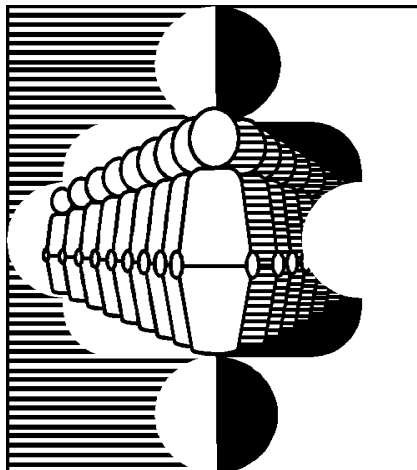
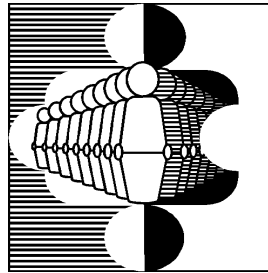


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Your feedback

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please let us know your ideas for improving this directory or other parts of our service.

Asperger Syndrome Support Network (ASSN Vic Inc)

ASSN Vic Inc is based at the MS Society Nerve Centre in Blackburn. We began in 1991 and are a group of parents having a family member diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Our children range in age from 3 years to adult. We hold regular coffee mornings and evenings, information sessions and seminars on Asperger Syndrome. Many people really enjoy getting together for a chat, a laugh and sometimes a cry about their family member who has AS, in an understanding and supportive environment.

Aims and Objectives

- Giving mutual support
- Providing relevant information
- Supporting research
- Engaging in community education
- Provision of a resource library
- Maintaining links with other Associations

Asperger Syndrome: What is it?

Asperger Syndrome (AS) is a pervasive developmental disorder (PDD) which falls within the Autism Spectrum. The main features appear during early childhood and remain constant throughout life although adaptation and degree of actual disability vary. It is very rarely recognised before the age of three and is more common in males than females.

Some common features of Asperger Syndrome children:

- Excellent rote memory
- Absorb facts easily
- Generally perform well at maths and science
- Generally anxious and unable to cope with any form of criticism or imperfection
- Can be the victims of teasing at school, which may cause them to withdraw into isolated activities
- Often appear clumsy and may have an unusual gait or stance
- Often seen as a bit odd and/or eccentric
- Often have good language but may have limited language content and poor social understanding
- Generally attend ordinary primary and secondary school

While Asperger Syndrome children have many features in common, they may vary enormously in other ways.

ASSN Vic Inc Parent contact

Phone (03) 9845 2766 ASSN Vic Inc members volunteer their time to answer your calls. Your call will be recorded on message bank and returned as soon as possible. **Email - assnvic@mssociety.com.au**

ASSN Update

ASSN Vic Inc produces a quarterly newsletter called "ASSN Update". It includes news, reviews, contacts and events related to Asperger Syndrome and Autism. It is available to subscribing ASSN Vic Inc members and Asperger / Autism related support organisations either by post or email.

ASSN Vic Inc. membership

ASSN Vic Inc members' benefits include; the quarterly newsletter, reduced admission to ASSN Vic Inc events, library access, chat mornings and evenings. If you would like to be a member, contact us through details at the top of page 2

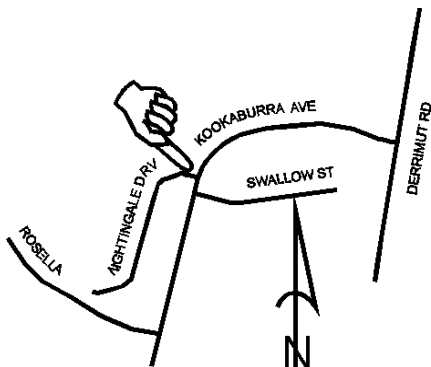
ASSN Vic Inc. meetings

ASSN Vic Inc holds family support meetings in several locations. Details are on page 4. All meetings and events are advertised in the newsletter.

Meetings, meetings, everywhere

This page details ASSN Vic Inc support meeting. Contact ASSN Vic Inc. by phone or email for details of any meetings. Check the newsletter or website for dates and times.

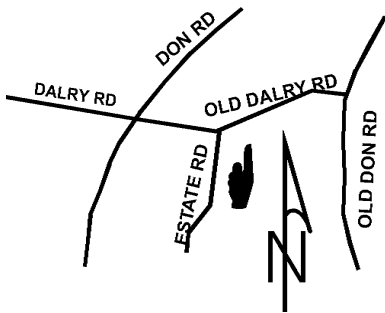
Western Suburbs Support Group



HEATHDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Meetings run from 10:00am to 12:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month except school holidays. The venue is the **HEATHDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE** Cnr Kookaburra Ave & Nightingale Drv, Werribee. This group caters for Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism and PDDNOS. This is a coffee morning where you can meet others in a similar situation and where you can be heard.

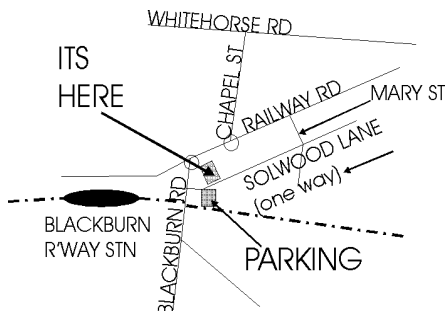
Yarra Valley Support Group



DON VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE

Meetings run from 9:30am to 12:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month except January. The venue is the **DON VALLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE**, Old Dalry Rd, Don Valley (next to the CFA). This group caters for Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism and PDDNOS. Pre schoolers are welcome. This is a coffee morning where you can meet others in a similar situation and where you can be heard.

