

# Statewide Ed-LinQ Program

Queensland Health

## Vision

All school-aged children and young people will receive the evidence-informed mental health care they require to optimise educational, social, and emotional outcomes.

## Delivery Focus

Ed-LinQ coordinators improve access to mental health services for children and young people through cross-sectoral activities in three areas:

### Strategic Partnerships

Develop strategic relationships and foster cross-sector cooperation in support of mental health initiatives for students.

### Enhancing Capacity

Increase knowledge and skills within stakeholders regarding mental health problems in children and young people, through the provision of resources and training.

### Consultation Liaison

Provide specialist mental health input about students experiencing, or at-risk-of, mental illness. Assist with service integration and referral pathways for school-aged children and young people requiring mental health intervention.

## Quality

The Ed-LinQ Program Evaluation Framework established a standardised mechanism for collecting, collating, and disseminating Ed-LinQ data across Queensland. The Framework also identifies a process for evaluating Ed-LinQ Program activities to ensure quality, and improve evidence based service delivery.

## Aim

To strengthen connections, service integration, and capacity between mental health, education, primary care, and community sectors to support school-aged children and young people experiencing, or at-risk-of, mental illness.

## Partners

Ed-LinQ works with stakeholders from Health, Education, and the Community.

### Primary stakeholders

Child and youth mental health services (CYMHS), guidance officers, school counsellors, teachers, principals, Department of Education student wellbeing workforce, Catholic and Independent Schools wellbeing initiatives.

### Secondary stakeholders

School-based youth health nurses, Be You - headspace schools, general practitioners, community-based mental health support services.

## Locations

Ed-LinQ operates in Hospital and Health Services in: Cairns & Hinterland, Central Queensland, Children's Health Queensland, Darling Downs, Gold Coast, Mackay, Metro North (Redcliffe/Caboolture), Metro South (Logan), North West, South West, Sunshine Coast, Torres & Cape, Townsville, West Moreton, and Wide Bay.

## More information

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