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Hi ,

ACD has prepared a 2024 Victorian State Budget submission that highlights key areas of funding for children with disability and their families.

We're speaking up for recommendations that we know will make a difference. We want to see a budget commitment to:

1. Ongoing funding for Family Services Specialist Disability Practitioners and the Children with Complex Disability Support Needs program
2. Investing in the Disability Royal Commission recommendations to improve education for students with disability
3. Expanding eligibility for the Kindergarten Inclusion Support program
4. Increasing the baseline funding for disability advocacy services

You can read our state budget submission [here](#).

Coming up in early December is ACD's free online workshop about NDIS Plan Reassessments. It's run by our professional facilitators who are all parents of NDIS participants, and it will cover what you need to know to feel confident going into your child's reassessment meeting. [Book your spot today.](#)

Karen Dimmock, CEO



If your child's NDIS Plan Reassessment is coming up, this FREE online workshop will explain the terminology and provide useful information to help you prepare for the reassessment meeting with confidence.

Topics in this 90-minute, online workshop include:

- Preparing for a reassessment meeting
- Gathering supporting evidence
- Advocating for your child's needs

This workshop is FREE but with only two sessions available, register quickly!

[Register now](#)



Year 7 orientation day

On December 12th Victorian government secondary schools will hold the Year 7 orientation day.

It's an exciting time for students and their families, but you may be feeling concerned or simply have questions about the support your child will receive at their new secondary school.

It's not too late to speak to the school about what support is available and how to make transition day and the first few weeks of school a success for your child. Read our blog for more practical information and tips on Year 7 orientation.

[Read our blog](#)

ACD's website is now multilingual

To better support our diverse Victorian community, the ACD website is now available in five community languages: **Arabic**, **Simplified Chinese**, **Hindi**, **Punjabi**, and **Vietnamese**.

All you need to do is click on the 'English' button in the top right corner of the Home page. A drop-down list will appear that shows the five languages. Click on the one you want, and the website will be instantly translated.

So if you speak one of these five languages, know someone who does, or if you support a family whose first language is one of these, then please let them know they can get our free practical information in their own language.

[Visit our website](#)



[Getting respite in the NDIS](#)

Respite is so important. It provides a short break for you and your child and usually means someone else cares for your child to give your family time away from the physical and emotional demands of caring.

Our FREE guide will show you how to get respite in your child's NDIS plan, how to gather good evidence, and what respite can look like.

[Find information](#)



Sensitive and Auslan Santa

It's only five weeks until Christmas so if you want to see Santa, you'd better get your skates on!

To help you and your family have a great time visiting Santa this year, we've put together a list of where to find Sensitive and Auslan Santa across Victoria. We update it regularly, so if you can't see Santa in your area right now, keep checking the list for more information!

[Santa guide](#)

Best wishes

The ACD team

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