Blackburn and Boxhill



THE 'NERVE CENTRE'



Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd

Parent / carer morning - Blackburn

This one is for AS parents and carers, at THE NERVE CENTRE', 54 Railway Rd, Blackburn. Meetings run from 10:00am to on the first Friday of each month except January. This is a coffee morning where you can meet others in a similar situation and where you can be heard.

Dads' night - Blackburn

This is just for Dads or male carers to discuss any issues that interest them. Meetings run from 7.30pm at THE NERVE CENTRE', 54 Railway Rd, Blackburn on the first Wednesday of odd months except January.

Parent / carer evening – Blackburn or Boxhill

Evening support groups for AS parents and carers at "THE NERVE CENTRE", 54 Railway Rd, Blackburn and at Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd. . Meetings run from 7:30pm. You can meet others in a similar situation and maybe work out some issues. These meetings are often at the same venue and day as the AS Adults meetings, but are separate meetings.

AS Adults meeting – Blackburn or Boxhill

This one is for AS adults and adolescents only, to discuss relevant issues. It is at "THE NERVE CENTRE", 54 Railway Rd, Blackburn and at Box Hill Library, 1040 Whitehorse Rd. . Meetings run from 7:30pm. These meetings are often at the same venue and day as the Parent/ carer meetings, but are separate meetings.

Support groups listed by region

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| Aspergers Syndrome Support Network (ACT) | ACT |
| Autism Association ACT (Inc) | ACT |
| Autism Asperger Advocacy Australia (A4) | Australia (national) |
| Aspergers Information Group (Geelong) | Barwon |
| Hamilton & District Autism Support Group | Barwon |
| Portland Autism Support Group | Barwon |
| Warrnambool & District Autism Support Group | Barwon |
| Cross Purposes – Church group Camberwell | Eastern Metro |
| Parent Support Network - Eastern Region Inc. | Eastern Metro |
| Supporting Autistic Affected Families Effectively (SAAFE) | Eastern Metro |
| East Gippsland Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group | Gippsland |
| Gippsland Autism Aspergers Information Network and Support (GAAINS) | Gippsland |
| Parent to Parent Gippsland | Gippsland |
| Ararat Autism/ Asperger Support group | Grampians |
| Ballarat Autism Network | Grampians |
| Benalla Support Group For Children With Special Needs Inc | Hume |
| Goulburn Valley Autism Spectrum Support Group | Hume |
| Goulburn Valley Support Group for Children with Special Needs Inc. | Hume |
| Our Autistic Kids Email Group | Hume |
| Seymour Parent Support group - Autism Network | Hume |
| Cooinda Family Support Group (Albury/Wodonga) | Hume / Riverina |
| Parent to Parent Inner East Inc | Inner East |
| Bendigo Autism Family Support Group (BASFG) | Loddon Mallee |
| Families of Children with a Disability Support Group Inc. | Loddon Mallee |

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| Bendigo (FOCDSG) | |
| Families of Children with a Disability Support Group Inc. Mildura (FOCDSG) | Loddon Mallee |
| Northern Autism Parent Support group Glenroy (NAPS) | Northern Metro |
| Autism Spectrum Australia | NSW |
| Autism NT Inc | NT |
| Autism Behavioural Intervention Queensland (ABIQ) | Qld |
| Gladstone Area Autism Support Group | Qld |
| Gold Coast ASD Support Group | Qld |
| MacKay Autism Support Group | Qld |
| Aspergers Syndrome Support Network (Qld) Inc | Qld, Northern NSW |
| Autism SA | SA |
| Disability Information & Resource Centre Inc | South Australia |
| Autism Spectrum Family Support Group - Southern region | Southern Metro |
| Dandenong Hills Support Group | Southern Metro |
| Autism Tasmania | TAS |
| Alpha Autism Inc | Vic |
| Victorian Parenting Centre | Victoria statewide |
| Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) | Victoria statewide |
| Autism Behavioural Intervention Association (ABIA) | Victoria statewide |
| Autism Victoria Inc. | Victoria statewide |
| Autistic Citizens Residential & Resources Society of Victoria Inc | Victoria statewide |
| Autistic Family Support Association (AFSA) | Victoria statewide |
| Statewide Autistic Services Inc | Victoria statewide |
| Autism Association of Western Australia (Inc) | WA |
| WESTARC autism program | Western Metro |
| Asperger Syndrome & High Functioning Autistic Support Group Essendon | Western Metro, Northern Metro |

Regions (municipal listing)

Many services are organised according to regional boundaries of the Department of Human Services (DHS). These nine regions each encompass the municipalities (or Local Government Areas) as listed below. This listing is designed to help you find out which DHS Region you are in. Where possible Support Groups are listed by region.

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| Barwon/South Western | East Gippsland Latrobe South Gippsland Wellington | Moira Murrindindi Strathbogie Towong Wangaratta Wodonga | Whittlesea Yarra |
| Colac-Otway Corangamite Glenelg Greater Geelong Moyne Queenscliffe Southern Grampians Surf Coast Warrnambool | Grampians Ararat Ballarat Golden Plains Hepburn Hindmarsh Horsham Moorabool Northern Grampians Pyrenees West Wimmera Yarriambiack | Loddon-Mallee Buloke Campaspe Central Goldfields Gannawarra Greater Bendigo Loddon Macedon Ranges Mildura Mount Alexander Swan Hill | Southern Metro Bayside Cardinia Casey Frankston Glen Eira Greater Dandenong Kingston Mornington Peninsula Port Phillip Stonnington |
| Eastern Metro Boroondara Knox Manningham Maroondah Monash Whitehorse Yarra Ranges | Hume Alpine Benalla Greater Shepparton Indigo Mansfield Mitchell | Northern Metro Banyule Darebin Hume Moreland Nillumbik | Western Metro Brimbank Hobsons Bay Maribyrnong Melbourne Melton Moonee Valley Wyndham |
| Gippsland Bass Coast Baw Baw | | | |

DHS Regional Offices

State Government of Victoria, Department of Human Services.

DHS has nine regional offices responsible for the distribution and purchase of services within Victoria.

Barwon-South Western Region

2nd Floor, Cnr Little Mallop & Fenwick Streets,
Geelong 3220
Phone: (03) 5226 4540

Eastern Metropolitan Region

883 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128
Phone: (03) 9843 6000

Gippsland Region

43 Grey Street, Traralgon 3844
Phone: (03) 5177 2500

Grampians Region

Cnr Mair & Doveton Streets, Ballarat 3350
Phone: (03) 5333 6669

Hume Region

74 Ovens Street, Wangaratta 3677
Phone: (03) 5722 0555

Loddon Mallee Region

37 Rowan Street, Bendigo 3552
Phone: (03) 5434

Northern Region

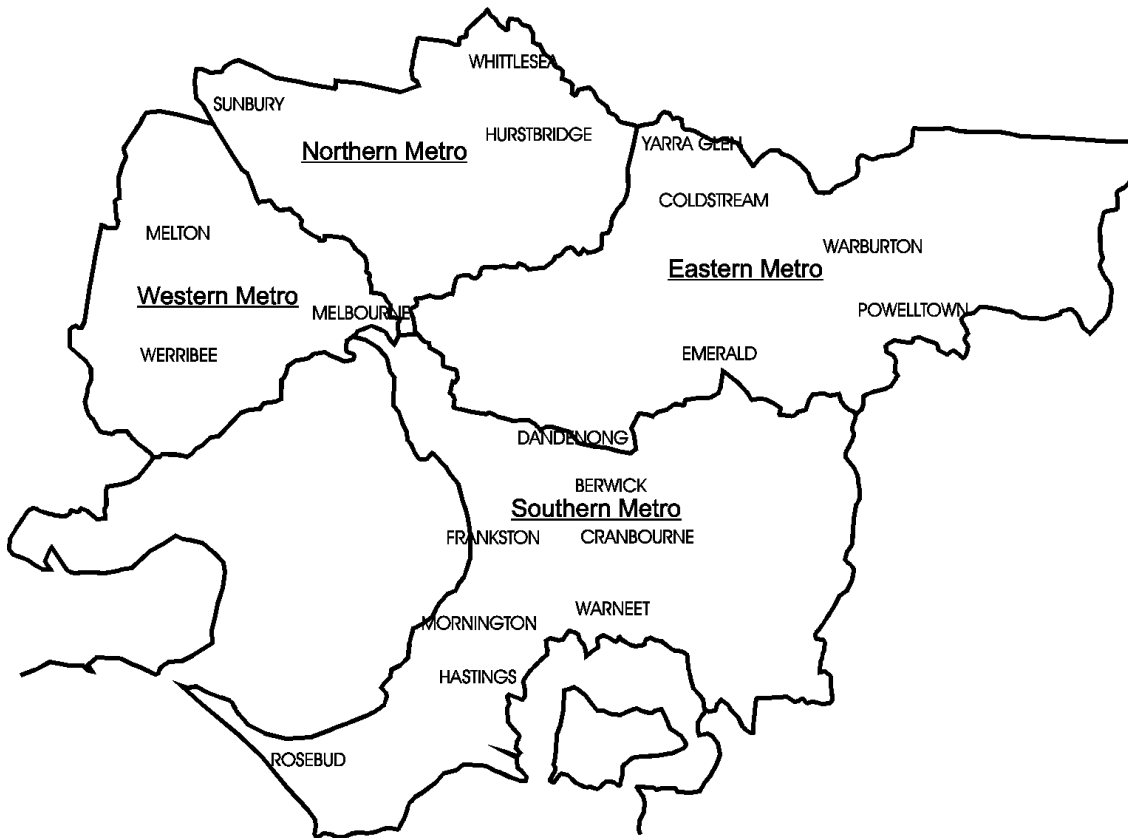
145 Smith Street, Fitzroy 3065
Phone: (03) 9412 5333

