

## Support & Advocacy for Families

Programs and agencies in South Australia providing advocacy, mentoring and support for families and carers

### List of providers by category (A-Z):

#### Disability and Autism advocacy/family services

<b>Advocacy for Disability Access and Inclusion</b> <a href="http://www.advocacyfordisability.org.au/">www.advocacyfordisability.org.au/</a>	Assists individuals who have a disability and families caring for a person with a disability to gain access to services or to improve services.
<b>Anglicare</b> <a href="https://anglicaresa.com.au/">https://anglicaresa.com.au/</a>	Disability support, respite care (age 5+), children's post separation support program (mental health and wellbeing), families
<b>Autism SA</b> <a href="http://www.autismsa.org.au/">www.autismsa.org.au/</a>	Autism SA aims to improve life outcomes for people with ASD by providing and facilitating the very best information, connections, expertise, education, services, support and a strong representative voice for people in the community.
<b>Brain Injury Network of SA (BINSAs)</b> <a href="http://braininjurysa.org.au/">http://braininjurysa.org.au/</a>	Brain Injury SA provides opportunity for people living with ABI to make more informed decisions and be better empowered thanks to funding from the National Disability Advocacy Program.
<b>Child Development Units</b> <a href="http://www.wch.sa.gov.au/services/az/other/allied/childdev/index.html">www.wch.sa.gov.au/services/az/other/allied/childdev/index.html</a>	Women's and Children's Hospital Child Development Unit Flinders Medical Centre - Child Assessment Team Gordon McKay Child Development Unit - Lyell McEwin
<b>Child and Youth Health Services</b> <a href="http://www.kudosservices.com.au">www.kudosservices.com.au</a>	Registered NDIS provider, providing specialist therapy and support and early intervention programs for children with developmental issues, trauma, behavioural issues.
<b>DACSA (Disability, Advocacy and Complaints SA)</b> <a href="http://www.dacssa.org.au/">www.dacssa.org.au/</a>	Provides support information and advocacy for all people with disability their families, friends and carers. Not for profit organisation funded by the Australian Government, dedicated to providing the most effective, respectful and culturally competent service for clients.
<b>DRAS (Disability Rights Advocacy Service)</b> <a href="http://www.dras.com.au/">http://www.dras.com.au/</a>	Free disability advocacy service offering assistance for families and individuals in a wide range of areas. Offices in Henley Beach, Riverland and Mt Gambier.
<b>Equal Opportunity Commission of South Australia</b> <a href="http://www.eoc.sa.gov.au/">http://www.eoc.sa.gov.au/</a>	Information about equal opportunity, human rights laws and the work of the Equal Opportunity Commission of South Australia.
<b>Family by Family</b> <a href="http://familybyfamily.org.au/">http://familybyfamily.org.au/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mission is to find, coach, and link up families to develop each other's goals and connections.</li> <li>· Link ups connect families who are going through tough times with families who have come out the other side.</li> </ul>
<b>Family Advocacy SA</b> <a href="http://advocacyfordisability.org.au/">http://advocacyfordisability.org.au/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Helps families gain access to services</li> <li>· Supports parent groups and networks</li> <li>· Assists individuals, parents and carers to advocate for improved or new services</li> <li>· Promotes community involvement</li> <li>· Provides information</li> </ul>

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### Health & Community Services Complaints Commissioner

[www.hcsc.sa.gov.au](http://www.hcsc.sa.gov.au)

Information and advice for people who live with a disability and their family/ advocates with regards to complaints. Independent, impartial advice to assist understanding rights under the Charter of Health and Community Service Rights for both service users and providers.

### Julia Farr Youth - Purple Orange

[www.purpleorange.org.au/](http://www.purpleorange.org.au/)

Julia Farr Youth Mentoring, an initiative of Julia Farr Youth, is a peer-to-peer support program for young people living with disability between the ages of 11 and 18 who are mentored by other young people between the ages of 18 and 30 years who also live with disability.

### My Time

[www.mytime.net.au/](http://www.mytime.net.au/)

MyTime groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

### The Growing Space

[www.thegrowingspace.com.au/](http://www.thegrowingspace.com.au/)

Independent disability support, information and advocacy for families in South Australia. Helping and supporting families with NDIS plans, respite and advice.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advocacy/family support services

### Aboriginal Family Support Services

[www.afss.com.au/](http://www.afss.com.au/)

AFSS provides a wide range of services and programs across South Australia to help strengthen Aboriginal families, children and communities.

### Children and Family Centres

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services/childrens-centres>

Children and Family Centres focus on supporting Aboriginal families with young children to provide the best possible start in life. All centres have links to the local Aboriginal Health Services.

### First People's Disability Network

<https://fpdn.org.au/>

Proactively engages with communities around Australia and advocate for the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability in Australia and internationally.

### Isolated Children's Scheme

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme>

Assistance for families with students who cannot go to a state school because of geographical isolation, disability or special health needs.

### Learning Together Program

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services/programs/learning-together-program-involve-families-their-childs-learning>

The Learning Together program helps families with children from birth to 4 years of age become more involved in their children's learning. Some locations offer specific activities for younger mothers and Aboriginal families.

### Relationships Australia - Indigenous Parenting Support Service (IPPS)

[www.rasa.org.au/services/couples-families/indigenous-parenting-support-service/](http://www.rasa.org.au/services/couples-families/indigenous-parenting-support-service/)

Indigenous Children and Schooling Program supports Aboriginal families in preparing their children for successfully commencing and participating in kindergarten and school. Locations in Salisbury/Elizabeth and the APY Lands.

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### Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) advocacy/family support services

**ARA – Australian Refugee Association**  
[www.australianrefugee.org/](http://www.australianrefugee.org/)

ARA is a non-profit organisation that provides services predominately for refugees who have been in Australia for between 6 months and 5 years.

**Migrant Resource Centre SA**  
<http://amrc.org.au/>

Supports the effective settlement and participation of people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, particularly those who are new arrivals to South Australia

**Multicultural SA**  
<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs>

Provides a comprehensive list of resources and services in South Australia and current links to services - searchable by location.

**Parks Children’s Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting Angle Park**  
<https://parkscc.sa.edu.au/>

Provides services including pre-school, occasional care, social workers, community development, occupational and speech therapists. Groups include a school for women from non-English backgrounds, cooking groups, child-parent groups, multi-cultural playgroup and Vietnamese group. CaFHS nurse, physio and paediatrician hold clinics

**PEACE Multicultural Services**  
<https://www.rasa.org.au/services/couples-families/peace-multicultural-services/>

Supports and assists individuals, families and communities from CaLD backgrounds to lead balanced and healthy lives through family relationship and counselling services.

**STTARS – Survivors of Torture & Trauma Assistance & Rehabilitation**  
[www.sttars.org.au/](http://www.sttars.org.au/)

Assists people from a refugee and migrant background who have experienced torture or been traumatised as a result of persecution, violence, war or unlawful imprisonment prior to their arrival in Australia

**The Welcome Centre**  
<http://welcometoaustralia.org.au/>

The Welcome Centre is an initiative of Welcome to Australia, providing support to asylum seekers, refugees and new arrivals through English classes, volunteer and work experience opportunities, material aid (donated furniture), emergency food relief, social support and friendship. Locations in Bowden, Salisbury and Marion.



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