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Do you know someone with a disability who could do with a helping hand?

Senses Foundation has an adult therapy service which provides physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy and social work to people with a disability, specialising in people who are deafblind.

Specialist Services Manager Matthew Wittorff says Senses' therapy team will provide a quality, free assessment and consultation then develop a management plan tailored to the client's needs.

"Our speech therapist can provide assistance with communication issues, by teaching Makaton signing or establishing alternative communication methods," says Matthew.

"The physiotherapist will concentrate on mobility and fitness while our occupational therapist will focus more on life skills. Our social worker provides counselling and case management services."

While priority is given to people who are deafblind, the service is available to anyone with a permanent disability who meets the following criteria:

- Left school or 18 years or older
- Acquired their disability before 65 years
- Not currently receiving therapy services from another disability service provider

For more information about the adult therapy service call Matthew Wittorff at Senses Foundation on 9473 5458.

Background information on Senses Foundation

Senses Foundation was formed when the Royal WA Institute for the Blind - one of WA's oldest charities - amalgamated with the WA Deafblind Association.

It is now WA's primary advocate and service provider for people who are deafblind or blind with additional disabilities, providing highly specialised programs and services to improve communication, socialisation, mobility and quality of life for both adults and children.

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