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# Children's Court Assistance Scheme



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## What is the Children's Court Assistance Scheme ?

- The Children's Court Assistance Scheme (CCAS) supports young people who are attending Children's Court.
- CCAS workers can provide useful information about the court processes.
- CCAS workers can make referrals to community organisations and services that may be able to assist you.
- Ask the CCAS worker about where to get assistance with accommodation, drug and alcohol issues, counselling, education, job skills or sport and fun activities.
- Remember you can call the Legal Aid Youth Hotline on 1800 101 810. This phone service operates from 9am-midnight Mon-Friday and 24 hours on weekends.

## Tips for going to Children's Court

- If you are under 18 you are entitled to free legal assistance from Legal Aid or the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS).
- Bring all your court or police paperwork with you to Children's Court.
- Wear clean neat clothes and don't wear caps, sunnies, or beanies into the courtroom.
- It is really good to have your parents or some other responsible person with you at Children's Court.
- It can take a long time before you go into court so bring lunch, something to read and what you may need for a day at court.
- Your case may not be finalised on the day and you may have to return so remember you have to get your new court date.
- You are legally required to attend your hearing at Children's Court.