Queensland Health, Evolve Therapeutic Services
Evolve Therapeutic Services provide:
• comprehensive assessments and treatment plans based on the bio-psycho-social-cultural needs of the child or young person and their support network
• crisis response to stabilise behaviour through appropriate coping strategies
• medium to long-term therapy to facilitate a child or young person’s ability to form secure attachments following ongoing abuse and neglect
• education to the child/young person’s support network and associated agencies on the effects of trauma and abuse.

Department of Communities, Evolve Behaviour Support Services
Evolve Behaviour Support Services provide:
• holistic Initial Assessments
• implementation of positive behaviour support strategies including environmental changes
• support for the child or young person to develop appropriate enduring skills to replace behaviours of concern
• communication assessments to provide improved communication strategies for children, young people and carers.

Where are the services located?
For more information about Evolve Interagency Services in your local area, please refer to the websites listed below or contact one of the partner agencies.

Department of Communities
Please contact your local Department of Communities Child Safety or Disability Service Centre or refer to the website www.comunities.qld.gov.au

Queensland Health
Please refer to the website www.health.qld.gov.au/mentalhealth

Department of Education and Training
Please contact your local education district Senior Guidance Officer through the website http://education.qld.gov.au/directory/phone
About Evolve
Evolve Interagency Services (Evolve) provide therapeutic and behaviour support services for children and young people on child protection orders and in out-of-home care who have severe and complex psychological and behavioural problems.

Evolve delivers coordinated support to children and young people and their support network, to improve their emotional wellbeing and develop and enhance skills to participate in school and the community.

Working Together
Evolve is a collaborative partnership between the Department of Communities, Queensland Health, and the Department of Education and Training.

An interagency panel supports intake and reviews the progress of all children and young people. Regular meetings of stakeholders involved in the care of the child/young person (including carers, family and the child/young person where possible) plan and coordinate care. Local and statewide interagency steering committees provide governance of the program.

What does Evolve offer?
Children and young people with challenging behaviour and/or significant emotional needs as a result of past trauma and abuse, often require support in a range of settings.

Evolve provides a service consistent with the level of need of the child or young person and their support network to:
• form secure attachments
• reduce frequency and intensity of challenging behaviour
• increase placement stability
• increase participation in education and improve educational outcomes
• form positive peer relationships
• increase participation in community activities to facilitate their wellbeing
• enhance communication with the key people involved with their care
• promote greater understanding of their behaviour and the best way to respond to their needs
• build capacity of their support network.

What happens when a referral is made to Evolve?
When a referral is made by the Department of Communities, an interagency panel will determine the appropriate service response. When a referral is accepted, the panel will allocate a primary service provider.

This is provided by:
• Queensland Health’s Evolve Therapeutic Services, which provides a mental health therapeutic response through a multidisciplinary clinical team
• Department of Communities’ Evolve Behaviour Support Services which provides positive behaviour support services through a multi-disciplinary team of psychologists, speech and language pathologists and occupational therapists
• Evolve Therapeutic Services and Evolve Behaviour Support Services jointly.

The primary service provider works in collaboration with the child or young person, child safety officers, school guidance officers and education staff, carers, family and other identified key stakeholders (e.g. recognised entity) to plan, deliver and review therapeutic and/or behaviour support intervention for the child/young person and their support network.