

Children's Legal Service



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

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

We help children and young people under 18 who are involved in criminal cases in the Children's Courts.

Our aim is to make sure that children and young people can get professional, free face-to-face or telephone legal advice and representation at any stage of their court case.

We can help at court

We have lawyers (called duty lawyers) at these Children's Courts:

Surry Hills	66-78 Albion Street
Parramatta	Cnr George and O'Connell Sts.
Campbelltown	Cnr Railway and Queen Sts.
Illawarra	Darcy Rd. Port Kembla
Sutherland	Cnr Flora and Belmont Sts.
Nowra	88 Plunkett St.
Wyong	Cnr Hely St & Anzac Ave.
Woy Woy	78-80 Blackwall Rd.
Broadmeadow	19-23 Lambton Rd.
Raymond Terrace	59 William St.
Singleton	39 Elizabeth St.

At other Children's Courts in New South Wales, Legal Aid NSW pays private lawyers to advise and represent children and young people.

The law says that young people have the right to get legal advice before they make a statement to police.

When a young person is going to court, they should ask to see the duty solicitor before they go into the court room.

We can 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**.

The Hotline is free and open:

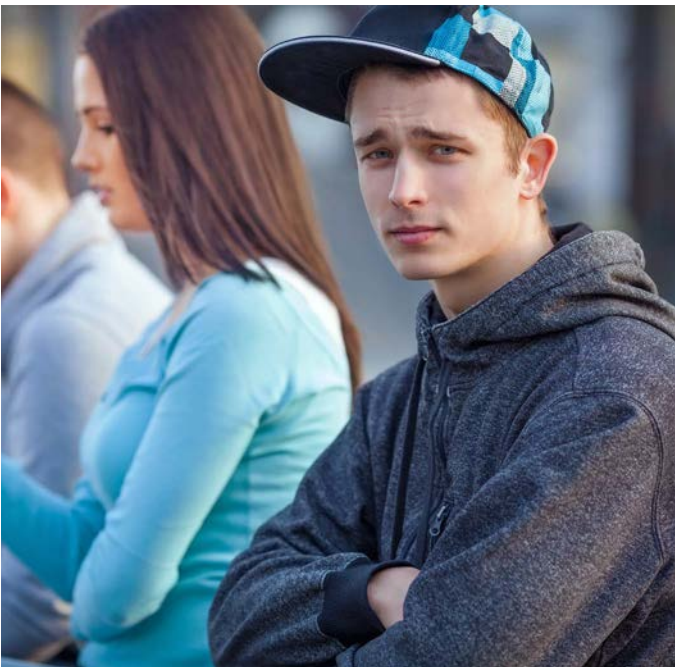
- weekdays from 9.00 am to midnight
- Friday to Sunday and public holidays—24 hours.

We can help young people in detention

Our lawyers visit juvenile justice centres to help young people in custody. We can also help with bail applications and appeals. We visit:

- Acmena (Grafton)
- Orana (Dubbo)
- Cobham (Werrington)
- Reiby (Campbelltown)
- Frank Baxter (Gosford)
- 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.



Contacts

The Children's Legal Service:

Sydney

(Surry Hills Children's Court)

9219 5120

Parramatta

(Parramatta Children's Court)

8688 3800

Campbelltown

(Campbelltown Children's Court)

4628 2922

Wollongong

(Sutherland, Port Kembla and
Nowra Children's Courts)

4228 8299

Newcastle

(Broadmeadow, Raymond Terrace
Singleton, Wyong, and Woy Woy
Children's Courts)

4929 5482

Other useful contacts:

Inner City Legal Centre

(Kings Cross)

1800 244 481

Western Sydney Legal

Centre 8833 0911

Marrickville Legal Centre

9559 2899

National Children's and

Youth Law Centre

9385 9588

Shopfront Youth Legal

Centre (Darlinghurst)

9322 4808

Youth workers

Call your local council.

LawAccess NSW

1300 888 529

Community Legal Centres

Call **1800 10 18 10**

(9am–5pm) to find the
closest centre.

The Law Society of NSW

can refer young people
to private lawyers in their
area. Call **9926 0300**.

Alcohol and Drug Information Service

A 24 hour telephone advice,
information and referral
service. Call **9361 8000** or
1800 422 599 (freecall).

Help for Aboriginal people

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) (ALS)

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) gives free legal advice and legal representation. Call the ALS on 1800 765 767 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**.

Custody Notification Service

All Aboriginal people who are taken into police custody have a right to talk to a lawyer from the Aboriginal Legal Service. They can do this by calling the Custody Notification Service (CNS)—a legal advice and RUOK phone line for Aboriginal people in police custody.

All police stations have the number of the CNS which can be called 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

Wirringa Baiya is a community legal centre for Aboriginal women, children and young people who live in NSW. They give free legal advice and representation if there is family violence.

Call **9569 3847** or **1800 686 587** (outside Sydney).





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If you find it hard to hear or speak, call the National Relay Service (NRS) on 133 677 and ask for LawAccess NSW or visit www.relayservice.gov.au