

Carers resources list Australia

AUSTRALIA WIDE

ARCAN (Aussie Rare Chromo Awareness Network) www.arcan.org.au
and www.facebook.com/groups/aussierarechromo/

Genetic Alliance Australia www.geneticalliance.org.au Tel: 02 9295 8359
And on facebook: www.facebook.com/GeneticAllianceAustralia?fref=ts
email: info@geneticalliance.org.au

Special Aussies Foundation www.specialaussies.com.au

To ensure that children with special needs have access to the equipment, resources and information they need to actively experience their world and realise their full potential.

Australian Government dept of Social Services www.fahcsia.gov.au

Tel: 1300 653 227

All locations can be contacted via this phone number

Australian Government, Dept of Health www.health.gov.au

Tel: 1800 020 103

Australian Government, Dept of Human Services www.humanservices.gov.au

Customer online accounts for Centrelink and Medicare

Healthdirect Australia www.healthdirect.gov.au/

Phone: 1800 022 222 Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week

This is a free telephone health information and advice service for people in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Independent Living Centre www.ilcaustralia.org.au

Tel: 1300 885 886

full range of bibs and clothing protectors, extensive range of aids for daily living

Sensory Oasis www.sensoryoasisforkids.com.au

Email: jody@sensoryoasisforkids.com.au

A range of sensory products for special kids with special needs

The Steve Waugh Foundation www.stevewaughfoundation.com.au

Tel: 1300 669 935

is committed to a co-ordinated approach to the service, identification, treatment and research of rare diseases to improve the quality of life of children affected by rare diseases (0-25 years of age)

Ronald McDonald House charities www.rmhc.org.au

Tel: 02 9875 6666 email: rmhc@rmhc.org.au

Ronald McDonald House and other services

Our Kids www.our-kids.org

email group for parents and carers of children with special needs

Also on facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/128459627166457/?fref=ts

The Therapy Store www.thetherapystore.com.au/

Tel: 03 9380 1127 Email: sales@thetherapystore.com.au

A wide range of education and therapy resources for children and young adults of all abilities.

The goal is to make available all the resources required by therapists, teachers and families who work tirelessly to encourage and develop our children to overcome these hurdles and to become the best that they can be.

<http://www.therapytoyshop.com/>

Special Olympics Australia www.specialolympics.com.au/

Telephone: 1300 225 762 email: info@specialolympics.com.au
Special Olympics Australia provides opportunities for people with an intellectual disability to achieve their personal best through weekly sports training and regular competition in communities across Australia.

ACT (Australia Capital Territory)

Carers Australia www.carersaustralia.com.au

Unit 1, 16 Napier Close, Deakin ACT 2600

For family carer support and counselling you can contact your state or territory Carers Association on 1800 242 636

Early Childhood Australia www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au

Tel: 02 6242 1800 email: eca@earlychildhood.org.au

Early childhood advocacy organisation, acting in the interests of young children, their families and those in the early childhood field.

NEW SOUTH WALES

SNUG: Special Needs Unlimited Group www.engage.newcastle.edu.au

SNUG Program, The Family Action Centre, University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308

Tel: 02 4921 6832 email: snug@newcastle.edu.au

Children with disabilities, their parents and siblings, face many challenges. For those in rural communities—far away from the resources and infrastructure of cities—these challenges can be overwhelming. Visits to distant cities to access specialist services must be planned with military precision; appointments coordinated; accommodation booked; and the needs of all family members considered. Opportunities to network with families in their situation and to holiday in a place that can offer respite care are rare. SNUG is an outreach program that offers hope for rural families facing these challenges.

TAD disability services NSW tadnsw.org.au

TAD Tel: 1300 663 243

Technical aids for disabled people

Bright Sky www.brightsky.com.au/

Tel: 1300 886 601 Email: info@brightsky.com.au

Brightsky set up a 14 day account for all your health and incontinence needs

Special Needs Toys www.specialneedstoys.com.au/shop

Tel: 0439 724 926 Email: service@specialneedstoys.com.au

Selling a range of sensory toys.

QUEENSLAND

Queensland Health services www.health.qld.gov.au/

Tel: +61 7 3234 0111 Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. - 5.15 p.m. AEST

For 24/7 advice and assistance

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA Government website <http://bit.ly/29OgGW7>

Disability information service Tel: 1300 786 117

Disabilities and special needs services

www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/services/disability-services

Raising children http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/sa_services.html/context/1013

This page has information about a range of child, family and parent services and support organisations in South Australia.

