

## FACT SHEET #7



Government of South Australia

Children, Youth and Women's  
Health Service

This is one of a series of Fact Sheets prepared by Child and Youth Health for health professionals and general use.

## CHILD DISABILITY RESOURCES

This Fact Sheet provides links to many resources about child disability available on the Internet. Some of these resources are South Australian, some Australian, and some International. Children, Youth and Women's Health Service cannot take responsibility for the content of the sites, but the sites here have been checked by Children, Youth and Women's Health Service staff who consider them to be of value. (This topic was checked in January 2008, not all sites may be available at a later date.)

At the end of the topic is a list of Child and Youth Health topics about specific disabilities. Within these topics are lists of services for families in South Australia.

### General Information

- Child Development Institute  
<http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/>
- Complaints Resolution and Referral Service The CRRS is a service the helps people with disability sort out complaints about disability employment and advocacy services funded by the Australian Government  
<http://www.crrs.org.au/>
- Council for Intellectual Disability NSW CID is the peak organisation in NSW representing the rights and interests of people with a disability.  
<http://www.nswcid.org.au/>
- Criminal Justice Support Network NSW The CJSN supports people with an intellectual disability who are in contact with the criminal justice system, in court processes and at police stations, using trained volunteers to provide face to face support in 3 areas- Sydney, Hunter and Southern NSW. Much of the information is relevant to other states.  
<http://www.idrs.org.au/cjsn/>
- Disability Information and Resource Centre, South Australia  
<http://www.dircsa.org.au/>
- Disability On-line Information for people with a disability, their families and carers (Victoria)  
<http://www.disability.vic.gov.au/>
- Enable net, a one stop site for information on disability and a meeting place for people interested in disability issues (Australian)  
<http://www.enable.net.au/>
- Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre (EDAC)  
<http://www.edac.org.au/>

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- Guardianship Board (South Australia) appoints guardians for people with disabilities who are over 16 years of age and are unable to make their own decisions and need a legally appointed substitute decision maker  
<http://www.guardianshipboard.sa.gov.au/>
- Guardianship Tribunal NSW (Also associated with Office of the Public Guardian and Office of the Protective Commissioner).  
<http://www.gt.nsw.gov.au/>
- HealthySA (South Australia) - access to a range of disability links for carers and people with disabilities. Topics range from independent living to disability culture  
<http://www.healthysa.sa.gov.au/>
- Kinderstart 'Because kids don't come with instructions'  
<http://www.kinderstart.com/childdevelopment/>
- Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW The MDAA is the peak body for people from a non English speaking background with a disability and their HealthySA (South Australia) - access to a range of disability links for carers families and carers in NSW. MDAA aims to promote, protect and secure the rights and interests of people from a NESB background with a disability and their families and carers in NSW. It is a very active organisation that publishes a regular and valuable newsletter.  
<http://www.mdaa.org.au/index.html>
- National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research (USA) links the work of disability researchers with service providers and educators  
<http://www.ncddr.org/>
- People with Disability PWD is a national peak disability rights and advocacy organisation. Its primary membership is made up of people with disability and organisations primarily constituted by people with disability. They have a cross disability focus. They provide information, short term advocacy, advocacy around systems issues, representation to government, disability sector coordination, and disability rights related research and training and education.  
<http://www.pwd.org.au/>
- World Institute on Disability - a US based non-profit research, public policy and advocacy centre  
<http://www.wid.org/>

### Children and Parents

- Novita Children's Services (South Australia)  
<http://www.novita.org.au/default.asp?p=1>

### Education

- Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training  
<http://www.adcet.edu.au>
- Edbydesign, access to special needs learning resources and information for teachers, therapists and parents caring for children with intellectual disabilities  
<http://www.edbydesign.com/parentres.html>

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- Students with Disabilities: Website of the Ministerial Advisory Committee (South Australia)  
<http://www.macswd.sa.gov.au/>

### Indigenous People

- Aboriginal Disability Network NSW The AND brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability to- tell their stories, give each other support, create a voice for positive change, speak for themselves.  
<http://www.pwd.org.au/adnsw/>
- Working with Indigenous Peoples with Disability, provides current information about a range of resources for allied health professionals and carers working with indigenous peoples with disabilities living in remote areas of Australia  
<http://www.wired.org.au/>

### Art and Recreation

- NICAN, information on recreation, tourism, sport and the arts for people with disabilities. Funded as an information service by the Federal Department of Family and Community Services  
<http://www.nican.com.au/>
- The State Disability Sports Program (South Australia) an initiative of the SPARC Disability Foundation  
<http://www.sportsa.org.au/main/sdsp/>

### Centrelink Allowances

- Allowances for Carers  
[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/carers\\_index.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/carers_index.htm)
- Allowances for individuals with a disability  
[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/iid\\_index.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/iid_index.htm)
- Social Security Act 1991  
[http://www.facs.gov.au/guides\\_acts/homeint.html](http://www.facs.gov.au/guides_acts/homeint.html)
- Child and Youth Health Topics about living with disability.  
<http://www.cyh.com/>

### Parenting and child health site

Alcohol effects on unborn children  
Asperger syndrome  
Attention deficit disorder  
Autism  
Children with disabilities  
Developmental differences  
Disability – brothers and sisters  
Disability – acquired brain injury

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Disability – autism spectrum disorders  
Disability – communication difficulties  
Disability – Downs Syndrome  
Disability – children with hearing loss  
Disability – intellectual disability  
Disability – physical disability  
Disability – vision impairment  
Dyspraxia  
Fragile X  
Specific learning difficulties

**Kids Health site**

Autism  
Down syndrome  
Having a disabled child in the family

**Teen Health**

Having a disabled person in the family  
Living with a disability

**Young Adult site**

Living with a disability