**What is GDD**

A developmental delay is more than being ‘a little behind.” Global developmental delay (GDD) is diagnosed when a child is significantly delayed in two or more of the 5 developmental realms including

* Cognitive (or thinking)
* Social and emotional
* Communication
* Fine motor
* Gross motor

**What causes GDD**

There are many possible causes of GDD. Some are permanent, but others aren’t.

They include:

* Genetic conditions:
* Complications in pregnancy or birth:
* Environmental issues:
* Other medical conditions:

More often than not a child received a secondary diagnosis as they grow such as intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder, in which case the name for the disorder replaces the term developmental delay.

**If you are concerned**

Early intervention programs and therapies can give many children with global development delays a head start and allow them to reach their full potential. If you are concerned that your child is not developing at the rate you would expect, please talk to your GP.

**What can you do?**

Each child is different in their own wonderful way, if we choose to celebrate and understand the things that make us unique as well as the ones that bring us together, we can create a much happier and more inclusive environment for all our children.

Looking for more info or support contact (BOX for contact info)