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Parent
Pathways

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YOUR JOURNEY YOUR WAY

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START? WE CAN HELP YOU.

It happens in the blink of an eye — one minute, your kids are your full-time job; but before you know it, they are off to school. And while your time spent parenting sharpens your survival techniques, time management and negotiating skills, your time out of the workforce may leave you feeling a little nervous when it's time to decide what your next steps are.

With the help of a qualified mentor, you can receive flexible support to assist with any personal, study or work goals.



WE CAN HELP YOU GET THERE

What Is Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is a voluntary service that offers personalised and financial support to eligible parents and carers of young children, to help them discover what is next on their journey.

This program is focussed on the individual needs of parents who are considering their next step, be it training or education or re-entering the workforce. With the help of a qualified mentor, eligible parents and carers can receive flexible support to identify and realise their study and career goals, and balance these with their family responsibilities.

Who Is Eligible?

This service is for parents and carers who:

- Have a child aged under 6 years
- Are not in paid employment
- Live in a non-remote area

Receiving one of the following payments:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit

Eligibility includes those who are not getting a Centrelink payment, and:

- Under 22 years old
- An early school leaver (parents who don't have a year 12 qualification)
- A First Nations parent or carer

Participating parents or carers have the option to leave, take a break or return to the service at any time they choose.

HOW WE HELP

Some of the ways the Parent Pathways service helps you:

- Set education & career goals
- Create an action plan
- Bridge skill gaps
- Build confidence
- Balance work & parenting
- Access local services & activities

Parents or carers will meet with their Employment Plus mentor regularly. We will be with you along the way to help you complete activities for employment or further education. We're part of your community and will always be on hand to guide, support and address your concerns.

Our Services:

- Language & literacy programs
- Career guidance
- Childcare placement assistance
- Financial support for training
- Referral to family services
- Short courses & training

Additionally, participants can access the various support programs and services offered by The Salvation Army, such as Moneycare (financial counselling), alcohol and drug rehabilitation support and much more – just another benefit of working with Employment Plus.

Engagement Vouchers

When you engage with the Parent Pathways program, Employment Plus can now offer Engagement Support vouchers following attendance at face-to-face appointments. The Engagement Support vouchers are designed to assist with the rising cost of fuel, groceries, and clothing. During your appointment, we will discuss your personal preferences and the type of vouchers that will offer the greatest benefit to you.

Initial Engagement Support - \$100 voucher

Offered to new participants who commence in the program after attending an initial face-to-face appointment.

Ongoing Engagement Support - \$50 voucher

Offered to existing participants in the program who attend ongoing face-to-face appointments.

Up to \$250 in Engagement Support vouchers are available per participant.

Ask your Employment Plus mentor for more information or call us on 136 123.



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ABOUT US

As one of Australia's largest employment service providers, The Salvation Army Employment Plus have been connecting job seekers with employers for over 20 years. In fact, we've placed over half a million people in jobs in over 200,000 businesses.

We provide our job seekers with specialised training and a range of support services, to help them find meaningful employment.

As a not-for-profit organisation, any surplus we make is directed back into The Salvation Army's social programs – providing relief to the homeless, victims of disaster and anyone who needs a helping hand.

To find out more about our locations or other information, visit:

www.employmentplus.com.au/job-seeker-programs/parent-pathways

We're now delivering Parent Pathways in **54 locations** across:



New South Wales



South Australia



Victoria

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