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Hi ,

This feedback was from one of the 1,400 families the ACD Support Line helped last year.

"Thank you for everything that you've supported me with. It's been amazing - I can't believe the ACD Support Line is a free service! I feel that there was a move and change in the school that only happened because I spoke to your service who helped me advocate for my child. Thank you so much." - Parent

The Support Line is a free telephone advocacy service for all Victorian families raising children with developmental delay and disability from birth to 18.

If you need help advocating for your child, call us today at [03 9880 7000](tel:0398807000) / [1800 654 013](tel:1800654013) (regional callers). Lines are open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Interpreters are available and no diagnosis is needed.

In addition to the ACD Support Line, we have a great program of free online workshops coming this month. Places fill fast, so take a look at what's on offer and [book your spot today](#).

Karen Dimmock, CEO



If you have a child with disability in Years 7 and above don't miss this FREE online workshop.

You'll get information about the systems and processes in secondary school and build your confidence to support your child on their school journey.

[Watch this video to learn more.](#)

Topics include:

- Reasonable adjustments at secondary school
- Social connections and wellbeing
- Communication with school
- Supporting your child to self-advocate

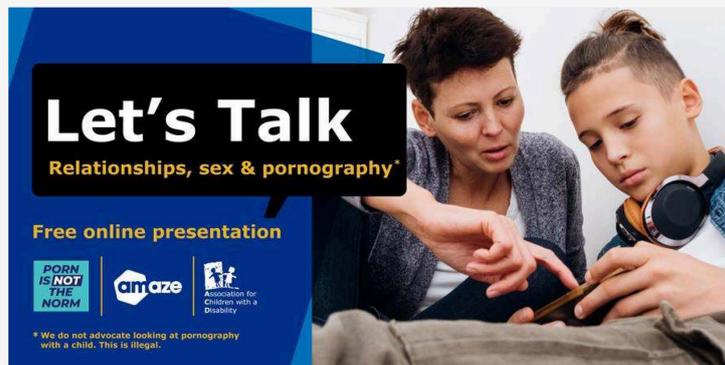
[Register now](#)



Turning 18 checklist

As your child nears 18, this practical checklist will guide you through their next steps into adulthood. There's information on post-school options, NDIS, healthcare, future planning, Centrelink, Medicare and more.

[Read the checklist](#)



This free online presentation is aimed at families of children aged 12+ to help you better understand and support your child to navigate respectful, consenting relationships.

Co-hosted by ACD and Amaze, it will be presented by Maree Crabbe, who is an educator and Director of the Australian Violence Prevention initiative, and Dr. Wenn Lawson, autism expert, researcher, and author.

Topics will include:

- Autism, young people, and technology
- Autism, young people, puberty and sexuality
- Pornography and young people
- What we can do to address pornography's influence

This is a one-off event and is not to be missed. Book your spot to avoid disappointment.

[Book now](#)



How a support worker can help

NDIS-funded support workers can become an important part of your child's team. With careful planning, they can help support your child's development and allow you to take short breaks or respite.

We have a brand new guide full of practical information on topics such as how to plan and work effectively with your support worker, and ideas for activities they can do with your child at home and out in the community.

[Find out more](#)

Envisage: support for families raising young children

Envisage is a series of free workshops for parents raising children with developmental delay and disability from birth to 8 years.

The workshops will help you make the most of allied health therapy for your child and provide information on ways you can support your child's development, so your child and family thrive.

Envisage workshops run throughout Terms 2 and 3. You can attend online and in person.

Register your interest today and an ACD team member will contact you to confirm the details.

Professionals working with young families interested in finding out more about the free Envisage program can also register.

** Envisage is funded by the Australian Government and is free for families.*

[Register your interest](#)



Carer Allowance vs Carer Payment

Sometimes it's hard to know the difference between the cards, allowances, and payments available to families. We've taken a closer look at the Carer Payment and the Carer Allowance to help you see which one you may be eligible for and how to apply.

[Read more](#)

Safe transport for your children

Finding car seats and harnesses for children with disability can be complicated. But Mobility & Accessibility for Children in Australia (MACA) makes it easier for families to make confident decisions to ensure their children are safe when traveling.

MACA offers information, and product roundups and can direct you to occupational therapists with specific training to help you.

[Get information](#)



Dinos at the Zoo

Get up close and personal with dinosaurs at the zoo this winter! There's plenty to keep the whole family entertained, with moving dinosaurs, a dino trail, tunnels, fossils and scavenger hunts.

Zoos Victoria has great accessibility features including Changing Places toilets, social scripts, and best of all, zoo staff have had disability inclusion training to help make your visit as easy as possible.

Dinos at the Zoo is running at Healesville Sanctuary, Kyabram Fauna Park, Melbourne Zoo, and Werribee Open Range Zoo. The event runs until 14 July 2024 and is free with Zoo admission.

Zoo admission is free for a parent or carer accompanying a child with disability who has the Child Disability Allowance Health Care Card, plus your Carer (We Care) Card or Companion Card.

[See details](#)

Best wishes

The ACD team

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ACD acknowledges the traditional owners of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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