

About Evolve Therapeutic Services

Evolve Therapeutic Services (ETS) was established in 2005 as a tertiary level mental health intervention service to address the mental health therapeutic needs of children/young people in out of home care. More specifically, ETS provides specialist intensive trauma-informed mental health interventions for children/young people in out-of-home care (OOHC) with the most severe and complex mental health support needs.

The key focus of ETS is to provide planned and coordinated therapeutic and behaviour supports to children/young people in OOHC, aimed at improving their emotional wellbeing and the development of skills to enhance participation in school and in the community. To achieve this, ETS’s model of service delivery is intensive and trauma-informed grounded in well-established theoretical perspectives (including child development, systemic theory, trauma, attachment, psychodynamic theory, grief and loss, and culture) that encapsulates a collaborative ‘wrap-around’ model of service. Provision of service is achieved through a flexible use of appropriate evidence-informed individual, dyadic and systemic therapeutic interventions and a coordinated and sustainable partnership with key government and non-government and private sector agencies. In addition to direct (individual, dyadic and systemic) mental health service provision, ETS teams provide research, psycho-education and skill development to foster/kinship carers, residential care providers, government, non-government, and private sector service providers. Referrals to ETS can only be made by Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services.

ETS differs from the usual child and youth mental health services in that it only treats children/young people within the statutory child protection system; the interventions are tightly coordinated with the work of the other departments/services through the multi-agency collaborative framework; and clinicians have low clinical caseloads to allow for the intensity of the mental health therapeutic work and systemic work with the multiple “stakeholders” that are involved.

ETS covers almost the entire state of Queensland. Currently there are ten multi-disciplinary, multi-specialist integrated ETS child and youth mental health teams (with an additional position being hosted in Mt Isa).

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State-wide Project Management Team	(07) 3355 8999
Brisbane North (Incl. Redcliffe and Caboolture)	(07) 3355 8999
Brisbane South	(07) 3087 2200
Cairns	(07) 4226 2701
Gold Coast	(07) 5687 9300
Ipswich	(07) 3813 6270
Logan	(07) 3412 1500
Mt Isa	(07) 4744 7103
Rockhampton (Incl. Emerald and Gladstone)	(07) 4920 5700
Sunshine Coast (Incl. Gympie, Bundaberg & Hervey Bay)	(07) 52029500
Toowoomba (Incl. Kingaroy)	(07) 4616 5365
Townsville (Incl. Mackay)	(07) 4799 9004