

The following summary has been compiled by AFA in 2019 from the WA Education Department websites below.

Funding for Disability Support

The **Educational Adjustment Allocation** is provided directly to schools to flexibly implement programs and learning support for students with disability and additional learning support needs. Advice and support is also available through Statewide Services, including access to consulting teachers and school psychologists. An **Individual Disability Allocation** will be provided for eligible students to help the school address the learning needs of students with a diagnosed disability (Ophthalmologist Report demonstrating vision of **6/18 or higher**). Resources are reviewed when a student moves into a new phase of schooling (at the end of Kindergarten and Year 8). Funding is provided through Disability Services and Support (DET WA).

<http://det.wa.edu.au/studentsupport/detcms/navigation/disability-services-and-support/funding-for-students-with-disability/disability-allocation/>

Provision of Support by SSEN:Sensory. <http://www.ssens.wa.edu.au/>

The **School of Special Educational Needs (SSEN) Sensory**: provides educational support for children with vision impairment. Mainstream schools that enrol students with vision impairment are supported to provide fully accessible learning environments, curriculum, and school communities. This support is available to both public and non-government school students throughout the state.

Access To Service - Parents, teachers, principals and health professionals are all able to refer a child they have concerns about or that has been diagnosed with a vision impairment (6/18+). Contact the Sensory section of SSEN, and provide an Ophthalmologist report.

Early Childhood Service

Support is provided to families with children from birth to four years of age. Family-centred programs, including parent education, are run on-site at Padbury Statewide Services Centre and Southwell Primary School. Individual programs occur either on-site or in the child's home. Other programs include Playgroup (0 to 3 years), Lighthouse Littlies for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten year (aged 3 to 4 years). Vision Education individualised programs which focus on essential skills, concepts and understandings to support child development.

Visiting Teacher Service

Sensory visiting teacher service and support is based on individual student educational needs from Kindergarten through to Year 12/13. Support is provided to both students and teachers on assessment of student needs, curriculum adjustments and provision of enlarged print and equipment. Some major country towns have local Sensory Visiting Teachers available whilst more remote areas are supported on a needs and/or request basis.

Support Services

School Psychology Service - The school psychologist provides support for children with a hearing loss and/or vision impairment, their families and schools. This includes identification of cognitive ability and developmental levels; behavioural and social-emotional needs to provide information to assist with individual educational planning and program development, as well as family support.

Production Services - A resources production team is available to produce curriculum materials in alternative formats such as braille texts, tactile graphics, large print books and captioned videos for schools to use with students who have a hearing loss and/or vision impairment

Transcription Services - Vision Education provides reading and learning materials for children who are blind or have low vision in the following alternative formats - braille, large print, tactile books and tactile graphics. Requests for these materials are made through consultation with the visiting teacher, parents, classroom teacher and student.

Sensory Youth Advisory Council - provides an opportunity for selected young people aged 11-16 years who have vision impairment to provide student leadership for the school and promote their unique perspectives on learning, teaching and schooling.

Partnerships – SSEN has partnerships with VisAbility, Perth Children's Hospital and Telethon Kid's Institute.

Other non-government Support Groups for Children in Western Australia

VisAbility

<https://www.visability.com.au/choose-your-service/therapy-for-children/>