

## Carers

### Yooralla Respite Service Coordination

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Email: [ride@yooralla.com.au](mailto:ride@yooralla.com.au)

This program has been designed to assist carers residing with a person with a disability to identify and use meaningful respite. The program assists carers to navigate through a sometimes complex respite service system. It is ideal for carers who do not have current Case Management, and are struggling to identify or use appropriate respite services. The program may suit carers who are currently having difficulty finding appropriate services, or are using services that no longer meet their needs.

### Yooralla RIDE (Respite Information & Development in the East)

PO Box 223, Surrey Hills 3127

Phone: 1300 886 798  
Fax: 9830 0003  
Web: [www.respiteeast.org.au](http://www.respiteeast.org.au)  
Email: [ride@yooralla.com.au](mailto:ride@yooralla.com.au)

An information service about respite available for people aged between six and 64 years with a disability, who live with a primary carer. Carers, people with a disability, and service providers can phone or email RIDE to request information about respite services available in their area. RIDE also administers the respite east website to provide on-line information about respite in the eastern region.

## Children and Young People

### Association for Children with a Disability Inc. (The)

Suite 2, 98 Morang Road, Hawthorn 3122

Phone: 9818 2000  
Fax: 9818 2300  
Web: [www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)  
Email: [mail@acd.org.au](mailto:mail@acd.org.au)

An information, support and advocacy organisation for children with a disability and their families. The organisation is run by parents of children with a disability - most of the staff and committee are parents. A non-profit organisation, it offers support for all types of disability.

### Autism Action

18 Collins Street, Box Hill 3128 (home office) PO Box 46, Surrey Hills 3127

Phone: 9899 7816  
Web: [www.autismaction.com.au](http://www.autismaction.com.au)  
Email: [info@autismaction.com.au](mailto:info@autismaction.com.au)

A service which provides in-home therapy, workplace training support and guidance using a family-centred approach. Autism Action provides a range of programs to suit all families and professional staff needs.

- Discovery Program - 1:1 home support for newly diagnosed families
- Next Step Program - intensive 1:1 home-based education/therapy programs
- 'Talking Points' - parent and professional workshops/workplace training
- Social Skills Group - centre-based preschool program for High Functioning Autism (HFA) & Asperger's children
- Education Consultancy Services- assisting school staff to develop inclusive strategies
- Workplace training and development for staff working in the disabilities sector of Victoria
- PlayConnect Playgroup - Box Hill South.

Services are available to families and professionals with children aged 18 months to 18 years. Autism Action is an approved Autism Early Intervention Provider, under the Helping Children with Autism Packages.

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### Autism Behavioural Intervention Association (ABIA)

Suite 2/437, Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills 3126

Phone: 9830 0677

Fax: 9830 0211

Web: [www.abia.net.au](http://www.abia.net.au)

Email: [info@abia.net.au](mailto:info@abia.net.au)

A not-for-profit association providing training, education, information, support and advice to families, carers and professionals working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

ABIA's qualified psychologists offer one-on-one counselling for parents and children with an ASD. A major part of the fee is covered by Medicare. Families can access a range of government funding to assist in paying for the training options ABIA offer.

### BarnabasCare

Suite 2, 1014 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East 3109

Phone: 9842 3924

Web: [www.barnabascare.org.au](http://www.barnabascare.org.au)

Email: [info@barnabascare.org.au](mailto:info@barnabascare.org.au)

Provides community support, education and counselling services for Melbourne's Chinese community. Community support is offered in the areas of parenting and relationship building. Education services are available for children and students in need - underachievers, new migrants, children with behaviour problems or disabilities such as LD (Learning Disability), SLD (Specific Learning Disability), ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) / ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), Autism, Asperger's Syndrome.

Counselling services are available for disadvantaged and at risk children and students of all ages who may be experiencing social/emotional difficulties, depression, anxiety, grief, trauma or are at risk of self-harm.

### Care Connect - Continence Support Service

111 Main Street, Lilydale 3140

Phone: 9737 2999

Web: [www.careconnect.org.au](http://www.careconnect.org.au)

Email: [wdavey@careconnect.org.au](mailto:wdavey@careconnect.org.au)

Advice, support and some brokerage for children between the ages of five and 16 years with a diagnosed disability.

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### Cerebral Palsy Education Centre

Beacon Street, Glen Waverley 3150 PO Box 211, Glen Waverley 3150

Phone: 9560 0700

Fax: 9560 0669

Web: [www.cpec.org.au](http://www.cpec.org.au)

Email: [info@cpec.com.au](mailto:info@cpec.com.au)

A unique and successful specialist education service for children with cerebral palsy and their families. The main focus is on early intervention.

### Connections - Kindergarten Inclusion Support Program

1-3 & 5 Pitt Street, Ringwood 3134

Phone: 9871 0233

Fax: 9879 7446

Web: [www.connections.org.au](http://www.connections.org.au)

Email: [enquiries@connections.org.au](mailto:enquiries@connections.org.au)

Supports the inclusion of children with severe disabilities in a funded four-year-old kindergarten program, through the provision of an additional assistant to work with the group.

