



Interpreters can be arranged if English is not your first language.

Nếu tiếng Anh không ph ải là tiếng mẹ đẻ của quý vị, chúng tôi có th ể sắp xếp thông dịch viên.

يمكن توفير المترجمين في حال لم تكن الإنجليزية لغتك الأم.

اگر انگليسي زبان اول تان نيست، ترجمان برايتان مهيا شده مي تواند.

यदि अंग्रेजी आपकी पहली भाषा नहीं है तो दुभाषियों की व्यवस्था की जा सकती है।

İngilizce ana diliniz değilse, kendi dilinizde tercümanlar organize edilebilir.

We respect the role and expertise of family, friends and carers in supporting a loved one's recovery from mental illness. We listen to and involve you.



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# Family and carer services



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# How we help

At Mind, we recognise that caring for someone living with mental health issues can be stressful, and that sometimes you need support yourself. We offer a range of carer supports and can help you identify what works best for you.

We understand what carers go through and we are here to provide help and support.



# **The Carer Helpline**

When you call our helpline, we will listen to you and provide you with advice on the best available options for your situation. The helpline is a great source of information, guidance and referral. Health professionals and other interested groups may also use this service to find out about supporting families and carers in the community.

Call the Carer Helpline 1300 554 660 or email: carers@mindaustralia.org.au

# Online carer forum

Accessed via Mind's website, the online carer forum is a place where mental health carers can share information, experiences and offer each other support.

Go to: www.mindaustralia.org.au/forums

# **Education**

We know carers have a need for knowledge about mental health and how best to support their loved one. We provide carer education, led by experienced carers. The focus is on helping build your skills and resilience. Session details are available on the Mind website and promoted through our e-newsletter *Community Mind*.

Go to:

www.mindaustralia.org.au/carer-education or call the Carer Helpline 1300 554 660

Mind welcomes carers to get involved and provide feedback. Contact our carer consultant for more information on participation@mindaustralia.org.au

# **Support services**

Mind offers a range of additional carer and family support services, including:

#### Counselling and peer support

A helpful starting point to better understanding, self-care, mapping supports and getting help. Sessions are delivered by supportive counsellors and carer peer workers and are generally delivered as a brief intervention (1-3 sessions).

#### Short term in-home respite

Having a skilled mental health worker provide additional support to your loved one can really assist you to take time out. You can choose how short term support could work for you – whether it is assistance with the everyday, community linkage or social support – we come to you.

## Recreation days and events

We deliver a range of activities and events for carers and for consumers that are designed to increase connection, improve social and emotional wellbeing, and provide a break.

## **Support groups**

Peer support and sharing of learned wisdom have been recognised by many families and carers as essential in their caring journey. Our varied groups aim to increase carers' social connections, learning and self-care.

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Note: not all services are available at all Mind locations.