



## Other Government Agencies that hold care leaver information

In addition to records held by DCP, there are other government agencies that hold records relating to care leavers. Below is a list of other government agencies and their contact details that hold care leaver information.

### State Records

Each state and territory has its own repository for government records where documents created by state departments are held. These can include records related to children in state care, education records, hospital records and many others.

You can find most of these archives by accessing the internet State Archives or State Records and the name of the state/territory. Most state archive websites allow for searching of their holdings by keyword, and have links to Finding Aids and Fact Sheets. All have contact details for reference enquiries. Although state repositories store the records, if they are restricted, requests for access need to be made via the current responsible department.

**Telephone:** (08) 8343 6800

**Location:** Gepps Cross Research Centre, 115 Cavan Road Gepps Cross SA 5094

**Website:** <https://www.archives.sa.gov.au/>

### Department for Aboriginal Affairs

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs replaced the Aborigines Department in 1963. In 1970 it was replaced by the Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs. This Department holds a wealth of material documenting the written history and experience of Aboriginal people in the state. These records provide valuable insight in to:

- Native Title
- Aboriginal heritage
- Reconciliation, and
- Family and community history

These records can also help members of the Stolen Generations identify and become reunified with family members they were separated from, as a result of past government policies.

**Telephone:** (08) 8226 8900 Fax: (08) 8226 8999

**Location:** Level 7, 11 Waymouth Street, Adelaide SA 5000

**Email:** [dsd.foi@sa.gov.au](mailto:dsd.foi@sa.gov.au)



## Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) - Youth Justice

As part of the Machinery of Government changes that took effect on 1 January 2012, Youth Justice remained in what is now DCSI and Families SA become a Division of DECD – now Department for Child Protection.

All files that were closed/inactive prior to 1 January 2012 remained with Families SA (DCP). All current active or opened files after this date remain with Youth Justice until they are deemed closed/inactive and actioned in accordance with the Youth Justice Client File Management Director's Instruction.

All other requests for information i.e. Subpoena's, FOI, Police and other Court requests are handled by the relevant agency. If either agency receives a request for information held by the other agency, that agency will contact the relevant Records Management Team in the respective agency and advise of the request and take direction from the relevant agency or advise the person or organisation requesting the information to contact the relevant agency.

**Telephone:** (08) 8413 9094

**Location:** Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, GPO Box 292 Adelaide South Australia 5001

## State Library

State libraries hold both published and unpublished records. Published books can provide background information which can be useful in providing historical context. They also hold archival records donated by organizations and individuals. Some 'care' providers have donated their collections to state libraries.

As with archives, libraries allow keyword searching of their holdings, provide fact sheets and allow for reference inquiries. You can usually find an 'Ask Us' or 'Ask a Librarian' link on their home pages.

**Telephone:** (08) 8207 7200 Country callers: 1800 182 013 Fax: (08) 8207 7247

**Location:** North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000

**Website:** [www.slsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au)

## National Archives

The National Archives has a head office in Canberra and offices in each state. Its role is the preservation of records of the Commonwealth Government. Its focus is on records created after 1901 when Australia became a Commonwealth, although it does hold some earlier material. Most records are files, but the archives also hold photographs, maps, sound recordings and a number of other forms of records.

The National Archives operates an informative website which provides information about accessing records for different kinds of research including family history and World War I and II service information.



**Telephone:** (08) 8409 8401 Fax: (08) 8409 8499

**Location:** 78 Angas Street, Adelaide SA 5000

**Website:** [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)

**Email:** [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)

## National Library of Australia

The National Library is Australia's largest reference library. Apart from the records listed in *Finding Your Own Way* relating to specific homes, the library holds many other records which may be relevant to your search.

Records of potential use may be held in its general reference collection as well as in the manuscripts, oral history, photographic, map and other collections. On-line catalogues provide a very useful search tool.

**Telephone:** (02) 6262 1111 Fax: (02) 6257 1703

**Location:** Parkes Place, Canberra ACT 2600

**Website:** [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au)