



Australian Government



Supporting parents in planning their future



What is Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is a voluntary support service that can help you identify and achieve your future goals. The service is flexible, accessible and considerate of your individual circumstances.

You'll work with a mentor who will support you during your time with Parent Pathways. You'll also receive tailored advice, guidance and resources in a supportive and safe environment, where your children are always welcome.

Whether you have a particular goal in mind, aren't sure what you want to do, or you're just looking for advice, the door is always open.

What kind of services can I access through Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is tailored to you, so the support you get depends on what you need and want that will help you reach your future personal, work or study goals while recognising your role as a parent or carer. You and your mentor will work this out together. Some examples of services you might access include:

Financial support

Financial support towards the cost of a computer for study, to get your licence, pay for a uniform, study costs or help with the costs of childcare (e.g. bonds, waitlist fees).

Further education

Connection to further education such as doing a training course or study.

Access to other services

- ✓ referral to supports such as financial information services and family and domestic violence support services
- ✓ language or literacy programs
- ✓ support to find a childcare place for your child
- ✓ financial support, for example to help with the cost of training courses
- ✓ training, such as a short course
- ✓ career guidance.

If you choose to participate, you can also choose to leave, take a break or come back at any time. The service is focused on you.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Parent Pathways, you must:

- ✓ be the parent or carer of a child aged under 6
- ✓ not be in paid employment
- ✓ live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider.

Be getting one of these payments:

Parenting Payment

Carer Payment

Special Benefit.

You are also eligible if you're not getting a Centrelink payment, and are either:

- ✓ under 22 years old
- ✓ an early school leaver (parents who don't have a Year 12 qualification)
- ✓ a First Nations parent or carer.

Translation services

For help speaking or understanding English, call the Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 for the cost of a local call. Ask them to call the National Customer Service Line 1800 805 260 (free from landlines) if you need information translated. Or visit the Resources page on the Parent Pathways website for information in other languages.

Where to find more information



You can find more information on Parent Pathways at:
dewr.gov.au/parentpathways