

# Dementia Support Australia

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## Are you supporting a child diagnosed with dementia?

## Our Childhood Dementia Support (CDS) program can help

### What is Childhood Dementia Support?

Childhood Dementia Support is here to support children living with dementia and those who care for them. Working closely with other relevant organisations, we offer advice, recommendations, and practical strategies to help improve the quality of life for the child and their family.



### Working together to support others

DSA has trained consultants who understand childhood dementia and its related symptoms, the impact on the child living with dementia and their family and carers.

Working with other organisations including the Batten Disease Support Research Association Australia and the Childhood Dementia Initiative, we focus on providing practical strategies and advice to support children living with dementia and their families.

Our service is free, and we'll work collaboratively with NDIS supports and other people involved in the care of the child you're supporting.

## About childhood dementia

Every three days, a child is born with dementia in Australia.

Childhood dementia is a rare genetic disease that describes over 100 different conditions. The disorders that cause childhood dementia are complex, degenerative, and come with high care needs.

Symptoms include retinal degeneration, epileptic seizures, visual loss, deafness, cognitive deterioration, and impaired motor functions. Like adult dementia, childhood dementia involves progressive loss of memory, concentration, speech, and movement, leading to confusion, distress and changes in behaviour. In nearly all cases, the child will die before reaching adulthood.

## How do I get support?

Dementia Support Australia provides this support through funding by the Australian Government under the Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Services. To access support for someone who is caring for a child living with dementia, get in touch with us by email, phone, our website referral form or chat with us on our website.

## Find out more

Dementia doesn't follow a set schedule – and neither do we. To find out more about our program, visit our website.



**Contact us 24-hours a day, 365 days a year or chat with us now on our website**



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