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Hi ,

The new Victorian Committee for Families of Children with Disability is an opportunity for parents and carers of children with disabilities to provide feedback to the Victorian Government on policies, programs, and services and ways to improve outcomes for children with disability.

The Committee will discuss a range of topics including education, child and family services, disability supports, healthcare, and community inclusion such as sports and recreation.

We're looking for up to 12 committee members that reflect the diversity of the Victorian community. Parents and carers of children with disability aged up to 18 years are invited to apply.

The Committee is an initiative of the Premier and the Victorian Government to hear more from families of children with disability. ACD is supporting family engagement.

Applications close Monday 7 October. [Apply and find more information](#)

Karen Dimmock, CEO



Do you have a child aged 13+ with disability? If the answer's yes, then you're probably thinking about how best to support them with school and post-school options, puberty, and growing independence.

Teens and Beyond, our three-part workshop series has the resources and information you'll need to support your child now and into the future. Topics include:

- Financial support
- Building your teen's independence
- School and post-school options
- Wellbeing: friendships, communication, behaviour support and good mental health

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Changes to NDIS

There are changes to the NDIS that will start from October 3, 2024.

The first change will be a list of NDIS supports, which will be released shortly. This list will make it clear what NDIS plans can and can't be spent on.

[The NDIS website](#) is the best place to find accurate information on what's changing.



Get ready for school

Your child's education journey is full of transitions. Planning can help set your child up for success, particularly with the start of primary and secondary school.

We have two practical guides to help you make sure your child has the best supports from day one:

[Starting primary school](#) gives information on enrolment, funding, what the kindergarten will do, and what you can expect from the primary school.

[Starting secondary school](#) looks at funding, reasonable adjustments, and new ways of planning and supporting your child as they move into this new environment.

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A free program
for families

"I learnt to focus more on what my child loves to do rather than being overwhelmed by lots of therapy" – Parent



Envisage is a program for parents raising children with developmental delay or disability from birth to 8 years old.

Here's what families have told us about the program:

- "It helped me to improve my relationship with my children."
- "Envisage gave me the confidence to trust my instincts. I know my children best."
- "I loved connecting with other mums, it made me feel less isolated."

Envisage programs are running in Term 4. They are free for families and are funded by the Australian Government.

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A purple banner with white text and colorful abstract shapes (yellow and green crescents and dots). The text reads "Victorian Committee for Families of Children with Disability". In the bottom right corner, there is a small white triangle containing the text "VICTORIA State Government".

Victorian Committee for Families of Children with Disability

Apply now! The Premier is delivering a new Committee for Families of Children with Disability, and we're looking for up to 12 members to join.

Committee members will have an opportunity to provide feedback to the Victorian Government on policies, programs, services, and ways to improve outcomes for children with disability.

Parents or carers of Victorian children with disability aged up to 18 years can apply.

[Find out more](#)

Free telephone advocacy

The school holidays are a good time to call ACD for support and advice.

Our trained Support Advisors can help you understand:

- Your child's rights at school
- School-based funding

- How to work together with the school

The ACD Support Line is open Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Interpreters are available. No diagnosis is needed to use the service.

Call us today on [03 9880 7000](tel:0398807000) or [1800 654 013](tel:1800654013) (regional callers)



Royal Melbourne Show

If you're heading to the Royal Melbourne Show this school holiday, we've put together an accessibility guide to help make it an enjoyable day for the whole family:

- Mid-afternoons during weekdays are less crowded
- Accessible parking and drop-off points are available
- The showground has a Changing Places toilet and a sensory room
- The Ferris wheel is wheelchair accessible
- Plan ahead and choose rides and show bags before you go
- Carer Card holders get concession entry

[More details](#)

Best wishes

The ACD team

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