We want our children to be healthy, raised in loving families and in homes that offer a sense of safety and comfort. We want our children to learn and with this education reach out into the world. Together we can raise happy, healthy, inquisitive and engaged children who thrive through their sense of belonging to this wonderful place.”

(Starting Early for a Better Future, NT Government)
Services for Children in Alice Springs
Early Learning Services
Playgroups
- babies to pre-schoolers
- universal and targeted
- parents attend with their children
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- Ampe-kenhe Ahelhe – Children’s Ground
- Central Australian Community Toy Library (CACTL) Playgroup
- Early Days Parents Group - Flynn Drive Community Health Centre
- Department of Education Family Playgroups
- Kwatja Etatha
- Larapinta Child and Family Centre
- Playgroup Association of the NT Inc
- Steiner School Playgroup
- Su Su Mama Playgroup – Multicultural Community Services Central Australia
- Tiny Tots Fun Time – Alice Springs Youth Centre
Childcare

6 months to pre-schooler age
- Typically fee for service (Government rebates)
- National Quality Standards sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education & care
- parents are not required to attend with their children
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- Alice Springs Child Care Centre
- Alice Springs Family Day Care
- Ampe Kenhe Apmere Congress Childcare
- Braitling Childcare Centre
- Gap Community Childcare Centre
- Larapinta Child and Family Early Learning Centre
- Lil’ Antz
- Yipirinya Childcare Centre
- YMCA Grevillea Early Learning Centre & Early Years Learning Centre
Preschools & Schools

After School & Vacation Care

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Other Services
- Alice Springs Public Library
- Alice Springs Youth Centre
- Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
- Blueearth
- CatholicCare NT
- Central Australian Community Toy Library (CACTL)
- Child and Family Services – Congress
- Child and Youth Mental Health
- Contact Children’s Mobile
- Drum Atweme – Tangentyere
- Early Childhood Australia – Children’s Services Support Program
- HIPPY – Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters
- Ingkenteme Program – Akeyulerre
- Lutheran Community Care
- OLSH Little Children’s Learning Place
- Territory Families
Health Services for Children

- Alice Springs Home Birth Group & Multiples Group – Birth and Beyond
- Alice Springs Hospital
- Alukura Women’s Health Service – Congress
- Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (FPP) – Congress
- Child and Family Services – Congress
- Child Health & Nutrition – Flynn Drive Community Health Centre
- Children’s Development Team – Flynn Drive Community Health Centre
Our Child & Family Service supports Aboriginal families to help their children to learn well and grow strong from the moment they are born.

Our multi-disciplinary team approach ensures all children have access to best practice primary health care including:

- Child health checks
- Immunisations
- Medical care for illness and disease
- Support to access and transition to preschool
- Support for vulnerable families to keep children safe at home
- Support for families involved with the child protection system
- Early childhood education
- Child developmental assessments
- Referrals to specialist appointments
Transport

- We can provide transport if you need assistance attending your appointment.

Make an Appointment

- To make an appointment contact your Local Area Clinic
  - Larapinta Clinic call 7999 6450
  - Sadadeen Clinic call 7999 6400
  - Gap Road Clinic call 8951 4444

- Please let us know if you need an interpreter at your appointment.

What does it cost?

- Our Child and Family Service are free and provided to Aboriginal families or families with Aboriginal children at no cost (bulk-billed through Medicare).

- Our Ampe Kenhe Apmere Congress Childcare service is a Registered Provider and offers weekly, daily and half-daily rates.
Opening hours / hours of operation:

- **Children & Family Service office**  
  Monday – Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

- **Congress Childcare Centre**  
  Monday – Friday: 7.30am – 5.30pm

- **Congress Early Childhood Learning Centre**  
  Monday – Friday: 7.30am – 5.30pm

Contact Details

- **Congress Healthy Kids Clinic**  
  P: 08 8951 4444

- **Ampe Kenhe Apmere Congress Childcare**  
  P: 08 8951 4499  
  E: childcare@caac.org.au

- **Arrwekele akaltye-irretyeke apmere**  
  Congress’ Early Childhood Learning Centre  
  P: 08 7999 6470

- **Congress Family Support Programs**  
  P: 08 8959 4750
Flynn Drive
Community
Health Centre

Child Health &
Nutrition
- Free and open to all members of the public caring for children 0-5 years

- **Child and Family Health Services** – childhood development checks and immunisations. Free. Bookings required.
- **Drop-in Clinic** – Every Thursday 8.30am-11.30am. Child health and nutrition services. Free.
- **Lactation Clinic** – Thursday morning by appointment
- **Introducing solids** – Two part workshop. Stage one for parents of infants aged 3-6 months. Part two for parents of infants aged 7-12 months. Free. Booking required.
- **Nutrition Clinic and Child Feeding Clinic** – referral via a child health nurse
- **Territory Parents Support Program** - Informative 6 week programme for new parents with babies 8 weeks and older
Family and Parenting Services

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Ones that you’ll hear about in other presentations today have been omitted from this presentation

There is a wallet-sized reference card with the Alice Springs Community Services Directory (and others) link

- Akeyulerre (Arrernte Healing Centre)
- Ampe Akweke Place – ASYASS
- Australia Breastfeeding Association (ABA)
- Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (FPP) – Congress
- Birth and Beyond
- CatholicCare NT – Family Services
- Families and Schools Together – (FAST) NT
- Family Court of Australia
Family Support Service – The Salvation Army
Foster Carer’s Association of NT
Indigenous Money Mentor – Anglicare NT
NILS – Anglicare NT
Parents and Families Learning Together – Kwatja Etatha
Relationships Australia
Tangentyere Aboriginal Council
Towards Independence Program – Salvation Army
Walytjapiti Program – NPY Women’s Council
Young Mum’s Program – Alice Outcomes
Networks, Directories & Professional Development

- Strong Kids Strong Centre
- Communities for Children
- Connected Beginnings

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- Alice Springs Community Services Directory
- NTCOSS Community Directory
- Family Law Pathways Network Service Directory

- Child Australia Professional Development Calendar NT
- Early Childhood Educators Association – ecealicesprings@gmail.com
- NAPCAN – National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect