



Child and Family Support (Victorian Program)

What is Deaf Children Australia ?

Deaf Children Australia is Victoria's specialist provider of family and child-based services for children who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have speech dyspraxia. Deaf Children Australia has provided services to children and their families for over 140 years.

Deaf Children Australia can assist families and children with information, advocacy, support services and educational resources. We also respond to the needs of all deaf, hard of hearing and speech dyspraxic children who may have other disabilities, such as intellectual or physical disability.

We believe in the right of choice and equality of opportunity. We are open to people of all races, cultures and religions.

For the visually impaired this brochure is available in large print format. Please contact the Helpline to request a copy.

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We provide information, advocacy, support services and educational resources.

As a not-for-profit organisation, our service is made possible with the support of volunteers, the community, business and government grants.

Deaf Children Australia's Services conform to the Disability Act 2006 (Vic), Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic), the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Commonwealth)

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A service provided
for
families of deaf
and
hard of hearing children
and young people
by
Deaf Children Australia



*A life
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What is Child & Family Support ?

Child and Family Support at Deaf Children Australia is provided to families who have a deaf, hard of hearing or speech dyspraxic child. We aim to support children and families to identify and achieve their goals in keeping with their individual needs and circumstances.

We advocate on behalf of the child and family, refer the child and / or family to relevant services, co-ordinate services and provide emotional support where needed.

We also facilitate parenting programs and may attend various meetings, including Parent Support Group (PSG) meetings at schools.

Who provides this service ?

We have qualifications in Social Work or a related discipline and have knowledge and skills in working with deaf and hard of hearing children, young people and families.



Who is eligible for this service ?

Child and Family Support is available to school aged children and young people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech dyspraxic and who reside in Victoria. This includes children who communicate orally, through Auslan or both. We assist children who have cochlear implants, or a range of other aids to assist their hearing ability.

How do I access the Child & Family Support Service ?

For further discussion of your needs and to make a referral, please contact the Manager of Family Services or our free call Helpline 1800 645 916.

Where is Child & Family Support available ?

Child and Family Support is available in Melbourne and across regional Victoria. This is mainly through our workers visiting children and their families in their home, school, or another mutually agreeable place.

How much does this service cost ?

Child and Family Support is a free service.



Another helpful service for families of children with a disability...

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