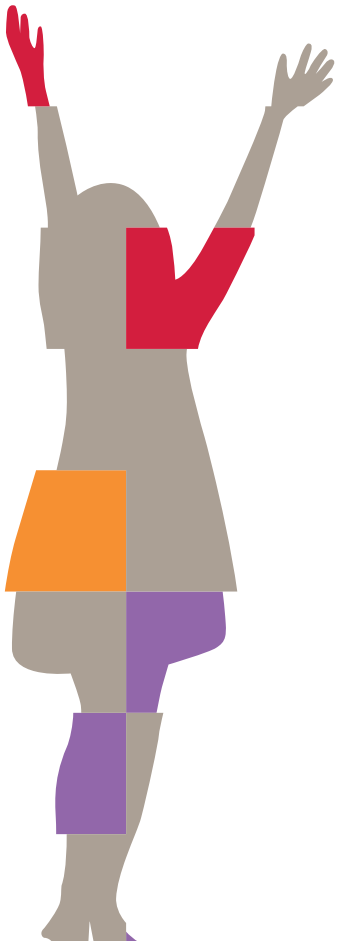




Children and young people are a community's most precious gift. The Council is working to make sure that every child and young person in South Australia is able to be the best they can be.



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Our vision

We advocate for the rights of South Australian children and young people to be cherished, respected, safe, happy, healthy, confident and secure, and supported to learn and develop, according to their capabilities.

We want South Australia to be a child and youth friendly state that acknowledges children's and young people's rights and supports their active participation in their communities.

Our Legislation

Part 7B of the *Children's Protection Act 1993* sets out our responsibilities:

- › advising government about the rights and interests of children and young people;
- › reporting to government about the wellbeing of children and young people across all the areas of their lives, and the services to support them;
- › looking at the *Children's Protection Act 1993* and the *Family and Community Services Act 1972* to make sure that they are meeting children and young people's needs;
- › promoting the safe care of all children and young people; and
- › reporting regularly to the Minister for Education and Child Development and annually to the Parliament of South Australia.

Who are we?

The Council for the Care of Children is made up of ten community members, including an Aboriginal elder and young people. The Minister for Education and Child Development has also appointed the heads of some government departments as Council members.

Why do we have a Council?

The Council was set up by the South Australian Government in 2006. We work to bring government and the community together to encourage everyone to do their best for children and young people by:

- › understanding that children and young people are citizens with rights;
- › doing more to promote wellbeing, and to help children and young people to be confident and prepared for adult life; and
- › making sure that children and young people have help to achieve their hopes and goals.

We pay special attention to the interests and rights of children and young people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin; those living with disability; and those in the care or custody of the Minister.

What do we do?

The Council advocates for the rights and interests of South Australian children and young people by:

- › listening to their views and concerns;
- › providing information about children and young people's interests, participation and rights; and
- › advising government about services and supports needed to help them develop and live fulfilling lives.

Working Together

Many people and organisations look out for children and young people. The Council works hard to bring them together. We keep a close eye on what is happening in different parts of South Australia, both in the country and the city, elsewhere in Australia and around the world, for children and young people.

