



Australian Government

Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Young Carers Respite and Information Services Program

About this program

The Young Carers Respite and Information Services Program:

- provides support to young carers who are at risk of not completing secondary education or vocational equivalent due to the demands of their caring role
- assists young carers to better manage their educational and caring responsibilities
- enables young carers to access age appropriate support and respite services to undertake activities such as studying for exams, to attend education, training or recreation
- provides a range of information, advice and referral services, including referral to counselling, to support young carers in managing the challenges they face as part of their caring role.

The Australian Government will provide \$7.6 million in funding for 2008–09 to continue providing services to help young carers.

How the program is implemented

Young carer respite services are delivered through the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres located across Australia.

The information, referral and advice services are delivered by Carers Australia and its network of Carers Associations.

More information

Further information about respite services is available from the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222 or after hours on 1800 059 059.

For information, referral and advice services, phone Carers Australia on 1800 242 636 or visit the [Young Carers website](#).