

## Advocacy & Information

### National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

For advice about eligibility for the NDIS, how to access the scheme or to enquire about an NDIS plan, please contact the National Disability Insurance Agency, (NDIA). If you have a hearing problem or speech loss please call: (TTY) 1800 555 677 or (Speak & Listen) 1800 555 727

### The Brotherhood of St Laurence

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers NDIS in the North & East Melbourne. For local information, you can contact them on: 65 Main Street, Greensborough 3088 P 1300 275 634

### Disability Services at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHS supports people living with a disability through a range of services including: financial, community life, employment, accommodation, aid and equipment, advocacy and support for carers and families.

W [dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au)

### Carers Victoria

Carers Victoria work closely with government and other support organisations to improve the lives of caring families throughout Victoria.

W [carersvictoria.org.au](http://carersvictoria.org.au)

### Disability Discrimination Legal Service Inc. (DDLS)

An independent state wide legal service who specialise in disability discrimination legal matters. DDLS provide a range of free legal services which include information, casework assistance, referral, community legal education, and policy and law reform.

P 9654 8644 | P 9654 6817 (TTY)

W [dlsaustralia.org](http://dlsaustralia.org)

### Action on Disabilities within Ethnic Communities (ADEC)

ADEC is a state wide organisation who empower and engage people living with a disability who are from a Non-English speaking background to participate fully within their community.

Preston Office: 175 Plenty Road, Preston, 3072

P 9480 7000 | P 1800 626 078 (Free Call)

W [adec.org.au](http://adec.org.au)

### Youth Disability Advocacy Services (YDAS)

YDAS is a state wide advocacy service for young people aged 12 - 25 who are living with disability in Victoria.

P 9267 3709 | W [ydas.org.au](http://ydas.org.au)

### Centrelink Disability Services

Centrelink have a range of different financial supports for people living with a disability as well as offering employment assistance.

W [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au)

### North East Citizen Advocacy

North East Citizen Advocacy is a community based program that aims to recognise, promote and protect the rights and interests of people with intellectual disabilities.

P 8407 3684 | W [citizenadvocacy.com.au](http://citizenadvocacy.com.au)



# Disability Support Services

Your guide to services for young people in Banyule

### Contact Us

If you would like further information please contact us via:



📍 Youth Service, PO Box 94, Greensborough

☎ 3088 9457 9855 | ✉ [banyuleyouth@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:banyuleyouth@banyule.vic.gov.au)

🌐 [banyuleyouth.com](http://banyuleyouth.com) | 📘 [facebook.com/banyuleyouth](https://facebook.com/banyuleyouth)

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## Programs & Services

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### Yarra Plenty Regional Library

Yarra Plenty Regional Library offer a range of accessible programs and equipment for people with disabilities. These include digital audio books, digital reading groups as well as PC's with large monitors and modified keyboards and mice.

**P** 9480 7888 | **W** [yprl.vic.gov.au](http://yprl.vic.gov.au)

### Interact

Interact provide a range of tailored services for people with disabilities, their families and carers. Services include personalised support, employment & training, community hubs, respite program, recreational programs and more.

**P** 1300 FUTURE (388 873) | **W** [interact.com.au](http://interact.com.au)

### Arts Access Victoria (AAV)

AAV are one of the leading arts organisation who connect people with a disability with art programs ensuring they can participate without barriers.

**W** [artsaccess.com.au](http://artsaccess.com.au)

### Banyule City Council's Commitment

Banyule City Council is committed to ensuring our community is accessible to everyone. Council has dedicated staff that work to ensure that Council buildings, services and programs are accessible and include people with disability. For more information visit [banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/People-with-a-disability](http://banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/People-with-a-disability)

### The Lab

The Lab is a growing network of technology clubs for 10 to 16 year-old young people diagnosed with High Functioning Autism who enjoy working with computers. The Lab offers mentoring by technology professionals in areas such as programming, 3D, digital design and gaming.

**W** [thelab.org.au](http://thelab.org.au)

## Support & Other Info

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### Interchange

Interchange supports agencies that offer volunteer-supported services that provide family respite and social opportunities for children and young people with a disability as well as offer a range of online information and resources.

Interchange Northern: 24 Gellibrand Cr, Reservoir 3073

**P** 9462 1011 | **W** [interchange.org.au](http://interchange.org.au)

### DiVine

DiVine is an online community for people who have a disability. The website includes opinion articles, news and reviews for and by people with a disability.

**W** [divine.vic.gov.au](http://divine.vic.gov.au)

### Pride Vic

Pride Vic assists individuals who have a disability through outreach and social programs by using person centred approaches and connect individuals with LGBTIQ+ communities.

**W** [pridevic.com.au](http://pridevic.com.au)

### Disability Sport and Recreation (DSR)

DSR promotes health and wellbeing for people who have a disability. Through DSR, you can find the right sport or recreational activity that suits your interests and needs.

**W** [dsr.org.au](http://dsr.org.au)

## Young Carers

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Are you a young person who looks after someone with:

- ▶ A mental health issue;
- ▶ A disability;
- ▶ A long term illness; or,
- ▶ An alcohol or other drug problem.

This person could be a parent, sibling, a grandparent, child or other relative or friend. Ways you care for them could include emotional support, help them shop, cook or clean, help them take medication regularly, shower or dress them, keep them safe or making sure they feel okay. If this sounds like your situation, you might be a young carer!

## Education Training & Employment

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### National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO)

NDCO – Inner North: Brighdie O'Dwyer

**P** 03 9686 2354 | **M** 0491 208 630

**E** [region11@imvc.com.au](mailto:region11@imvc.com.au) | **W** [ndcovictoria.net.au](http://ndcovictoria.net.au)

### Northstar

Northstar is a specialist employment service who assist people with a disability to gain and maintain employment. Northstar also offer a range of training to assist people to gain employment and further training to retain employment.

**P** 9435 7198 (Northstar Greensborough)

**P** 9458 1566 (Northstar Heidelberg)

### JobAccess

JobAccess assist people with a disability to find and keep ongoing employment. JobAccess are experienced in supporting job seekers with a disability as well as experienced in practice that support employees in the workplace.

**W** [jobaccess.gov.au/people-with-disability](http://jobaccess.gov.au/people-with-disability)

### CVGT Australia

Young people aged 15-21 may be eligible for CVGT's Transition to Work program which offers young people practical experience & support as well as the opportunity to gain skills and confidence through their employment journey. Greensborough Office: 88 Main Street, Greensborough, 3088. Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

**P** 13 28 48 | **W** [cvgt.com.au](http://cvgt.com.au)

### Help for young carers:

#### Young Carers Victoria

**P** 1800 242 636 | **W** [carersvictoria.org.au](http://carersvictoria.org.au)

#### Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre – Northern

**P** 9495 2500 or 1800 052 222 | **W** [merrihealth.org.au](http://merrihealth.org.au)

#### Little Dreamers: Increasing social connectedness for young carers.

**P** 9973 9078 | **W** [littledreamersonline.com](http://littledreamersonline.com)

