



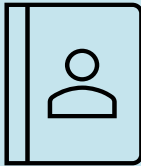





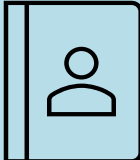



# Community Supports - Childhood Brain Tumour

A guide to some supports available for families after childhood brain tumour diagnosis

 Organisation	 Age	 Carers	 Siblings	 Support	 Contact
<b>Brainchild</b>	0 - 24	✓		For children and young people with a brain or spinal cord diagnosis 'Better Tomorrows Program': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap fee funding for Allied Health</li> <li>• Tuition support</li> <li>• Family Camps &amp; Family respite holidays</li> <li>• Emergency financial support</li> </ul>	Apply via <b>Brainchild Foundation Website</b> <a href="http://www.brainchild.org.au">www.brainchild.org.au</a>
<b>Redkite</b>	0 - 18	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling for parents, siblings, and grandparents, with a Social Worker.</li> <li>• Financial support. Online peer support groups.</li> <li>• Resource library, including books for siblings.</li> <li>• Online information on childhood cancer and coping with childhood cancer</li> </ul>	Create a <b>MyRedkite account</b> <a href="http://www.redkite.org.au">www.redkite.org.au</a>
<b>Ronald McDonald House and Learning Program</b>	School aged			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronald McDonald Learning Program – online modules on supporting children after hospitalisation</li> <li>• Charlie Bell Scholarships (15-20yrs)</li> <li>• Accommodation support</li> </ul>	Request support Via: <b>Ronald McDonald House website</b> <a href="https://rmhc.org.au/">https://rmhc.org.au/</a>
<b>Camp Quality</b>	0 - 15	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camps and activities</li> <li>• Parenting support and telephone counselling</li> <li>• School education programs on what cancer is and how to support someone who has it – puppet-programs</li> </ul>	Register via <b>Camp Quality website</b> or Ask your school to get in touch - <a href="http://www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/puppet-programs/">www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/puppet-programs/</a>
<b>Canteen</b>	12 - 25	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer support</li> <li>• Counselling</li> <li>• Education and careers support</li> <li>• School education programs on what cancer is and how to support someone who has it</li> <li>• Camps and Day programs (12 – 18 years)</li> </ul>	Visit the <b>Canteen and Cancer Hub</b> websites <a href="http://www.canteen.org.au/health-education/school-support">www.canteen.org.au/health-education/school-support</a>

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<b>Children's Tumour Foundation</b>		✓	✓	Support for families of children diagnosed with <b>neurofibromatosis</b> , through peer connections, camps, health navigation (including NDIS and transition to adult services), family education, school navigation, and a helpline. Some services not available in all states	Visit <a href="http://www.ctf.org.au">www.ctf.org.au</a>
<b>Peace of Mind Foundation</b>	All	✓		For families impacted by brain cancer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy service to assist families access support services e.g. NDIS</li> <li>• Financial services for those diagnosed with a malignant cancer</li> <li>• Counselling services and support groups</li> <li>• Retreats and community events</li> </ul> (Based in Victoria, some services not available in all states)	Visit the <b>Peace of Mind Foundation</b> website <a href="http://www.peaceofmindfoundation.org.au">www.peaceofmindfoundation.org.au</a>
<b>Robert Connor Dawes Foundation</b>	0 - 18			Music therapy sessions or resources if sessions aren't locally available for the child or young person with a brain tumour	Visit <a href="https://rcdfoundation.org/music-therapy/">https://rcdfoundation.org/music-therapy/</a>
<b>Brainwave</b>	0 - 18	✓	✓	Supporting families and children with brain injuries and illness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment and therapies funding</li> <li>• Family events and groups</li> </ul> (For those families that are not eligible for other better resourced charities eg cancer charities)	Register via <b>Brainwave website</b> <a href="http://www.brainwave.org.au">www.brainwave.org.au</a>
<b>Cancer Council QLD</b>	All	✓		Financial counselling Short term phone counselling	Call 13 11 20 to find out more
<b>Starlight Children's Foundation</b>	0 - 18	✓	✓	Online community and wish-granting (12 – 18 years) <b>Livewire Online</b> is a supportive community for teenagers living with illness or disability. Live moderated chat 12pm-12am.	<a href="http://www.starlight.org.au">www.starlight.org.au</a> <a href="http://www.livewire.org.au">www.livewire.org.au</a>
Canteen, Camp Quality, and Redkite are working together to deliver <b>Cancer Hub</b> , a one stop shop to help families impacted by childhood cancer access practical and emotional support, when they need it.					Visit the Cancer Hub website <a href="https://cancerhub.org.au">https://cancerhub.org.au</a>  or Call <b>1800 431 312</b>

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