### Deaf Children Australia

597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3000 PO Box 6466, St Kilda Road Central, Melbourne 8008

Phone: 9539 5300 Helpline 1800 645 916

TTY: 9510 7143

Fax: 9525 2595

Web: [www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au](http://www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au)

Email: [helpline@deafchildren.org.au](mailto:helpline@deafchildren.org.au)

Provides information, advocacy, support services and educational resources that respond to the needs of deaf children and their families.

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### EACH - Child Early Prevention Program

75 Patterson Street, East Ringwood 3135

Phone: 9837 3942

Fax: 9879 6356

Web: [www.each.com.au/en/services/each\\_child\\_early\\_intervention\\_program/](http://www.each.com.au/en/services/each_child_early_intervention_program/)

Email: [eachchild@each.com.au](mailto:eachchild@each.com.au)

For children from birth to school entry who have significant delay in two or more areas of their development. They provide:

- assessment for children from birth to school entry
- therapy, education and family support, both individual and in small groups
- inclusive centre-based programs
- home programs
- support to local kindergartens and childcare
- parent support - assisting with issues affecting family wellbeing
- links to other services.

### Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS)

Phone: Intake 1300 662 655 Administration 9845 8050

Fax: 9845 8070

Web: [www.ecis.vic.gov.au](http://www.ecis.vic.gov.au)

Supports children with a disability or developmental delay from birth to school entry, and their families. ECIS provides special education, therapy, counselling, service planning and coordination, assistance and support to access services such as kindergarten and child care.

Services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the child and focused on supporting the child in their natural environment, everyday experiences and activities. These services are funded through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and provided by Specialist Children's Services teams and Early Childhood Intervention agencies.

There is no central intake service in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. However Specialist Children's Services intake workers can provide information and assist families, caregivers or referrers with accessing Early Childhood Intervention Services across the region. SCS intake workers can be contacted on 1300 662 655. Alternatively ECIS can be contacted directly. A list of Early Childhood Intervention Services can be found on the following website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/intervention/regions/eastern.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ecsmanagement/intervention/regions/eastern.htm)

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### Eastern Health Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

Wundeela Centre, 21 Ware Crescent, Ringwood East 3135

Phone: For all new referrals contact 1300 721 927  
(Option 2 for 0-17 years old, Option 4 for 18+)

Web: [www.easternhealth.org.au/mental/camhs.html](http://www.easternhealth.org.au/mental/camhs.html)

Aims to offer a mental health service to children and young people up to the age of 18 years who are displaying psychiatric symptoms or severe emotional and behavioural disturbance. A service in Lilydale for 12-25 year-olds is also available.

### Extended Families Australia

Suite 15, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill 3128

Phone: 9285 4837

Fax: 9285 4840

Web: [www.extendedfamilies.org.au](http://www.extendedfamilies.org.au)

Email: [eastern@extendedfamilies.org.au](mailto:eastern@extendedfamilies.org.au)

Matches volunteers to families who have a child/children with disabilities for social support and respite.

### Irabina Childhood Autism Services

193 Bayswater Road, Bayswater 3153

Phone: 9720 1118

Fax: 9720 6641

Web: [www.irabina.com](http://www.irabina.com)

Email: [autism@irabina.com](mailto:autism@irabina.com)

A specialist early childhood intervention service that provides family-centred programs for children and their families who are challenged by Autism Spectrum Disorder, from the time of diagnosis to school entry.

## Children and Young People

### Kids Who Care Foundation (Young Carers Project)

Government Pavilion, Showgrounds Village – P1  
320 – 380 Epsom Road, Flemington 3031

Phone: 9347 2655  
Fax: 9348 1273  
Web: [kidswhocare.tryyouth.org.au](http://kidswhocare.tryyouth.org.au)  
Email: [info@tryyouth.org.au](mailto:info@tryyouth.org.au)

A range of support options and recreational opportunities for primary and secondary young carers.

### Knox Inclusion Support Agency

511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South 3152

Phone: 9298 8000  
Fax: 9800 3096  
Web: [www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/ChildrenDisabilities.aspx](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/ChildrenDisabilities.aspx)  
Email: [knoxcc@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:knoxcc@knox.vic.gov.au)

Employs Inclusion Support Facilitators (ISFs) who support staff in Long Day Care, Occasional Care, Outside School Hours Care and Holiday Programs to promote inclusive practices. They also assist care services in building their skills base and capacity to include children with additional needs. These include children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; children with ongoing high support needs; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Please note - the program supports services to assist children and families rather than working with children and families directly.

### Mooroolbark Early Childhood Intervention Program

8 Charles Street, Mooroolbark 3138

Phone: 9726 7135  
Fax: 9727 2484  
Email: [mooroolbark.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:mooroolbark.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)

Early childhood intervention service for families with children from birth to school entry age with developmental delay / disability.

