



CHILDREN'S LEGAL SERVICE

**Helping
young
people in
trouble
with the
law**

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

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WHO WE ARE

The Children's Legal Service is a specialist unit of the Legal Aid NSW.

Our lawyers advise and represent children and young people under 18 involved in criminal cases in the Children's Courts.

Our aim is to ensure that children and young people have access to professional, face-to-face or telephone-based legal advice at any stage of their legal proceedings.

HELP AT COURT

We have duty lawyers at these Children's Courts:

Broadmeadow: 19-23 Lambton Rd

Campbelltown: Cnr Railway and Queen Sts.

Hornsby: 294 Pacific Highway

Parramatta: (Parramatta Children's Court)
Cnr George and O'Connell Sts.

Port Kembla: Darcy Rd

Sydney: (Bidura) 357 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe

Sutherland: Flora and Belmont Sts

Woy Woy: 78-80 Blackwall Rd

Wyong: Crn Hely St & Anzac St.

HELP OVER THE PHONE

Young people who need advice about a criminal law problem, or think they might be in trouble with the law can call the **Youth Hotline on 1800 10 18 10** Weekdays: 9am to midnight; Friday to Sunday, public holidays: 24 hrs.

LEGAL SERVICE

At other Children's Courts around New South Wales, Legal Aid provides private duty solicitors to advise and represent children and young people. By law young people have the right to get legal advice before making a formal statement to police. When a young person is young to court, they should make sure they ask to see the duty solicitor before going into the court room.

HELP IN DETENTION

Our lawyers visit juvenile justice centres regularly and give free advice and assistance to young people in custody. We can also help with bail applications and appeals.

We visit:

- Acmena Grafton
- Frank Baxter Gosford
- Kariong Gosford
- Reiby Campbelltown
- Cobham Werrington
- Juniperina Lidcombe
- Orana Dubbo
- Riverina Wagga Wagga

If young people want to see a visiting lawyer, they should ask a worker to put their name on the list to see Legal Aid NSW.



OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Inner City Legal Centre
(Kings Cross) 9332 1966

Macquarie Legal Centre
9689 1777

Marrickville Legal Centre
9559 2899

**National Children's and Youth
Law Centre** 9385 9588

Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
(Darlinghurst) 9360 1847

Youth Workers: call your local
council.

**General legal centres can also
help young people**
Call 1800 10 18 10 (9am-5pm) to
find the closest centre.

LawAccess NSW can refer
young people to private lawyers
outside Sydney: 1300 888 529

The Law Society of NSW can
refer young people to private
lawyers in Sydney: 9926 0300.

**Alcohol and Drug Information
Service:** Provides 24 hour
telephone advice, information
and referral 9361 8000.
Outside Sydney Metro Area
Freecall: 1800 422 599

Contact us:

Sydney (Bidura):	9219 5120
Broadmeadow & Wyong:	4628 2922
Campbelltown:	4929 5482
Parramatta & Woy Woy:	8688 3800
Newcastle:	429 5482
Sutherland:	9521 3733



Download our book 'Get Court Smart' which
has loads of information on what to do if
you're going to court at:

www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications

ABORIGINAL CONTACTS

All Aboriginal people who are taken into police custody are legally entitled to speak immediately to a lawyer from the **Aboriginal Legal Service**. All police stations have been supplied with the number, which can be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For other questions about the law, Aboriginal people should call **9318 2122** during working hours.

Anyone who is under 18 and cannot contact the Aboriginal Legal Service can call the **Legal Aid Youth Hotline** on **1800 10 18 10**.

Wirringa Baiya (Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre) assists young Aboriginal people. Call **9569 3847** or **1800 686 587** (outside Sydney).

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