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<p><u>Early Childhood Intervention Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children with a disability or developmental delay from birth to school entry. • Provide special education, therapy, counselling, service planning and coordination, assistance and support to access services such as kindergarten and child care. • Referral to this service is made through the Specialist Information and Referral team. <p>Contact: Early Childhood Intervention Services Phone: 1300 363 514 Email: ecis.intake.nwvr@edumail.vic.gov.au Web: www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/needs/pages/ecis.aspx</p> 	<p><u>Maternal Child Health Nurse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available for all families with children from birth to school age children. • Free service offering 10 key age consultations including three and a half year old check prior to children attending 4 year old preschool. • Service supports families and their children with emphasis on parenting, prevention and health promotion, developmental assessment, early detection and referral and social support. <p>Contact: Swan Hill Rural City Council Phone: 03 5032 0300 Web: http://www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/community/your-community/families-and-children/maternal-and-child-health</p> 
<p><u>Child FIRST – Mallee Family Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a range of family support services for vulnerable children and families. • Enables families to access services and support they need at the time they need them. • Build capacity of families to support their children’s development and safety. <p>Contact: Mallee Family Care – Child FIRST Phone: 1300 625 533 and 03 5032 4479</p> 	<p><u>Preschool Field Officer (PSFO) Program - Noah’s Ark</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Field Officers support the access and participation of all children in state funded Kindergarten programs. • The program supports staff to ensure that all children have the opportunity to access and fully participate in their local community Kindergarten. Children with a broad range of needs are supported through this service. <p>Contact: Emma Douglas Phone: 03 5032 0700 Email: emma.douglas@noahsarkinc.org.au</p> 
<p><u>Bringing Up Great Kids – Program for Parents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program assists parents to understand the importance of parent/child relationships, brain development and communication. • Helps all parents to gain pleasure from their parenting and assists with children’s language, social and emotional development. <p>Contact: Leah Farrow - Swan Hill Rural City Council Phone: 0428 119 857 or 03 5036 2350 Email: lfarrow@swanhill.vic.gov.au</p>  	<p><u>CASA – Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide victim/survivors of sexual assault access to comprehensive and timely support and intervention to address their needs. • A free confidential 24 hour emergency or crisis care service is available for victim/survivors who have recently been sexually assaulted. • Counselling support, access to medical care and legal processes. <p>Contact: CASA Sexual Assault Crisis Line (free, available 24 hours) Phone: 1800 806 292 Sexual Assault Counselling Phone: 1800 RESPECT</p> 

<p><u>Parentline Victoria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years. • Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships and provide contact details for community services. <p>Contact: Parentline Phone: 13 22 89 8am – Midnight, 7 days a week</p> 	<p><u>Swan Hill District Health – Speech Pathology</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides assessment, group and individual therapy programs, education sessions and outreach services. • Service can assist children with difficulties in speech, language, voice, fluency, reading, spelling, eating, drinking and swallowing. • Free service with no referrals required, parents are encouraged to drop-in to the service to register, complete intake forms and arrange an appointment. <p>Contact: Leonie Baker Phone: 03 5033 9390 Email: lbaker@shdh.org.au</p> 
<p><u>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available for children and adolescents and their families who are experiencing severe emotional and behavioural problems and or mental illness. • Patients able to access range of professionals, all trained to treat children, adolescents and their families/carers. • CAMHS provide assessment, case management and treatment for children and young people and their families/carers. • No referral required to ph: 1300 363 788. A trained clinician will answer your call and listen to your concerns. <p>Contact: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Phone: 1300 363 788 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> 	<p><u>Centre for Non Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre for Non-Violence delivers a range of quality services and programs that respond to family violence and homelessness. • These services and programs are delivered through a continuum of interventions: prevention, protection, recovery, counselling and support. <p>Contact: Women and Children’s Services Phone: 03 5430 3000 1800 884 038 Contact: Men’s Programs/Loddon Mallee Homelessness Network Phone: 03 5434 4100 1800 884 292</p> 
<p><u>Mallee Family Care – Specialist Homelessness Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides support and assistance to families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. <p>Phone: 03 5032 4479 Email: swanhill@malleefamilycare.com.au Web: http://www.malleefamilycare.com.au/Services/Housing--Settlement/Homelessness-Services.aspx</p> 	<p><u>Mallee Family Care – Financial Counselling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained financial counsellors provide a free and confidential service to families and individuals experiencing financial difficulties. <p>Contact: Donna Johnson Phone: 03 5023 5966 Email: Mildura@malleefamilycare.com.au Swan Hill services available, enquires/appointments made through Mildura office</p> 
<p><u>Salvation Army – Mainly Music Playgroup</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly music provides music, rhythm, rhyme, and other music related activities with the participation of a parent or primary caregiver for preschool children <p>Phone: 03 5033 1718 Web: http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/swanhill</p> 	<p><u>Swan Hill District Health Dental Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive dental care to all eligible children aged 0-12 years and private patients • Children can receive – general check-ups, fillings, extractions, dentures, a referral service for specialist care and private services. <p>Phone: 03 5300 9336 Email: jhealey@shdh.org.au</p> 
<p><u>MDAS – Mallee District Aboriginal Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDAS provides a range of services including health and welfare support as well as intensive home support play groups, home based learning and Koori Preschool Assistant programs. • Client information packs are available from their website <p>Phone: 03 5032 8600 Web: www.mdas.org.au</p> 	<p><u>Swan Hill Community Toy Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 3,000 toys to choose from and a great way to enjoy new toys with you children without the expense • Fees and/or duty apply • Operating hours – Friday and Saturday. <p>Phone: 03 5032 2366 Web: www.swanhilltoylibrary.websyte.com.au</p> 

Paediatrician

Contact your family GP for referrals to a Paediatrician.

About Raising Children Network

Provides valuable information that can help parents with the day to day decisions of raising children.

Web: www.raisingchildren.net.au