Southern Region

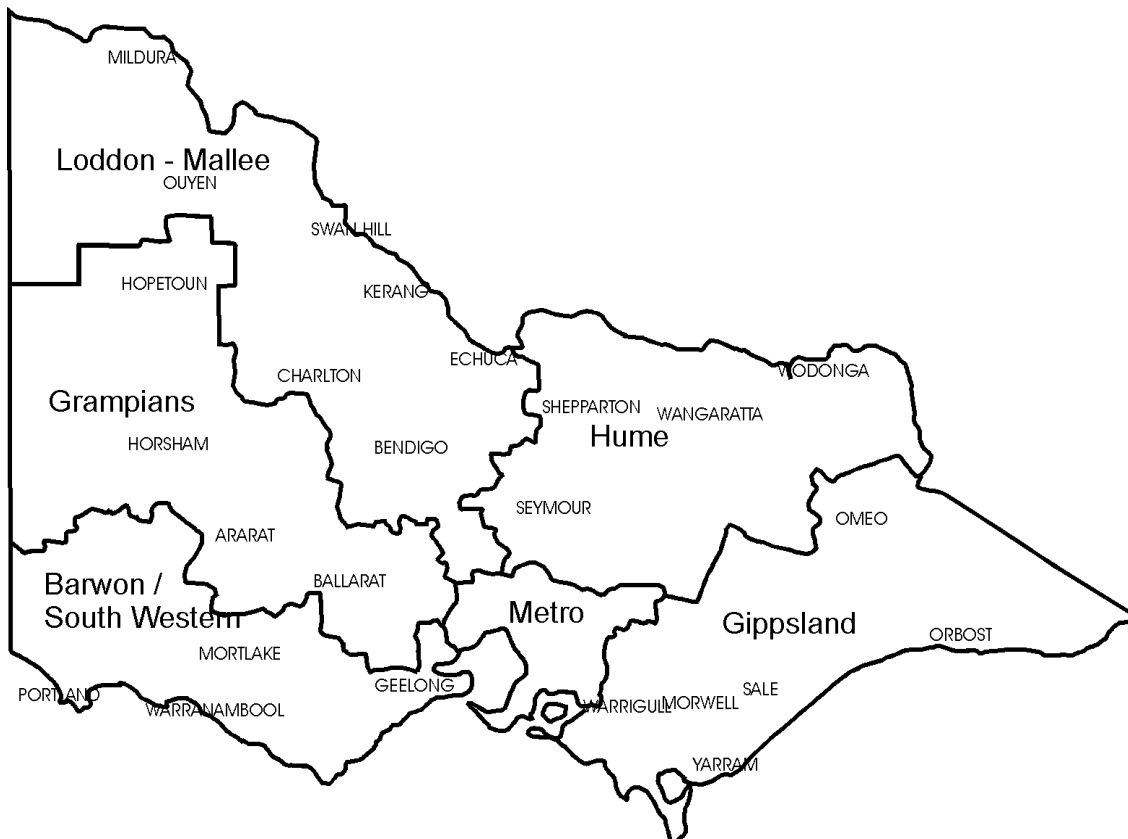
122 Thomas Street, Dandenong 3175
Phone: (03) 9213 2111

Western Region

71 Moreland Street, (Cnr Napier Street), Footscray 3011
Phone: (03) 9275 7000



Victorian Metro regions map



Victorian Rural regions map

Alpha Autism Inc



Alpha Autism Inc.
Skills for Life

Region: Vic
Contact: 9681 9311
Email: admin@alpha-autism.org.au
Postal: 47 Nott St, Port Melbourne, Vic 3027
Website: www.alpha-autism.org.au

Services: Alpha Employment Service, Alpha Pre-Vocational Training, Adult Training Support Services, Alpha Heatherton, Alpha North, Alpha West

Ararat Autism/ Asperger Support group

Region: Grampians
Contact: Julene Barnes, 5352 2129
Postal: 7 Barclay St, Ararat, Vic 3377

Asperger Syndrome & High Functioning Autistic Support Group Essendon

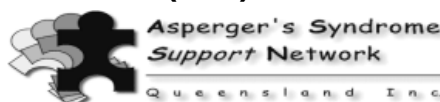
Region: Western Metro, Northern Metro
Contact: Henrietta Rennef 9689 4799 or Karin Bashtannyk 9449 5599
Email: Bashtann@alphalink.com.au
Postal: 2a Helene St, Ardeer, Vic 3022
Parent meetings: 3rd Tues 7:30pm at Old Caretaker's Residence, Woodlands Park, Essendon
Services: Support, information and social get-togethers. Work to increasing social and recreational opportunities for our children

Autism Asperger Advocacy Australia (A4)



Region: Australia (national)
Email: convenor@a4.org.au
Website: www.a4.org.au
Services: a voice for people with an autism spectrum disorder (including Asperger syndrome) and their associates (family members, carers, etc.) with federal government, website for ASD information, national newsletter (via email), free membership, systemic advocacy.

Aspergers Syndrome Support Network (Qld) Inc

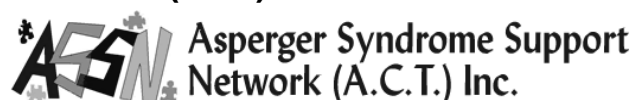


Region: Qld, Northern NSW
Contact: Office volunteers (07) 3865 2911
Email: office@asperger.asn.au
Postal: PO Box 159, Virginia, Qld 4014
Website: www.asperger.asn.au
Parent meetings: Zillmere, Redcliffe, Mt Gravatt, Beenleigh, Logan West, Sherwood, Indooroopilly, Sunshine Coast, Cooloola (Gympie), Beerwah, The Gap.
Services: Parent volunteer support group, Family Support emotional and social, telephone counselling, information, lobbying
Other events: workshop, seminars and conferences, with professional guest speakers

Aspergers Information Group (Geelong)

Region: Barwon
Contact: Leanne Keenan, 5221 2984
Email: leannek@gateways.com.au
Postal: 10-12 Albert St, Geelong West, Vic 3218
Website: www.gateways.com.au
Parent meetings: 3rd Thur at Gateways Support Services, 10-12 Albert St. Geelong West
Services: Speakers, Social outings, Information, Education, Newsletters

Aspergers Syndrome Support Network (ACT)



Region: ACT

Contact: (02) 6290 1984

Email: aspergersyndrome_act@assn.org.au

Postal: PO Box 717, Mawson ACT 2607

Website: www.assn.org.au

Parent meetings: 2nd Thur at Pearce Centre, Collett Plc, Pearce ACT 2607

Services: Family support, referral, information, education and community awareness

Other events: Sibling Craft group, Games session, adults activity, social activities, workshops

Association for Children with a Disability (ACD)



Region: Victoria statewide

Contact: 9500 1232 (metro), 1800 654 013 (rural callers only)

Email: mail@acd.org.au

Postal: 590 Orrong Rd, Armadale, Vic 3143

Website: www.acd.org.au

Services: Free telephone information and support, publications, advocacy, community education.

