



Our partnerships approach

We work with local ESOs and community organisations non-competitively to ensure coordinated, integrated support for children, young people and their families.

We partner with:

- Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs)
- Community and youth services
- Family, wellbeing and mental health providers.

Our reach

Service delivery covers:

- Adelaide
- Whyalla
- Spencer Gulf
- Port Augusta
- Port Pirie
- Upper North communities



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Supporting children & young people in veteran families





About this program

Stand Together prioritises children and young people first, recognising that when they are safe, supported and connected, families are stronger.

We work alongside veterans, partners and carers to provide trauma-informed guidance and connect families to the right supports at the right time.

Our approach

- Child centred and family focused:** Children and young people are at the heart of every decision.
- Referral based, person centred support:** We help families reach the right service and we don't replace existing ESOs.
- Trauma-informed practice:** Every interaction prioritises safety, trust, cultural respect and dignity.

Who we support

Our approach recognises the unique experiences of children growing up in defence and veteran families, including transition, separation, trauma, and adjustment to civilian life.

- Children and young people in veteran families
- Veterans (current and former ADF members)
- Partners, carers and extended family members.



Our Stand Together services

Information, guidance and advocacy

- Referrals to accredited advocacy organisations for: DVA claims, White/Gold card applications, Compensation & pensions
- Assistance in locating specialist veteran and family services across Australia

Wellbeing and mental health

- Trauma-informed wellbeing checks for children and young people
- Supported referrals to child, youth and family counsellors
- Guidance for partners, carers and family members

Crisis and practical support

- Warm referrals for emergency relief and crisis accommodation
- Support accessing financial assistance and welfare services
- Help to find the right support quickly during times of stress

Community, belonging and connection

- Linking children and young people to mentoring, groups and activities
- Connecting families with local community networks and events
- Reducing isolation and strengthening positive relationships