

## *Who are Communities for Children?*

Communities for Children—Onkaparinga is an Australian Government Initiative funded under the Family Support Program and is a partnership between Anglicare SA and UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide.

Communities for Children works with existing services and networks to help improve outcomes and the well-being of children in the areas of health, early learning, development and support for families and parents.

Communities for Children addresses the needs of children 0-12 years and their families to help give them the best possible start in life both directly and within the contexts of their family, their community and the broader social, economic and cultural environments that they live in.

*For more information about the Child/Family Friendly Charter please contact...*

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*Is your community  
child/family friendly?*



Below is a list of simple things that make a community child/family friendly.

- Children and families are respected
- Families are supported by the community to meet their needs
- Work places support staff to have a good balance between work life and family life
- Children and families are welcomed and valued as community members
- Feedback from children and their families is welcomed
- Neighborhoods are designed to meet family needs of safety and accessibility
- There are natural gathering places for people of all ages
- There are safe spaces for children to relax, play and learn
- Families and children are free to express themselves in decisions that affect them
- Services are available for all children to reach their full potential
- Services are provided that can be accessed by everyone
- Public transport is fully accessible and available for all



## How you can help...

### Take an interest and have pride in your community

#### Be observant

- How well do services and neighbourhood areas meet the needs of your family?
- How could they be improved?

#### Ask questions

- Asking Questions about child/family friendly is one of the best ways to increase your knowledge and show your interest
- Asking your services questions and talking about them being child/family friendly can help create ideas for improvements

#### Report observations

- Find out who to talk to
- Find out how the service or organisation would like you to give feedback
- Using their system for 'how to give feedback' will mean that your comments will be heard by the people who are most able to do something about them

**Communities for Children have created a child/family friendly charter for the whole community.**

**Those services who agree to uphold child/family friendly principles will display a poster and sticker saying 'we are child friendly'.**