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### Noah's Ark Inc.

1283 Malvern Road, Malvern 3144

Phone: 8823 8600  
Web: [www.noahsarkinc.org.au](http://www.noahsarkinc.org.au)  
Email: [noahsark@noahsarkinc.org.au](mailto:noahsark@noahsarkinc.org.au)

They provide:

- early childhood intervention programs for babies and children up to six years of age
- inclusion support programs into child care services
- inclusion support to early childhood services and school
- sibling support
- specialist equipment for child care
- resources.

### Taralye (the oral language centre for deaf children)

137 Blackburn Road, Blackburn 3130 PO Box 113, Blackburn 3130

Phone: 9877 1300  
Fax: 9877 1922  
Web: [www.taralye.vic.edu.au](http://www.taralye.vic.edu.au)  
Email: [information@taralye.vic.edu.au](mailto:information@taralye.vic.edu.au)

Offers programs and services to families with young babies and children with hearing impairments to allow them to have access to the world of hearing and spoken language.

Taralye advocates for early diagnosis of hearing loss, prompt fitting of hearing aids and/or cochlear implants and high quality early childhood intervention services. Taralye operates an Audiology and Otology Clinic offering a full range of audiological facilities for newborns to 18 year-olds.

### UnitingCare Ringwood Biala

2 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood 3134

Phone: 9870 2335

Provides respite and support for parents of special needs children to help overcome their feelings of isolation from the community and to promote optimal family functioning. Ensures that each child has the opportunity to learn and develop through individually designed, appropriate educational play. Available during school terms only, 9.30am to 3pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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### Very Special Kids

321 Glenferrie Road, Malvern 3144

Phone: 9804 6222  
Web: [www.vsk.org.au](http://www.vsk.org.au)  
Email: [mail@vsk.org.au](mailto:mail@vsk.org.au)

For families with a child who has a life-threatening illness. Provides a range of flexible programs including counselling, a sibling support program, trained volunteer program, bereavement support program, newsletters, holiday accommodation, social activities, respite, and end-of-life care at Very Special Kids House, Australia's first children's hospice.

### Vision Australia - Early Childhood & Education Services

252 Dorset Rd, Boronia 3155 PO Box 189, Boronia 3155

Phone: 9760 0000 or 1300 847 466 and ask for Boronia  
Web: [www.visionaustralia.org](http://www.visionaustralia.org)  
Email: [info@visionaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@visionaustralia.org.au)

Early childhood services for children (aged 0-6 years) with vision impairment and their families. Provides training and resources for families to help children who are blind or vision impaired to increase their choices and reach their full potential in life.

Aims to facilitate each child's development, access to education and independence, from birth to school leaving age.

Specialist staff work with children and their families to develop programs that are tailored to individual needs in a sensitive and timely manner - whether the child was born with a vision impairment or their sight was affected later in life.

## Education

### Aurora School

96 Holland Road, Blackburn South 3130 PO Box 249, Blackburn South 3130

Phone: 8878 9878  
TTY: 8878 9899  
Fax: 8878 9800  
Web: [www.auroraschool.vic.edu.au](http://www.auroraschool.vic.edu.au)  
Email: [aurora.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:aurora.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au)

A government school specialising in Early Intervention and Early Education programs for deaf children and deafblind children. Provides three specialty programs: Early Intervention, Early Education and Deafblind Education.

Early Intervention Program - aims to provide parents with the support, knowledge and skills they need to promote their children's development, especially their communication and language development, during the early years.

Early Education Program - specialises in education programs for young deaf children from three years of age. There is a strong emphasis on the development of communication skills (listening, speaking, signing, reading and writing) and effective use of both expressive and receptive language.

Deafblind Education Program - offers specialised education for students aged three to 18 years, who have visual and hearing impairments and communication difficulties.

### Croydon Special Developmental School

69-95 Belmont Road, East Croydon 3136

Phone: 9725 4933  
Fax: 9723 7104  
Web: [www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au](http://www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au)  
Email: [croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Provides education programs for children aged four years-eight months to 18 years, who have a moderate to profound intellectual disability, and for children with multiple disabilities, including autism. The school is divided into two sections – junior and senior.

Students who live in the designated zone of Croydon, Bayswater, Boronia, Ferntree Gully, Kilsyth, Mooroolbark, Wonga Park, Donvale, Ringwood, Heathmont, Mitcham, Knoxfield and Wantirna are offered free daily door-to-door, chaperoned bus transport.

The school strongly supports the belief that learning is enhanced in a supportive, calm and stable environment which acknowledges and values the uniqueness of each learner. Each student at Croydon SDS has an individual educational program designed to meet specific needs as identified by a multi-disciplinary team, in consultation with parents/care-givers. The school is committed to a cooperative partnership with parents.

Enquiries may be directed to the Principal at the school.