

AEIOU Research & Assessment Team

AEIOU Foundation's Research & Assessment Team conducts **research** and **standardised assessments** within AEIOU. Research and assessment is an important guide to understanding children and families' needs and strengths.

Our purpose is to integrate research and assessment outcomes of our children, to **inform the AEIOU curriculum**.

The number and type of research and assessments carried out across AEIOU centres does vary. Currently, we service a focus group of centres in Queensland, with the potential to roll out to other centres in the near future.

Research:

AEIOU is involved in multiple research projects through data collection from children, parents and teachers at our centres. This data is used as the basis for the writing of evidence-based research papers.

We collaborate with many partners including Autism CRC (The Co-operative Research Centre for Living with Autism), Griffith University, and the University of Queensland.

We participate in projects such as clarifying the diagnosis of ASD, and developing evidence-based classroom interventions to support children with ASD.

Assessment:

We conduct standardised assessments to:

- Measure children's abilities compared to children of a similar age
- Capture children's progress over time
- Use data in our research projects

Standardised assessments are conducted at intake, 12-monthly, and on transition.



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