatrists. We are not qualified to diagnose or treat mental health conditions or give any medical advice.

Crisis Intervention

The ROAR Program is not equipped to provide immediate or crisis intervention. If there is deemed to be risk of harm to self or others, a more intensive level of intervention is needed. If you require immediate support, please contact:

Emergency Services – 000 Accessline – 1800 800 944 Lifeline – 13 11 14

Topics we can address

- Recognising emotions
- Calm down strategies
- Assertive communication
- Developing a growth mindset
- Difficulty coping with school work
- Bullying and friendship difficulties
- Confidence, self-esteem, resilience
- Coping with changes and transitions

Topics that require clinical support

- Self-harm
- Domestic violence
- Suicide (e.g. ideation, history of attempts)
- Any type of abuse and trauma (e.g. bereavement, physical, sexual or psychological)

Where these circumstances have a significant impact on daily functioning.

*These topics are not typically addressed by early intervention and will need to be assessed on an individual basis.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, a child must:

- be aged between 0 -18 years
- live within the Local Government Association (LGA) service area
- not be in Out of Home Care
- have needs that suit an early intervention framework
- be willing to voluntarily participate in the program
- have a caregiver who will participate in the program with them

For further information visit ROAR Intereach Website page

Working with children and young people and their families to improve their emotional health and wellbeing