Autism Association ACT (Inc)



Region: ACT

Contact: (02) 6290 1984

Email: autismact@homemail.com.au

Postal: PO Box 717, Mawson, ACT 2607

Website: autism.anu.edu.au/

Parent meetings: 1st Wed at SHOUT offices, Collett Place, Pearce

Services: Information on; ASD, advocacy, working with teachers and professionals and information for teachers and professionals. Informal support and networking

Other events: Workshops

Autism Spectrum Australia



(formerly the Autism Association of NSW)

Region: NSW

Contact: (02) 8977 8300

Email: contact@aspect.org.au

Postal: PO Box 361, Forestville, NSW 2087

Website: www.aspect.org.au

Services: Library, Autism Information Line, Early Intervention, School Outreach Services, Assessment Service, Education & Research, Training, Conferences, Behaviour Intervention, "Someone to Turn To" (Parent Support), Employment and Community Services

Autism SA



Region: SA

Contact: (08) 8379 6976

Email: admin@autismsa.org.au

Postal: 3 Fisher St, Myrtle Bank, SA 5064

Website: www.autismsa.org.au

Parent meetings: at various locations and times, call ((08) 8379 6976

Autism Association of Western Australia (Inc)



Region: WA

Contact: (08) 9489 8900

Email: autismwa@autism.org.au

Postal: Locked Bag 9, West Perth PO, WA 6872

Website: www.autism.org.au

Parent meetings: at various locations and times, call Wendy O'Connor or Michele Thomas. (08) 9489 8900,

Services: Early Intervention, Children & Family Services, Training (including video conferences to country areas), Post School Options, Employment Services, Group Homes, Individual Residential Support, Clinical Services for Adults

Other events: Seminars

Autism Behavioural Intervention Association (ABIA)

abia

Region: Victoria statewide

Contact: 9830 0677

Email: info@abia.net.au

Office: 276 Canterbury Rd, Surrey Hills Vic 3127

Postal: PO Box 239 Canterbury Vic 3126

Website: www.vicnet.net.au/~abia

Services: Information, Education and Parent Support on Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

Other events: "Moving Forward" 10wk Parent Education Program, 3 run each yr.

Autism Behavioural Intervention Queensland (ABIQ)



Region: Qld

Contact: (07) 3264 2582, from outside the Brisbane metro area call 1300 224 753

Email: enquiries@abiq.org.

Postal: PO Box 7053, Brendale, Qld 4500

Website: www.abiq.org.

Parent meetings: Last Friday.

Services: Parent support, workshops, seminars, toy and book library.

Autism NT Inc

Autism NT
Inc.



Region: NT

Contact: NT Carers (08) 8948 4877 or Donna Cubillo b.h. (08) 8922 7424, a.h. (08) 8985 6424

Email: Donna.Cubillo@nt.gov.au

Postal: P.O.Box 36595, Winnellie, NT 0821

Website: under construction

Parent meetings: Twice month, call

Alison Bird, Ph (08) 8932 2395

Services: Advocacy, information, resources, lobbying

Autism Tasmania

Autism Tasmania Inc.

Region: TAS

Contact: Rose Clark (03) 6423 1086

Email: autism@autismtas.org.au

Postal: PO Box 1550, Launceston, Tas 7250

Website: www.autismtas.org.au

Parent meetings: South 2nd Tues, East last Frid, North-west 1st Wed, North 1st Tues, call 0407 320 048 for venue

Services: Support, advocacy, information, education and referral to other appropriate agencies – Early Learning Tasmania, Giant Steps, ABIT etc.

Other events: Speakers, social evenings, workshops, seminars and conferences

Autism Victoria Inc.



Region: Victoria statewide

See full page information on page 16

Autistic Citizens Residential & Resources Society of Victoria Inc (ACR&RSV Inc)

Region: Victoria statewide

Contact: David Coates (03) 9504 6277

Email: dcoates@asd.org.au

Postal: 568 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, Vic 3000

Website: asd.org.au

Services: information and research

Autistic Family Support Association (AFSA)

Region: Victoria statewide

Contact: (03) 9885 8777

Email: afsa_aust@bigpond.com

Postal: PO Box 235, Ashburton, Vic 3147

Services: Parent phone support, Newsletter, School Holiday Support, Lobby group

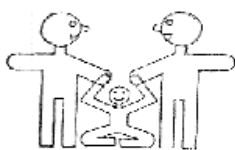
Autism Spectrum Family Support Group - Southern region

Region: Southern Metro
Contact: Cristina Isaac 9795 0328
Email: asperger_vic@yahoo.com.au
Postal: 99 Haverbrack Drv, Mulgrave, Vic 3170
Parent meetings on 3rd Wed, call 9795 0328 for venue
Services: Parent to parent support, advocacy and information.

Ballarat Autism Network

Region: Grampians
Contact: Kris Schmidt (03) 5329 1334 or 0417 413 994 or Colleen Britnell (03) 5333 2401
Email: kks@netconnect.com.au or kschmidt@pinarc.org.au
Postal: PO Box 1422, Bakery Hill PO, Ballarat, Vic 3354
Website: www.pinarc.org.au
Parent meetings: Network- 2nd Thurs. Parent group- 3rd Mon at PINARC Support Services, 20 King St Ballarat
Services: Family Support, In-services, workshops, Resource Library, Information, parent to parent links.
Other events: Information sessions, special events.

