

Disability SA and Disability Services

Disability SA leads strategic planning, policy development and community support services for the disability sector in South Australia. Disability SA also leads funding, contracting and quality monitoring of disability services provided by the non-government sector.

For more information: www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/disabilitysa

Disability Services provides a state-wide range of specialist disability services to children and adults with disability, their families and carers.

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Services to people with disability are also provided by a range of non-government and private providers.

Approved providers in South Australia: www.mysupportadvisor.sa.gov.au

Disability information and referrals

For information about disability services in South Australia, or to make a referral:

- Phone 1300 786 117 (9.00 am to 5.00 pm week days)
- Email disabilityinfo@dcsl.sa.gov.au
- Website www.sa.gov.au/disability

Note: Children born on or after 2 July 2000 will be referred to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for support services. For information about the NDIS, phone 1800 800 110 or visit www.ndis.gov.au. For older children (born 1 July 2000 or before) or adults, please make a referral to Disability SA on 1300 786 117.

People we assist

- children who have developmental delay. *Note:* Referrals to this program are now through the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- young people and adults with intellectual disability
- young people and adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- young people and adults with acquired brain injury (ABI). This includes injuries resulting from events such as a stroke or car accident
- young people and adults who have a physical or neurological condition that cannot be resolved with medical treatment. This includes conditions such as multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and spinal injury.

Note: To be eligible for services, the disability must result in moderate-to-severe loss of function.

Types of disability services

DCSI provides, or helps people access, specialist services including:

- service assessment, planning, coordination and advice
- early childhood services and developmental services for children and young people
- cultural advisors, to assist Aboriginal people with disability
- support with personal care
- support in the family home or a person's own home
- support for carers, including foster carers (for example, advice, training, respite care, emergency support)
- support and advice to manage difficult behaviour
- fully supported live-in accommodation services
- supported day-time activities
- access to equipment and aids, such as wheelchairs and ramps
- therapy services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, music therapy and psychology
- specialist clinics and other specialist community health support services
- information and advice through the Independent Living Centre and Continence Resource Centre.

Note: There are waiting lists for some services, but short-term help might be available for people in an emergency.

Regional offices

Regional offices are located throughout South Australia. Not all services are offered in all locations (for example, country areas) but outreach services can be arranged through visiting specialists and clinics.

For people with high or complex needs, a case manager undertakes a comprehensive needs assessment and develops a support plan with the person with disability and their family. Case managers can link people with relevant community services and help people to choose service options.

After-hours services

We provide an after-hours service for our clients. The service is available from 5.00 pm to 8.00 am on weekdays; 24 hours on weekends or public holidays.

Phone (08) 8372 1414.

In the case of life threatening emergencies, phone 000.

