



Australian Government

Department of Families,  
Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs

# Respite Support for Carers of Young People with a Severe or Profound Disability Program

## About this program

This program:

- provides immediate and short-term respite to carers of young people with a severe or profound disability
- facilitates access to information, respite care and other support or assistance appropriate to the individual needs and circumstances of both carers and care recipients
- focuses on carer needs and allows carers to exercise choice and control over their respite care arrangements
- supports carers whose needs are not being met through existing Commonwealth Government or state/territory government initiatives
- expects to alleviate unmet demand for short-term and unplanned respite care that currently causes significant stress to carers.

By contributing to the support and maintenance of caring relationships this program will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of families who have a younger family member with a severe or profound disability.

The Commonwealth Government will provide nearly \$22 million over three years, to 2011, to support this program.

## Who will benefit from this program

This program assists carers:

- of young people with a severe or profound disability under 30 years of age
- who experience significant stress in caring for a person with a disability under 65 years of age.

## How the program is implemented

The program is delivered through Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres located across Australia.

## More information

For more information about respite services phone the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222. For emergency assistance after hours with respite options, phone 1800 059 059.

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