Benalla Support Group For Children With Special Needs Inc



Region: Hume
Contact: Penny Bristol-Jones, (03) 5762 7057

Email: bsgroup@inet.net.au
Postal: PO Box 374, BENALLA, Vic 3672
Services: Advocacy; information; education; parent to parent

Bendigo Autism Family Support Group (BASFG)

Region: Loddon Mallee
Contact: 0417 057 672
Email: jsheaf@bigpond.com
Postal: PO Box 369, Eaglehawk, Vic 3556
Parent meetings: 3rd Tues at FOCDSDG house, 49 Forest Street Bendigo

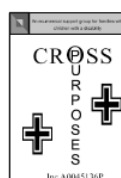
Cooinda Family Support Group (Albury/Wodonga)



Region: Hume / Riverina
Contact: Sue Pringle (02) 6056 4844 or Chris Whitehead (02) 6056 4844
Email:

cooindawodonga@optusnet.com.au
Postal: PO Box 305, Wodonga, Vic 3689
Website: www.cooinda.org.au
Parent meetings at varied times and venues, call (02) 6056 4844
Services: advocacy, education, workshops and conferences, book/video library, referral, newsletter, sibling support programs, social events, respite unit

Cross Purposes – Church group Camberwell



Region: Eastern Metro
Contact: Kathryn Hamann (03) 9893 3224
Email: crosspurposes1@optusnet.com.au

Postal: 163 Wattle Valley Road, Camberwell, Vic 3124
Website: http://www.melbourne.anglican.com.au/kids/special.html
Parent meetings: 4th Fri, at St Dunstan's, 163 Wattle Valley Rd, Camberwell
Services: advocacy, information, education, lobbying., mutual support, prayer
Other events: Family Gatherings, Committee Meetings

Dandenong Hills Support Group

Region: Southern Metro
Contact: Barb Brown (03) 5968 9014
Postal: 6 Kitchener Pde, Cockatoo, Vic 3781

Disability Information & Resource Centre Inc

Region: South Australia
Contact: (08) 8236 0555
Email: dirc@dircsa.org.au
Postal: 195 Gilles St, Adelaide, SA 5000
Website: www.dircsa.org.au or
www.enable.net.au
Services: Library, Meeting Rooms and Displays,

East Gippsland Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group

Region: Gippsland
Contact: Maria Saunders or Georgia Zerbe (03) 5155 8300
Email: georgiaz@glch.org.au
Postal: PO Box 429, Lakes Entrance, Vic 3909
Parent meetings: Bi monthly Wednesdays at The SHED, Wy Yung Hotel, Bairnsdale

Families of Children with a Disability Support Group Inc. (FOCDSG)



Bendigo

Region: Loddon Mallee
Contact: Kathy Reardon
(03) 5442 7897

Email: info@focdsg.org.au
Postal: PO Box 2854, Bendigo Delivery Centre, Bendigo, Vic 3554
Website: www.focdsg.org.au
Parent meetings: FOCDSG house, 49 Forest Street Bendigo

Mildura

Region: Loddon Mallee
Contact: Leeann Blow (03) 5021 7403 or Maree Winslade 0438 245 805
Email: leeann@focdsg.org.au
Postal: PO Box 152, Mildura, Vic 3502
Website:
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~focdsg5/sg.htm>

Parent meetings: on Thur 10:30am at Milton Whiting Centre, 109 Lemon Ave Mildura
Services: Information, support, referral, parent to parent support. Large resource library. Computers for families to access Internet
Other events: respite activities, including nights out, weekends away, and family events

Gippsland Autism Aspergers Information Network and Support (GAAINS)



Region: Gippsland
Contact: Kelley Harris
(03) 5176 0066 or
Heather Dickeson (03) 5176 1290
Email: Satine14@bigpond.com
Postal: PO Box 524, Traralgon, Vic 3844
Website: under construction
Parent meetings: call Kelley Harris

Gladstone Area Autism Support Group

Region: Qld
Contact: Michelle (07) 4978 3697 or Dorothy (07) 4972 5446
Email: gladstoneasg@yahoo.com.au
Postal: PO Box 5341, Gladstone, Qld 4680
Website:
www.fortunecity.com/meltingpot/barclay/64
Parent meetings: Evenings on 1st Mon at Community Health Centre back of the Gladstone Hospital. Days on 2nd Mon at Star of the Sea Parish Hall Herbert Street,

Gold Coast ASD Support Group



Region: Qld
Contact: Helen Steinhardt 0417 700 190, (07) 5578 3558 or Debra Tew (07) 5534 8739
Email: goldcoastsg@autismqld.com.au
Postal: PO Box 2272, Burliegh Heads MDC, Qld 4220
Website: www.autismqld.com.au
Parent meetings: Morning 1st Wed, Evening 3rd Wed, Mudgeeraba - ring for directions
Services: Information, advocacy
Other events: Library, regular newsletters, email support and information network, family outings, special interest groups, guest speakers

Goulburn Valley Autism Spectrum Support Group

Region: Hume
Contact: Jenny Tucknott (03) 5831 6783 or Sue Watt (03) 5831 1644
Email: graemenjenny@iinet.net.au
Postal: 79 Colliver Rd, Shepparton, Vic 3630
Services: Parent to parent support, Referrals, information, ASD education, lobbying

Goulburn Valley Support Group for Children with Special Needs Inc.

Region: Hume
Contact: Nicole O'Brien (03) 5821 1616
Email: gvgroup@mcmedia.com.au
Postal: Shop 4 / 104 High Street Shepparton, Vic 3630
Parent meetings: on 2nd Tues at GV Special Needs Toy Library,
Services: Information, Parent support, Community Education, Advocacy, referral to service, Parent to Parent Links,
Other events: social evenings, information sessions, workshops, family events

Hamilton & District Autism Support Group

Region: Barwon
Contact: Michelle Graffeo (03) 5572 2056 or Helen Baker (03) 5572 1493
Postal: 81 Mt Napier rd, Hamilton, Vic 3300

Services: Library, Information, support, resources, Workshops

Mackay Autism Support Group

Region: Qld
Contact: Debbie (07) 4942 3458
Email: mackaysg@autismqld.com.au
Parent meetings: on 3rd Tues except school holidays, Phone for venue,

Northern Autism Parent Support group Glenroy (NAPS)

Region: Northern Metro
Contact: Thea Calzoni (03) 9385 323
Email: tcalzoni@mcm.org.au
Parent meetings: on 1st Fri at Kinder building, Yooralla, Box Forest Rd Glenroy
Services: Support & discussion group for parents by parents.
Other events: Speakers, craft & chat days

Our Autistic Kids Email Group

Region: Hume
Email: ourautistickids@bigpond.com
Services: Email internet contact group

Parent Support Network - Eastern Region Inc.

