

About Able Australia

Able Australia is one of Australia's leading not-for-profit organisations, delivering high quality, person-centred services to people living with multiple disabilities, including deafblindness and those in need of community support.

From its humble beginnings in 1967 as the Victorian Deaf Blind and Rubella Children's Association, Able Australia has grown into a diverse and dynamic organisation that supports more than 4000 people throughout the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland and Victoria.

About Independent Options for Mobility

We are a Melbourne-based partnership providing orientation and mobility (O&M) and travel training and education for independent travel.

We provide high quality, collaborative and inclusive Orientation and Mobility (O&M) programs and work to improve community awareness of disability, in particular low vision and blindness. Our programs are tailored to meet individual needs and budgets. We believe in working collaboratively whilst respecting the confidentiality of the individuals and organisations we work with.

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Specialist support for children with vision and hearing impairments



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When your child has a vision and/or hearing impairment, it's hard to know where to turn for support.

Through a range of speech pathology and Orientation and Mobility (O&M) intervention services, we can establish the foundations for children to develop communication skills and independent movement through their environment.

Our experienced professionals support parents and caregivers to identify appropriate communication and O&M goals that take into account their family situation and needs.



Our programs

Programs are eligible for funding through the Better Start for Children with a Disability initiative, or the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

They are developed in conjunction with families to provide optimal communication and O&M experiences that occur daily and within everyday routines. Programs might include:

- Developing the foundations of interaction to foster positive relationships
- Development of a system of tactile cues and signs to help the child learn and anticipate daily routines and develop language skills
- Motor development, including the development of purposeful and self-initiated movement
- Play skill development
- Sensory skill development
- Concept development
- Developmentally appropriate orientation techniques
- Mobility aid use
- Training other service providers who work with the child to optimise skill development in a variety of settings.

Experience matters

Successful skill development is founded on trust, so its important to have access to experts in the field.

Dr Meredith Prain (Speech Pathologist), and Dr Bronwen Scott (Orientation and Mobility Specialist), have extensive experience in working with young children, families and other service providers to optimise early development.

They have worked with children and families throughout Australia, and are passionate about the importance of providing foundational skills to foster positive relationships, communication, and independent movement and travel in young children with sensory impairments.

