



# Disability Services

## Information Sheet

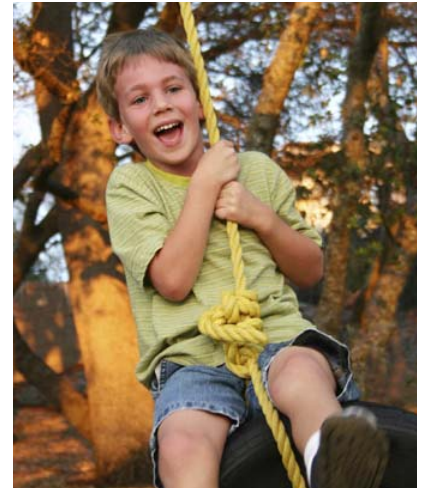
### Children of School Age and Young People

Disability Services provides a range of services to support school age children and young people with intellectual disability and Autism Spectrum Disorders, and their families.

Support is provided until the young person transitions from school into post-school options. It aims to:

- ▶ Strengthen and support families in their caring role; and
- ▶ Promote children's development and their participation in their communities.

Disability Services works in partnership with families and other services to ensure a coordinated approach that supports both the child and their family.



### Child and Youth Service—School Age and Youth Program

Within metropolitan Adelaide, the regional School Age and Youth Program Teams include service coordinators from a range of backgrounds who provide:

- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Developmental and behavioural programs, and
- ▶ Support for families and carers.

Team members may also include a speech pathologist, social worker, occupational therapist, psychologist, and developmental educators who provide consultancy services and time-limited interventions.

### Country services

Country teams are smaller and located in all regional areas throughout South Australia. They include service coordinators from a variety of backgrounds who are supported by the Specialist Service for Children and Youth (SSCY) in the provision of developmental and behavioural services including support for families where there are high and complex needs.

In addition, Senior Developmental Programmers provide specialist interventions and case management services for children up to 8 years of age with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

## Our aims

- ▶ to enhance the development of individuals and their participation in community life
- ▶ to strengthen and support families in their caring role.

## What we offer

Services provided may include:

- ▶ Information about the child/young person's development
- ▶ Assistance at key transition times (such as starting or leaving school, puberty)
- ▶ Support to access community activities and community services
- ▶ Family support and assistance with problem-solving and planning
- ▶ Service coordination
- ▶ Assistance to address emerging behavioural difficulties and challenging behaviours
- ▶ Developmental assessments and recommendations to promote skills development
- ▶ Parent/carer information such as toileting and communication development
- ▶ Sibling support
- ▶ Planning for post-school pathways
- ▶ Information about other services such as respite.

## How we work

- ▶ We work in close cooperation with families and carers to address identified needs
- ▶ We work with you as a family, other agencies, services and professionals to assist the child/young person's development
- ▶ We provide time-limited case management services and intervention
- ▶ We may provide individual and group programs.

## Contact details

For further information about local services please contact your local Disability Services office listed in the phone book or call 1300 786 117.

Referrals can be made by parents, health professionals or other interested persons (such as teachers). Parental permission is required for a referral. Referral packages can be obtained by contacting:

The Referral Officer, Disability Intake Team  
Regency Park Centre, 171 Days Rd, Regency Park 5010.  
Telephone: 1300 786 117  
Email: [disabilityinfo@dfc.sa.gov.au](mailto:disabilityinfo@dfc.sa.gov.au)

