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Bayview Disability Services

Bayview Disability Services provides a range of services to assist families caring for children or adolescents with moderate to severe disabilities.

Family Options provides case management and accommodation placement support for young people with disabilities who are in, or are about to be placed in, long-term home based care.

The **Making a Difference** service provides assistance to families who are caring for a child with a disability.

The **RAPT** service provides respite and part-time care for families caring for a child or young person with a disability.

While additional funding has been received throughout the year, and the services all expanded, there continues to be a growing waiting list for families requiring assistance in their heroic task of caring for children or young people with moderate to severe disabilities.

Expenditure budget
\$637,356

Program Manager:
Karyn Hobday

Staff:
Six part-time staff members

Volunteers:
27 volunteer caregivers provide respite and short and long-term care

Highlights

During 2000/01, Bayview Disability Services:

- Supported the following numbers of children with disabilities and their families:

– Making a Difference	77
– Continence Scheme	51
– Family Options	6
– RAPT	12

- Doubled the **Making a Difference** service, and now supports families through both short-term and long-term assistance;
- Launched a **School Holiday Survival Kit for Parents with Children with a Disability**, in conjunction with other Geelong disability agencies. The Kit has received high praise for its practical assistance for families;
- Conducted support groups and clubs for children and young people who have a brother or sister with a disability;
- Received the support of the Anglican Parish of St James, Pt Lonsdale, to continue the Beach Club group;
- Began the management of a continence assistance program to assist 51 families in Geelong through the purchase of nappies.