

Parent Program Agreement Form

In signing this document you are indicating your agreement to participate in a Tweddle early parenting program.

Multidisciplinary service

Tweddle staff will work in partnership with you to identify the areas of your parenting where you need our help, to set your learning goals and plan your program. Throughout your program staff aim to work with you in making decisions. The Tweddle early parenting staff team includes registered nurses, early childhood professionals, psychologists, a perinatal psychiatrist, social workers and family therapists. Tweddle provides this range of professional skills to provide you with the best support to manage your difficulties, as well as learn and implement new parenting skills.

Group Programs

Tweddle staff are committed to providing parents and their families with a rich learning and support experience in all programs. This may include parent discussion groups and family playgroups as outlined in the Residential Unit Group Program information. It is an important part of Tweddle's programs and you are encouraged to attend as many groups during your involvement in the program.

Interaction Guidance

Tweddle staff aim to work in ways that are known to be most effective in helping you and your family. One method that has been proven effective involves a staff member video recording you and your child together for two or three minutes so you can look at it together and discuss the interaction. Most parents find this method very helpful in learning more about their child and how to respond to them. It can also be a good way to see that the new things you are learning are working. Tweddle does not keep a copy of the recorded video footage but staff will provide you with a copy if you choose.

Students

Tweddle provides placements for nursing, early childhood, psychology and social work students to assist them to increase their knowledge and skills in the area of early parenting. Your Tweddle staff member will discuss the role of students with you if they are involved in your care.

Confidentiality

All Tweddle staff maintain professional standards of confidentiality as detailed in the information you received called "Privacy and Protection of your Information". On completion of the program, staff will provide a written discharge plan and report to your referring professional and other relevant professionals as discussed with you. The information in this discharge plan will include a summary of your stay as well as the support identified that would be helpful to your continuity of care following your Tweddle program.

Code of Conduct

Tweddle takes the safety and wellbeing of all family members, visitors and staff very seriously.

- I agree not to be affected by alcohol or drugs at any time during the admission.
- I understand that the program will end if at any time my behaviour threatens the health, safety or wellbeing of my child/ren, other families, staff or any other persons, and/or if I fail to abide by the program requirements.
- I agree to remain responsible for the care and safety of my own child/ren, with the support of Tweddle staff as needed.
- I understand that the use of baby monitoring devices is prohibited during the residential program
- I understand that, due to privacy issues, filming on cameras and mobile phones is prohibited in this facility without consent from management

If at any time you are concerned about any aspects of your care outlined in this agreement please discuss with Tweddle staff or manager.



Parent Consent Form

Tweddle requires your consent for a range of issues that are important to your care during your involvement in Tweddle programs:

Communication with referrer

I consent for Tweddle staff to consult with the service provider who has referred me to Tweddle about the support needs of myself and my child/ren and Tweddle programs.

Treatment in the event of accident or illness

In the event of accident or illness I authorise Tweddle staff to seek medical assistance for myself or my child/ren as required.

Client Feedback

I consent to being contacted after discharge for the purpose of Tweddle's feedback and evaluation processes.

Communications

I consent to receive the Tweddle e-newsletter with news, events and information.

Email address:

(You can use the 'unsubscribe' facility to opt-out at any time)

Tweddle Child and Family Health Service

The following information has been provided and discussed with me (please check box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> my rights and responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> the organisation's complaints and feedback processes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the services offered by Tweddle as well as additional support services | <input type="checkbox"/> fees that may be applicable and available processes |

Client's Name:

Name _____
Date _____

Signature _____

Staff Name and designation:

Name _____
Date _____

Signature _____



TWEDDLE EARLY PARENTING PROGRAMS

Tweddle In Home Service

Tweddle's In Home Service provides funded and fee-for-service programs designed to provide assistance to families experiencing parenting challenges and are in urgent need of therapeutic support and intervention, with the benefit of this occurring in their own home.

Day Programs

Tweddle's Day Stay programs are designed to provide families with additional support and parenting education over the course of a day at Tweddle's day facilities. Tweddle operates five Early Parenting Day Programs across Melbourne's North and West at the following sites: Footscray, Geelong, Bacchus Marsh in conjunction with Djerriwarrh Health Service and Terang with the Terang and Mortlake Health Service.

Residential Program

The residential program is designed to assist and support families who require higher levels of support with parenting over a five day period. Tweddle recognises that families are unique so strategies are tailored to best support each individual family. Staff are on hand day and night to work with families.

Parenting Assessment and Skills Development

Tweddle's Parenting Assessment and Skills Development Service (PASDS) is available to parents with children between 0 and 3 years who are currently involved with the Department of Human Services (DHS). The aim of this program is to assess and support parenting capacity and competency.

Tweddle Infant and Perinatal Psychology Service

Tweddle Infant and Perinatal Psychology Service in Footscray offers assessment, counselling and support to individuals, couples, and families in the perinatal context. This service is accessible to all families attending Tweddle programs or those seeking an outpatient service.

Social Support

This service offers assessment, counselling, intervention and referral out to existing community support services for families in the residential programs at Tweddle.

Prison Program

The prisoner parenting support and education program offers both group and one-on-one sessions to help parents identify and develop their parenting strengths and consider practical ways to enhance parent-child relationships during and following separation.

Childbirth Education

Tweddle, in partnership with Western Health, offers a comprehensive range of education classes in providing the best care for parents before and after the birth of their baby.