TASMANIA

Tasmania Government www.tas.gov.au/

Disability Services <http://bit.ly/2a53VY1>

Tel: 1300 135 513

VICTORIA

GSNV (Genetic Support Network Victoria) www.gsnv.org.au

10th Floor, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville, Victoria 3052

Tel: (03) 8341-6315, email: info@gsnv.org.au

Rare Voices www.rarevoices.org.au/

The primary objective of Rare Voices Australia is to unite and represent the interests of all Australians living with a rare disease or disorder, and their families, as one voice, with the immediate aim of increasing both public and political awareness of the burden of rare disease, and the ultimate aim of achieving better outcomes nationally for those whose lives are impacted. Tel: 0497003104

Children with disability Australia <http://www.cda.org.au/> www.cda.org.au email: info@cda.org.au

Children with Disability Australia (CDA) is the national peak body which represents children and young people (aged 0-25) with disability. Tel: 03 9417 1025 / 1800 222 660

Association for Children with a Disability www.acdsupport.org.au

<http://www.acdnsw.org.au/> Tel: 03 9818 2000 or 1800 654 013 email: mail@acd.org.au

Doability www.doability.com.au

Tel: 1300 122 355 email: info@doability.com.au

Aids and special needs products

Senseabilities www.senseabilities.com.au

Tel: 03 9726 8047 / 03 9728 3739 Email: info@senseabilities.com.au

SenseAbilities is committed to the provision of equipment and resources designed to assist with the sensory motor development of children. We provide supplies for parents, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Physiotherapists, Teachers and other allied health professionals or just to people wanting to have a little fun with sensory toys.

Innovative Assisted Technology www.tecsol.com.au/Toys.htm

Tel: 03 9737 9000 Email: inquire@tecsol.com.au

Technical Solutions specialises in Electronic Assistive Technology for people with disabilities. We design and manufacture our own equipment and source products worldwide. We also provide a service adapting toys, computers and other devices to improve accessibility.

Yooralla www.yooralla.com.au

Postal address P.O. Box 200, Flinders Lane Victoria 8009

Street address Level 2, 244 Flinders Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

Tel : 03 9666 4500) Email: yooralla@yooralla.com.au

Yooralla provides practical solutions including therapy and equipment, accommodation and respite, employment and recreation and independent living skills that improve mobility, communication, and quality of life. Yooralla caters for children and adults who have acquired disabilities through road and recreational accidents, health problems, drug and alcohol abuse, and the effects of ageing, as well as people who are born with disabilities.

Life's Little Treasures Foundation www.lifeslittletreasures.org.au/

PO Box 476, Chadstone Centre RP, VIC 3148

ABN: 94 232 874 269 Tel: – 1300 773 622 Email: contact_us@lifeslittletreasures.org.au

It is also a founding member of the National Premmie Foundation: www.prembaby.org.au

The Life's Little Treasures Foundation is a national Australian charity which is dedicated to providing information, support, friendship & assistance to families of children born prematurely or sick. The Foundation's services are available in the

hospital (neonatal and special care units) and in the community when families come home. It was founded in 2005 by parents, all of whom had a sick or premature baby. They realised how important it was for families to have access to information and a community they could identify with and feel a part of. Someone who understood the challenges that they faced.

Citizens Trust www.citizenadvocacytrust.com.au

PO Box 228, Clifton Hill, VIC, Australia 3068

Tel: 0400924130 ACN 114 532 839

Email: webcontact@citizenadvocacytrust.com.au

Citizen Advocacy is a means to promote, protect and defend the welfare and interests of, and justice for, persons are impaired in competence, or diminished in status, or seriously physically isolated, through one-to-one voluntary commitments made to them by people of relevant competencies. Citizen Advocates strive to represent the interests of a person as if they were the advocates own; therefore, the advocates must be sufficiently free from conflict of interest. Citizen Advocates are supported by the Citizen Advocacy office, and choose from a wide range of functions and roles. Some of these commitments may last for life.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Skillbuilders www.skillbuilders.com.au

Tel: 1300 123 785 **Email:** info@skillbuilders.com.au

providing therapy support to children and their families.

Sensory Connections Occupational Therapy Services www.sensoryconnections.com.au/resources.php

Tel: 08 9382 8538

Lots of resources on their website