



Key Regional Contacts

for families of children with a disability

Western 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

Western Region Parent to Parent (Pauline Parsons) Phone: 9680 8444

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 Western Phone: 9275 7500 or
1800 783 783

Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) Flexible Support Packages

Abercare Phone: 9373 3800

Early Choices

Abercare Family Services (*Brimbank, Moonee Valley, Sunbury*). Phone: 9373 3800
MacKillop Family Services
(*Brimbank, Hobson's Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Wyndham*). Phone: 9680 8444

Preschool Field Officer (PSFO)

Brimbank City Council Phone: 9249 4210 or 4115
UnitingCare (*Maribyrnong*). Phone: 9688 0128 or
North West Children's Services Phone: 0417 318 569
Hobsons Bay City Council Phone: 9932 4022
Shire of Melton Phone: 9747 7200
City of Moonee Valley. Phone: 9243 8758
Wyndham City Council. Phone: 9742 8199 or
0412 946 682
Koorie Early Childhood Field Officer Phone: 9275 7073





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Turning 6 and going to school

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Disability Client Services, Department of Human Services
Disability Intake and Response Team Phone: 9412 2741 or 1800 783 783

Making a Difference Program

Abercare Family Services East Keilor (*Brimbank, Moonee Valley*) . Phone: 9373 3800
 Care Connect Footscray (*Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Melton, Moonee Valley, Wyndham*) Phone: 9362 8000 or 8013
 MacKillop Family Services Footscray (*Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Wyndham*) Phone: 9680 8444

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Regional Disability and Welfare Manager Phone: 9291 6500

Respite Care

See page 13 of 'Through the Maze'

Regional Carer Respite Centre

Carers Victoria Respite Connections Phone: 9396 9550 or 1800 059 059

Interchange

Interchange Western Phone: 9396 1111

Local Government Home and Community Care (HACC)

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Home and Community Care (HACC)

Brimbank City Council Phone: 9249 4000
 Hobsons Bay City Council Phone: 9932 4054
 City of Maribyrnong Phone: 9688 0103
 City of Melbourne Phone: 9658 9542
 Shire of Melton Phone: 9747 7200
 City of Moonee Valley Phone: 9243 8806
 Wyndham City Council Phone: 9742 8114

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

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Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Under 15 years of age
 North West CAMHS (*Brimbank, Hobson's Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Melton, Moonee Valley, Wyndham*) Phone: 1800 445 511

Over 15 years of age
 ORYGEN Youth Health - Parkville Campus Phone: 1800 888 320

Royal Children's Hospital - Travancore Campus Phone: 9345 6011





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Contenance

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Contenance Clinic

Royal Children's Hospital Phone: 9345 5338

Contenance Aids Assistance Scheme Helpline (5+) Phone: 1300 366 455

National Contenance Helpline Phone: 1800 330 066

Recreation

AAA Workers

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'Through the Maze'

Access for All Abilities (AAA) Worker

Brimbank City Council (*Moonee Valley*) Phone: 9249 4800

Hobsons Bay City Council Phone: 9932 1082

City of Maribyrnong Phone: 9688 0330

Shire of Melton Phone: 9747 7321

Moonee Valley City Council Phone: 9243 8808

YMCA (*Melbourne*) Phone: 9347 3600 or
0447 301 445

Futures for Young Adults Program

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'Through the Maze'

Department of Human Services

Futures for Young Adults Co-ordinator Phone: 9412 2647

Sibling Support

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

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.



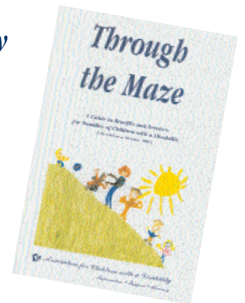
'NoticeBoard' *Our bi-monthly magazine*

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).

