

Centre supports deaf children

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A NEW oral language centre is helping deaf children in Melbourne's northwest.

The Taralye Oral Language Centre in Gowanbrae, which opened earlier this year, includes a maternal and child health service, a kindergarten and a community area.

Taralye chief executive Therese Kelly said the centre had become a hub for families in the northern and western suburbs.

"Forty per cent of families using Taralye services live in the northern western metropolitan region," Ms Kelly said. "The centre provides support for children from birth to six years."

Three full-time staff members are based at the centre.

"They provide support so children who are deaf can learn to listen and speak," Ms Kelly said.

"They also help with problems including helping families access education opportunities and social opportunities."