

JOANNE RYAN MP LalorFactSheet

Childcare and Related Services

MyChild.gov.au

The mychild.gov.au website is Australia's online child care portal. On this website you will find information on different types of child care and how to get assistance with the cost of child care.

You can also search a database to find child care centres in your local area. In many cases, you will also be able to find the services vacancy and fee information.

Find a local child care service:

The 'Find a local Child Care Service' database on MyChild.gov.au identifies a range of child care options across our region, including:

- Long Day Care
- Occasional Care
- Family Day Care
- In Home Care
- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Vacation Care



MyChild Hotline
13 36 84

Information on Child Care and Early Childhood

The Victorian Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development includes a range of information for parents in supporting the early years of your child's development, from birth and your first maternal and child health appointment through to playgroups, childcare, kindergarten and starting school:

- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/Pages/default.aspx>



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Find a local Preschool or Kindergarten:

The 'Find a local Preschool or Kindergarten' database on MyChild.gov.au identifies local Preschools and Kindergartens across the region.

Accessing fee assistance for child care:

There are different types of fee assistance that families and carers can access to help with the cost of placing children in child care:

- Child Care Benefit (CCB) - <http://www.mychild.gov.au/childcare-information/benefit>
- Child Care Rebate (CCR) - <http://www.mychild.gov.au/childcare-information/rebate>
- Jobs, Education and Training Child Care fee assistance - <http://www.mychild.gov.au/childcare-information/jobs>
- Special Child Care Benefit - <http://www.mychild.gov.au/childcare-information/special>



Joanne Ryan MP talking with local families in Werribee

Maternal and Child Health Services

The Maternal and Child Health Service is free and supports your child's health and development from birth until school age. Find out more about appointments and the ages your child should visit:

- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/mch/Pages/default.aspx>

Local Leisure and Recreation

The Experience Wyndham website includes a great list of local facilities for families to access across the region.

This is a great place to look to find local playgrounds, walking tracks, pools & sporting facilities, and walking & running groups:

- http://www.experiencewyndham.com.au/leisure_recreation/

Other helpful information

Joanne Ryan MP also has a range of other fact sheets to assist young families across Lalor, such as:

- [Local Health Services Fact Sheet](#)
- [Local Education Services Fact Sheet](#)
- [Human Services \(Incl. Centrelink, Medicare, and Child Support\) Fact Sheet](#)



Support and information online

Australian Hearing	http://www.hearing.com.au/
Beyond Blue	http://www.beyondblue.org.au
Child Support Services for Separated Parents	www.humanservices.gov.au/separatedfamilies
Esafety	http://esafety.gov.au/
Early Days	http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/earlydays
Family Relationships Online	www.familyrelationships.gov.au
HealthDirect	www.healthdirect.gov.au
Healthy Active	www.healthyactive.gov.au
Healthy Kids Check	http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Healthy_Kids_Check
Helping Children with Autism	http://www.autism.net.au/FaHCIA_Funding.htm
Home Interaction Program (HIPPY)	http://www.hippyaustralia.bsl.org.au
Immunisation Australia	www.immunise.health.gov.au
Inclusion Support Programme	http://www.education.gov.au/inclusion-and-professional-support-program
Kids Helpline	http://www.kidshelp.com.au
Kidsafe	http://www.kidsafe.com.au
KidsMatter	http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au
Medicare Services	www.humanservices.gov.au/health
MyTime	http://www.mytime.net.au
Priority of Access Guidelines	http://www.education.gov.au/priority-allocating-places
Raising Children Network	raisingchildren.net.au
Safe Schools Hub	http://safeschoolshub.edu.au



Please don't hesitate to contact my office to discuss any issues or ideas that you may have.

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