



Bayview Disability Services

Bayview Disability Services provides a range of programs to assist families caring for children and young people with moderate to severe disabilities in the Barwon region.

The **Making a Difference Program** provides case management and brokerage to families with a school aged child/children with a disability. The primary goal of the program is to support families with the care of their child. This can involve coordinating other services, the purchase of equipment or advocacy. A number of groups are conducted to add to the options available for families - the Parent Support Group, After School Art Group and Sibling Groups.

The **RAPT** service provides respite and part time care in the homes of trained volunteer caregivers for families caring for a child or young person with a disability.

Family Options provide case management and long term home based care for young people with disabilities, who for a range of reasons can no longer live with their families on a full time basis.

Volunteer Caregivers

28 volunteer caregivers provide respite, short and long term care in their own homes.

Client Numbers

During 2001-2002 Bayview Disability Services supported the following number of children with disabilities and their families:

• Making a Difference:	112
• Continance Scheme	96
• Family Options	7
• RAPT	14
• Family Choices	2

Highlights

During 2001-2002 Bayview Disability Services achieved:

- Expansion of the RAPT program from providing care for ten young people with disabilities to 14.
- Successful submission of a grant application to the Geelong Community Foundation, enabling Bayview Disability Services to extend its work with adolescents with disabilities and their families.

- Collaboration with the Carer Respite Centre, Barwon Health, to run innovative programs including a pampering morning for mothers, a family trip to the Zoo and a Making Music Day with young people in the school holidays.

- For the first time, two RAPT camps of three days duration were held for young people with disabilities and were very popular and worthwhile.

- Educational forums for families with children with disabilities on loss, grief and sexuality education.

- The continuing generosity of the St James Anglican Parish, Pt Lonsdale, in ongoing donations to our sibling group, The Beach Club.

- Our parent group being held in collaboration with another Barwon Disability Service, Karingal.

- Our After School Art Group, which is in its third year of operation, and relies on the hard work of Art Unlimited, St Laurence Community Services.