



Support services for people affected by adoption

Below is a list of support services available for people affected by adoption.

Relationships Australia SA - Post Adoption Support Services (PASS)

PASS run by Relationship Australia SA provides counselling, information and support, assistance with family search and reunion, and links to other supports and networks. Search support is also available for intercountry adoptees and families. We offer a range of support groups, and information and educational sessions on adoption related topics. Our experienced staff are respectful of people's differing choices and opinions, and we acknowledge and value the diverse experiences of those affected by adoption. There is no cost for direct client service.

Phone: 08 8245 8100

Address: 49A Orsmond Street, Hindmarsh SA 5007

Fax: 08 8346 7333

Website: <http://www.rasa.org.au/services/couples-families/post-adoption-support-services-pass/>

Link-Up SA - Nunkuwarrin Yunti

Link-Up SA Program is funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Federal), and also receives reunion funding from the Department of Premier & Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation (State).

Link-Up SA provides family tracing, reunion and counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families who have been separated under the past policies and practices of the Australian Government. Assistance is also provided to people over the age of 18 years who have been adopted, fostered or raised in institutions.

The program is not funded to provide genealogy assistance, to locate missing persons or to find family members that have been separated due to family break downs. Please note that priority is given to 1st generation clients.

Link-Up SA provides:

- Client contact and assessment
- Client and family support
- Research of client files and other relevant information
- Counselling support
- Financially contributing to reunions according to need
- Initial family contact and/or approach



- Ongoing support for clients and family following reunion
- Public awareness
- Privacy, trust and confidentiality

Telephone: (08) 8406 1600 Fax: (08) 8232 0949

Address: 182 – 190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Website: <http://nunku.org.au/resources/?term=finding-your-own-way>

Intercountry Adoption Family Support Service

The Intercountry Adoption Family Support Service is a free, independent, nation-wide service, that provides post placement support to families formed by intercountry adoption, including expatriate adoptions, as well as support to couples and individuals engaged in the intercountry adoption process. Support is also provided to adult intercountry adoptees.

- The service provides counselling support and information and support services to assist with a range of issues and challenges including:
- Practical and emotional support to prepare couples and individuals for the assessment process, as well as support post placement
- Support in planning for and meeting your adopted child
- Support in dealing with the impact of the process on you and your relationships
- Help with managing the transition from a couple to parents
- Support for you and your child in managing challenging behaviours (at any age)
- Assistance and guidance in navigating supports and services for you and your child
- Support and understanding for challenges during your child's teenage years

The Intercountry Adoption Family Support Service is delivered by LifeWorks in partnership with International Social Service Australia and is funded by the Federal Department of Social Services.

Telephone: 1300 543 396

Website: https://lifeworks.com.au/services/icasupport/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI2aX-4r-H3AIVSA4rCh17jQZKEAAYASAAEglzxvD_BwE

Or

<http://www.iss.org.au/our-services/intercountry-adoption-family-support/>



Relationships Australia SA - Elm Place

Elm Place is run by Relationships Australia SA and offers Post Care Support and Find & Connect Service that respond to people whose lives have been affected by being in out-of-home care when they were children. Post Care provides a free, information, advocacy, case management and counselling service to support people who have lived in out-of-home care and/or placed under the Guardianship of the Minister in South Australia as a child for more than 6 months.

Post Care Support Service is part of Elm Place and works alongside the Find & Connect Support Service. Find & Connect offers support to Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants who were in care in South Australia prior to 1989, including foster care, orphanage care, and other State or church based institutions. Elm Place recognises that people have different experiences of their time in care and the service is respectful of people's varying needs and issues.

Elm Place is a friendly, welcoming place to drop in for support and provides assistance with:

- Accessing your records
- Searching for and possibly reconnecting with family
- Access and information to other relevant community services and programs such as health services, employment services and education support
- Housing and financial management
- Counselling and therapeutic services
- Life skills
- Parenting skills development
- Identity and relationships

Elm Place has a drop in area, a safe place clients can use, to relax, meet other people, have access to a computer or just read the paper. The drop in area is open from Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Telephone: Post Care Support Service: 1800 16 11 09

Find & Connect: 1800 16 11 09

Address: Ground Floor, 191 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Website: <http://www.elmplace.org.au>