Region: Eastern Metro
Contact: Nektaria Kalpakidis (03) 9830 0412 or Brenda McMinn (03) 9830 0412
Email: psner@warr.hotkey.net.au
Postal: PO Box 262, Canterbury, Vic
Services: Support Groups, Information Sessions, Volunteer Parent Co-ordination, recreation activities, One on one support

Parent to Parent Gippsland

Region: Gippsland
Contact: (03) 5135 3131 or 1800 010 453
Email: p2pg@vic.australis.com.au
Postal: PO Box 3163 Mail Centre, Gippsland, Vic 3841
Parent meetings: on various dates at varied venues. Please call
Services: Information, support and advocacy

Parent to Parent Inner East Inc

Region: Inner East
Contact: (03) 9500 2416
Email: jsalgo@netspace.net.au
Postal: 590 Orrong Road, Armadale, Vic 3143
Parent meetings: on 1st Mon at Clota Cottage, Neighbourhood House, 31 Clota Avenue, Box Hill 3128
Services: Referral, parent support, information, education
Other events: Workshops, social events etc

Portland Autism Support Group

Region: Barwon
Contact: Kathryn Beauglehole (03) 5523 6014
Email: ingy@hotmail.net.au
Postal: 11 Clematis Crt, Portland, Vic 3305
Parent meetings: on 2nd Thurs at East Function Room, Portland & District Hospital
Services: Information, Education, Community awareness, Advocacy, Lobbying

Seymour Parent Support group - Autism Network

Region: Hume
Contact: Debbie Ure (03) 5799 0039 or 0421 050 764
Email: dure@austarnet.com.au
Postal: PO Box 8036, Seymour Sth, Vic 3660
Parent meetings: Once or twice per term, call 0421 050 764
Services: Support, Networking, Referral, Advocacy & Lobbying

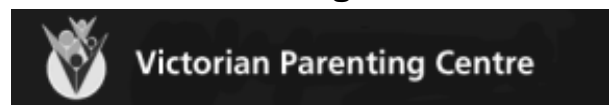
Statewide Autistic Services Inc

Region: Victoria Statewide
Contact: (03) 9773 6044
Postal: 7 Apsley Place (P.O. Box 2036), Seaford Vic 3198
Website: www.sasi.org.au
Services: Adult day programmes, children respite, community education, accommodation, recreational services

Supporting Autistic Affected Families Effectively (SAAFE)

Region: Eastern Metro
Contact: Kay Bryan (03) 9727 3306 or 0416 019 238 or Debra Pepprell (03) 9728 3946
Email: kaybell13@bigpond.com
Postal: 14 Ricky Crt, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138
Website: under construction
Parent meetings: on 2nd and 4th Fri at Chirside Park Community Cntr, Kimberley Drv, Chirside Park
Services: Telephone support, Group support, Home visits, Personal experience.

Victorian Parenting Centre



Contact: (03) 9639 4111
Email: vpc@vicparenting.com.au
Postal: 24 Drummond St, Carlton, Vic 3053
Website: www.vicparenting.com.au

Warrnambool & District Autism Support Group

Region: Barwon
Contact: Wendy Okerby (03) 5562 9867
Email: pwenockerby@bigpond.com
Postal: 1 Warroon Crt, Warrnambool, Vic 3280
Parent meetings: on 3rd Tues
Services: Parent support, Resource sharing, Social get togethers, Information, Advocacy

WESTARC autism program

Region: Western Metro
Contact: Megan Erm 9284 7267
Email: WestArc@bigpond.com.au
Postal: PO Box 548, Sunshine, Vic 3020
Parent meetings on Thursdays monthly at Braybrook Community Centre, 109 Churchill Ave, Braybrook
Services: Information, education, support

Asperger / Autism Books - Commercial Suppliers

Please note; listing a book supplier here does not imply endorsement by ASSN Vic Inc.

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| <p>Book in hand PO Box 899, Redcliffe Qld. 4020 Phone: 1800 505 221 Or (07) 3885 8525 Email: blackman@eis.net.au Web site: www.bookinhand.com.au</p> | <p>Co-Ordinates 10 Collier Crs, Brunswick Vic 3055 Phone: (03) 9380 1127 Email: jenny@therapybookshop.com Web sites: www.therapytoyshop.com www.therapybookshop.com www.speechtherapyshop.com</p> |
| <p>Footprint Books 4/92a Mona Vale Rd., Mona Vale. Sydney. NSW. 2103 Phone: (02) 9997 3973 Fax: (02) 9997 3185 Email: info@footprint.com.au Web site: www.footprint.com.au</p> | <p>Open Leaves Books 79 Cardigan St, Carlton. Vic. 3053 Phone: (03) 9347 2355 Email: openleaves@iprimus.com.au</p> |

