Behaviour support services aim to maximise the quality of life for people with a disability by reducing their behaviours of concern.

Behaviour support services are available for children, adolescents and adults with a disability. Behaviour support services deliver systematic, environmental, educational and other therapeutic strategies to prevent the occurrence of behaviours of concern.
What are behaviours of concern?

Behaviours of concern are behaviours that are a barrier to a person participating in and contributing to their community and pose a risk to the health and safety of a person and the community. This can include aggressive, self injurious, anti social or dangerous behaviours.

Who provides the support services?

Behaviour support services are delivered by practitioners from the department, community service organisations or private practitioners. Within the department a range of qualified staff from relevant disciplines such as:

- Psychology
- Nursing
- Social work
- Speech pathology
- Staff who have the relevant behavioural training and experience.

Behaviour support services teams (sometimes known as specialist services teams or behaviour intervention services teams) are committed to the use of non-aversive techniques that maximise quality of life and reduce behaviours of concern.

Who can get assistance

Assistance may be available to:

- People that meet the criteria as under the Disability Act 2006
- Family members of people with disabilities
- Carers of people with disabilities
- Support providers.

How to get assistance

Contact your disability intake and response service (/intake-and-response-service) for further information on eligibility criteria and referral pathways.
Positive Practice Framework

The Positive Practice Framework is a resource for behaviour support services practitioners and other interested professionals. It presents a practice model that brings together current research, knowledge and practice strategies, and reflects the legislative requirements of the Disability Act 2006.

For more information, see Specialist disability support on our Service Providers website.

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Behaviour support services

Case management - specialist disability services

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Related sites

Disability services commissioner (http://www.odsc.vic.gov.au/)
Commission for children and young people (https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/)

Contact

Address: 50 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000
Phone: 1300 650 172 (tel:1300 650 172)
Leave feedback online (/website-feedback)

The department acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their Elders, past and present.

Deaf, hearing or speech impaired?
Contact the National Relay Service:
Phone 1300 650 172 (tel:1300 650 172) or visit www.relayservice.com.au (http://www.relayservice.com.au/)

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