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Topic: Playford Income Management Trial

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Senator Edwards asked:

Support services have been promised to accompany income management in Playford. Are there service providers in place already for:

- a. financial counselling
- b. money management
- c. Communities for Children Service
- d. playgroups
- e. parenting education classes
- f. mentoring and support groups
- g. early learning programs.

If these are available online please provide a link to the website, if not, please provide a list. If not, when does the Department anticipate these will be organised?

Answer:

Anglicare SA Inc., which is an existing Financial Management Program service provider, will be delivering Money Management and Commonwealth Financial Counselling services to support the implementation of income management in Playford from 1 July 2012.

Anglicare SA Inc., is also the Communities for Children Facilitating Partner (CfC FP) funded to broker a range of support services for vulnerable families, including those on income management and those participating in the BAFW trial. Information about their CfC services can be found at: <http://www.anglicare-sa.org.au/communities-for-children/> and include:

- Linking Families and Services,
- Mobile Family Resource Facility - providing isolated families with a range of support services and play and learn experiences at a street level,
- Let's Do it Together - supporting children and their mothers who have been subjected to domestic violence to work on attachment and relationship building,
- Active Learning Club - weekly learning Club during school term to develop students' confidence, skills and enthusiasm for their health and wellbeing, and
- Building Emotional Understanding – parenting course.

The Department of Human Services have mapped other local services to ensure relevant support services are available.

Money Management, Financial Counselling and Communities for Children services for families in the Playford area are not currently available online.