This resource provides information on inclusion support services offered by Noah’s Ark, a Queensland-based not-for-profit organisation supported by Australian Government funding that provides specialist services and support for children with disability.

Noah’s Ark offers online resources, an Inclusion Support Agency, and an Advisory service. This support is available to parents/carers, schools and children’s services to:

- provide information, understanding and advice
- develop the skills of professional educators to support inclusive practices
- provide access to resources.

### Online factsheets

The Noah’s Ark factsheets, which are available at www.noahsark.net.au/resources/online-factsheets, cover a range of topics around inclusion. These include:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Asperger’s syndrome
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Disability — Down syndrome, hearing impairment, and intellectual impairment
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

### Inclusion Support Agency

Inclusion Support Agency is part of the Inclusion and Professional Support Program (IPSP), an integrated approach to meeting the professional and inclusion support needs of service providers.

Each Inclusion Support Agency manages a network of skilled Inclusion Support Facilitators who work at a local level with childcare services to:

- build their capacity to create an inclusive environment for all children and families
- promote the awareness of and responsiveness to:
  - children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including children from refugee backgrounds
  - children with ongoing high-support needs, including children with disability
  - Aboriginal children and Torres Strait Islander children.

For information on eligible services, visit [www.noahsark.net.au/services/inclusion-support-agency](http://www.noahsark.net.au/services/inclusion-support-agency).
Advisory service

The Advisory service offers consultation and assistance to parents/carers, children’s services and schools. The Noah’s Ark advisors include qualified and experienced teachers, therapists in early childhood and primary education, occupational therapists and speech pathologists.

Advisors are available to assist parents/carers and schools to select resources appropriate for the needs and requirements of their child or children. The service also provides educational resources and toys available through Noah’s Ark libraries.

More information

For further information on Noah’s Ark, please visit www.noahsark.net.au.

Information and resources to support inclusion and diversity are also available on the QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12974.html.