



# Key Regional Contacts

## for families of children with a disability

### Gippsland Region

#### Parent Support

See pages 1 and 2 of  
*'Through the Maze:  
 A Guide to Benefits and  
 Services for Families of  
 Children with a Disability'*,  
 available free from the  
*Association for Children  
 with a Disability*.  
 See back page for details.

#### Regional Parent Support Co-ordinator

Parent to Parent Gippsland (Yvonne Waite) ..... Phone: 1800 010 453

#### Child Care

Includes:  
 - child care centres  
 - family day care  
 - holiday program  
 - before & after school care

Child Care Access Hotline ..... Phone: 1800 670 305  
 National Child Care Accreditation Council ..... Phone: 1300 136 554  
 Community Child Care Association ..... Phone: 9486 3455

#### Children aged 0 - school age (5 or 6 years)

See pages 5, 6 and 9 of  
*'Through the Maze'*

#### Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)

Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) Central Intake Phone: 1800 783 783  
 Central Intake will determine whether your child is eligible for ECIS and make a referral to an  
 ECIS agency.

Specialist Children's Services Gippsland ..... Phone: 5136 2474 or  
 1800 783 783

#### Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) Flexible Support Packages

Gippsland Lakes Community Health ..... Phone: 5152 0052

#### Early Choices

La Trobe Community Health. .... Phone: 1800 242 696

#### Preschool Field Officer (PSFO)

Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire ..... Phone: 5662 9205  
 Baw Baw Shire Council ..... Phone: 5622 3541  
 Remote Family Services UnitingCare (East Gippsland) ..... Phone: 5153 1113  
 La Trobe City ..... Phone: 5128 5632  
 Kilmany Uniting Care (Wellington Shire) ..... Phone: 5144 7777

Koorie Early Childhood Field Officer ..... Phone: 5177 2500

#### Turning 6 and going to school

See pages 7, 8 and 9 of  
*'Through the Maze'*

#### Disability Client Services, Department of Human Services

Disability Intake and Response Team ..... Phone: 5136 2474or  
 1800 783 783

#### Making a Difference Program

Anglicare (Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland,  
 La Trobe, South Gippsland, Wellington). .... Phone: 5133 9998

#### Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Regional Disability and Welfare Manager ..... Phone: 5127 0400





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### Respite Care

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#### Regional Carer Respite Centre

Traralgon ..... Phone: 5176 1972 or  
1800 059 059  
Sale ..... Phone: 5143 9888  
Carelink ..... Phone: 1800 052 222

#### Interchange

Interchange Central Gippsland  
(Bass Coast, Baw Baw, La Trobe, South Gippsland) ..... Phone: 5127 7979  
Interchange East Gippsland  
- Kilmany Uniting Care Sale (Wellington) ..... Phone: 5144 7777  
- Kilmany Uniting Care Bairnsdale (East Gippsland) ..... Phone: 5152 9600

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### Local Government Home and Community Care (HACC)

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#### Home and Community Care (HACC)

Bass Coast Shire ..... Phone: 5671 2211  
Baw Baw Shire Council via Baw Baw Community Health Service . Phone: 5625 0200  
East Gippsland Shire  
- Omeo District ..... Phone: 5159 4536 or 2133  
- Lakes Entrance ..... Phone: 5155 1314  
- Bairnsdale ..... Phone: 5152 0052  
La Trobe City ..... Phone: 1300 367 700  
South Gippsland Shire ..... Phone: 5662 9200  
Wellington Shire - via Central Gippsland Health Service ..... Phone: 5143 8800 or 8560

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### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

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#### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Gippsland Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAMHS) ..... Phone: 5128 0100 or  
1300 363 322

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### Continence

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'Through the Maze'

Bairnsdale Community Health Centre ..... Phone: 5152 0222 or 0236  
West Gippsland Continence Service ..... Phone: 5625 0251  
La Trobe Health ..... Phone: 5136 5400

Continence Aids Assistance Scheme Helpline (5+) ..... Phone: 1300 366 455  
National Continence Helpline ..... Phone: 1800 330 066

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### Recreation AAA Workers

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'Through the Maze'

#### Access for All Abilities (AAA) Worker

Gippsport (Bass Coast, Baw Baw, La Trobe, South Gippsland) ... Phone: 5135 8335  
(East Gippsland, Wellington) ..... Phone: 5153 1745





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### ***Rural Access Program***

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#### **Rural Access Worker**

Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire . . . . . Phone: 5662 9376  
Baw Baw Shire Council . . . . . Phone: 5671 2705  
East Gippsland Shire . . . . . Phone: 5153 9500  
La Trobe City . . . . . Phone: 1300 367 700  
Wellington Shire Council . . . . . Phone: 1300 366 244

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### ***Futures for Young Adults Program***

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#### **Department of Human Services**

**Futures for Young Adults Co-ordinator . . . . . Phone: 5136 2474**

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### ***Sibling Support***

For information about sibling programs in the Gippsland Region, please contact the Association office on 9818 2000 or 1800 654 013.

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### ***Other Services/ Notes***



# **Association for Children with a Disability**

Our Association is a statewide non-profit organisation run by parents of children with a disability. We work in close co-operation with a network of Regional Parent Support Co-ordinators in Victoria and various statewide and national parent support groups, including the Australian Association for Families of Children with Disability. For parents/carers we provide free telephone information and advice about any issues relating to children with a disability including education, respite, aids and equipment, home care and recreation.



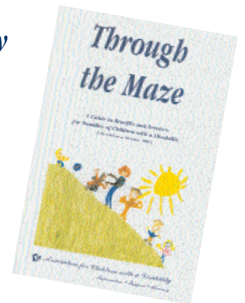
## **'NoticeBoard'** *Our bi-monthly magazine*

One of the best ways to keep up to date is to become a member of our Association and receive our magazine, 'NoticeBoard'. Membership is free for families for the first 12 months. Service providers, organisations, interested persons and other community supporters are also encouraged to join our Association.

## **'Through the Maze'**

### ***A Guide to Benefits and Services for families of Children with a Disability***

This Key Regional Contact sheet complements our information booklet, 'Through the Maze: A Guide to Benefits and Services for Families of Children with a Disability', available free from our Association. A summary version of 'Through the Maze' is also available in various community languages.



## **'Helping You and Your Family'**

### ***Information, support and advocacy for parents of children with a disability***

The booklet 'Helping You and Your Family: Information, support and advocacy for parents of children with a disability' is available free from our Association.



## **'Sharing Our Story'**

### ***Parents of children with a disability talk about their lives***

The 'Sharing Our Story' video explores the lives of five families of children with a disability. If you are involved in providing services or other assistance to children with a disability and their families, 'Sharing Our Story' will move and inspire you to better understand the world from a family's perspective. A range of community education training packages are also available.



## **Your Feedback**

We greatly appreciate your feedback and ideas. If you have any comments or suggestions about this information sheet or any other aspect of our work, please contact us (see below for details).

