



# sing, say, sign and play



**You are your child's first and most important communication partner and your child loves to hear your voice more than any other. Using songs and rhymes helps your child listen and respond to your voice.**

In Sing, Say, Sign and Play we will learn new songs, rhymes and stories and share familiar ones that may be special to your family. We will sing songs for moving around and songs to calm down; songs to keep you company on long car trips or short waits at the doctors. Bouncy rhymes for clapping and tapping, quieter rhymes for rocking and snuggling. Actions, gestures and keyword signs are incorporated into all the songs, rhymes and stories.

## **AIM OF THE GROUP**

- To promote parent-child interaction
- To build early language and communication skills
- Use oral language to build a collection of songs, rhymes and stories to use anywhere
- Learn Key Word Signs to support language development, fine motor skills and cognitive processing
- Learn how to use songs and rhymes as tools for sensory regulation and a behaviour strategy

## **PARENT / CARER ROLE**

- Parents/Carers attend and facilitate their child's engagement. All family members are welcome including siblings and extended family.
- Transfer resources and teaching strategies to the home and community environment
- Communicate regularly with the facilitator regarding all aspects of their child's development, acquisition of new skills and ongoing developmental needs

## **CHILDREN WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS GROUP**

- Children with NDIS goals that can be supported in this small group.
- Children with NDIS goals related to language and social engagement
- Children learning how to engage in a group structure
- Children learning how to socialize positively with other children and new adults

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