Useful contacts

In a life threatening emergency, call 000

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| <p>ACTIVE - ADD & ADHD 9650 2570 Administrative Appeals Tribunal 1300 366 700 Behavioural Management - Bouverie Centre 9376 9844 BIST (Behaviour Intervention Support Team) DHS 9275 7000 Carer Allowance - Adult Centrelink 13 2717 Carer Retreats (Carer Links West) 1800 059 059 Carers Association Victoria 1800 242 636 9650 9966 Centre Link Review & appeal decisions 1800 011 140 Child Care Access Hotline 1800 670 305 Child Disability Allowance/Care Allowance Child Centrelink 13 2717 CoCare Sex educ., puberty, contraception, menstruation etc. 9350 4000 Crisis Line 9329 0300 Dental Services (Subsidised) 9341 0222 Disability Discrimination Law & Advocacy Service 9602 4877 Disability Information Victoria -Directory for Available services 1300 650 865 Or TTY 9824 8442 Equal Opportunities Commission Victoria 9281 7100 Equipment Recycling Network 9879 5211 Family Planning Assoc.- Sex educ, puberty, contraception, menstruation 9257 0100 Futures for Young Adults DHS 9275 7000 Grief & Loss Compassionate Friends 1800 641 091 Guardianship & Administration Board 1800 133 055 Home Inspection & Assessment (Free) 1800 134 872 Home Renovation Advisory Program (DHS funded) 9670 3911 In Home Accommodation Support - IHAS DHS 9275 7000 Intellectual Disability Review Panel 1800 641 038 Interpreter Service 13 14 50 Jewish Community Services (<i>Rec., Respite & support programs</i>) 9525 4000 Khaki Rebels (cubs & scouts special needs group) 0402 697 018 Koori and Aboriginal Services 9637 4039 Lifeline 13 11 14</p> | <p>Loss & Grief Line 9596 7799 Mens Referral Service (reverse charge accepted) 685 9814 MS Society 9689 3999 Parent Line 13 2289 Playworks 9521 3300 Poisons Information Centre 13 1126 Public Advocate 9603 9500 RACV Emergency Wheelchair Breakdown Service 131111 RCH 9345 5522 Regional Parenting Resource Centre 9307 0358 Relationship Counselling 9205 9570 SCOPE VIC (Previously Spastic Society) 9357 2611 Sexual Assault - Centre Against 9687 5811 SKY - MH SKY - mental health services for kids & youth, Parkville 9342 2800 STAR - Victorian Action on Intellectual Disability 9659 2730 State Trustees 1800 133 095 Struck by Rec. Run weekends away - all ages 9350 4263 TADAS - Travellers Aid Disability Service 9654 7690 TADVIC - Technical Aid to the Disabled 9853 8655 Telstra Australia - Disability Hotline - devices for people with disabilities 1800 068 424 Tourmates 9431 2732 Travancore 9345 6011 V.A.L.I.D. - advocacy, adults 9416 4003 Variety Club of Australia 9804 3355 Victorian Autistic Children & Adults Assoc. Vic. 9885 0533 Victorian Parent Advocacy Collection 9729 3605 Villamanta Legal Service 1800 014 111 Western Carers Alliance - Spastic Society & MS Victoria 9367 4397 Western Region Outreach Service - adults psyche. Disability 9687 4499 Womens Domestic Violence Crisis Service 9329 8433 - 1800 015 188 Youth Allowance - for those with less severe disability. Centrelink 13 2850</p> |
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WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN VICTORIA?

A range of services specialising in Autism Spectrum Disorders. For details, contact Autism Victoria or the appropriate service below. Many of these services are members of Autism Victoria and are all committed to quality services for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

FUNDED SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX:

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| Early Childhood Autism Services -- North (Yooralla - Glenroy) | (03) 9359 9366 |
| Gateways Support Services (Barwon & Otways Region) | (03) 5221 2984 |
| Kalparrin Autism Services – Greensborough | (03) 9435 8311 |
| Mansfield Autistic Centre Early Intervention Program | (03) 5775 2876 |
| Southern (formerly Mentone) Autistic School | (03) 9563 8139/ 9563 8173 |
| WestArc Autism Services – Sunshine | (03) 9284 7267 |

SPECIALIST AUTISM SCHOOLS OR UNITS

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| Bulleen Heights School | (03) 9850 7122 |
| Mansfield Autistic Centre and Travelling Teacher Service | (03) 5775 2876 |
| Nelson Park Autism Centre (Nelson Park School) | (03) 5278 3620 |
| Southern (formerly Mentone) Autistic School | (03) 9563 8139, 9563 8173 |
| Wantirna Heights School | (03) 9720 7492 |
| Western Autistic School (Niddrie) | (03) 9337 9175 |

SPECIALIST ADULT PROGRAMS

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| Alpha Autism - for adults (Albert Park, Heatherton, Moorabbin, Thornbury, Flemington) Port Melbourne - Pre Vocational Training, Alpha Employment, Administration | (03) 9681 9311 |
| Mansfield Adult Autistic Services (MACCRO) | (03) 5775 1904 |
| Statewide Autistic Services Inc. - Seaford, Drouin, Croydon, Sale, Morwell | (03) 9773 6044 |

SPECIALIST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

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| Asperger Syndrome Support Network | (03) 9845 2766 |
| Autism Family Support Association | (03) 9885 8777 |
| Autism Victoria Library and Family Counselling | (03) 9885 0533 |
| Autistic Behavioural Intervention Association | (03) 9830 0677 |
| Gateways Support Services (Geelong and South Western Victoria) | (03) 5221 2984 |
| Mansfield Travelling Teacher Service | (03) 5775 2876 |
| Statewide Autistic Services - Respite, Residential and Recreation Services | (03) 9773 6044 |
| Specialist Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment Teams | (03) 9885 0533 |

AUTISM VICTORIA CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Information about autism spectrum disorders
- Library
- Advice about services that are available
- Public awareness
- Professional family counseling support
- Promotional posters, brochures and information kits.
- Seminars and conferences
- Representation
- Autism news
- The Spectrum magazine and eSpectrum email bulletins
- Web site – www.autismvictoria.org.au