

Submission No. 1040

(Inq into better support for carers)

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family
Community, Housing and Youth
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Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I am the parent/carer of an Asperger/Autism ^{child} son (14).
There is a great gap in any assistance for the Asperger in
our community. The carer is left solely to the parent
with any reasonable respite & support.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

1. The role and contribution of carers in society

As a carer, I feel that my role is... to provide the additional support &
guidance for my son. Both for & to my son but equally to
the education system & community to help all of us
live together. Aspergers do not have an
Intellectual Disability & so have to live in our world.
There is no assistance to help them & us, as carers.

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2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

As a carer, I face the following problems ...

Ostracised by others who don't understand Autism/Aspergers.
A lack of opportunity to socialise due to lack of
respite care & an unwillingness to try due to
no opportunity to meet other parents who understand
our issues.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

- People & social outings organised with other parents
- Social outings for my son in an environment that is not cluttered in with intellectual & physical disabilities.
- Support group solutions, run by specialistist

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

I think the Government can better help carers by ...

- Funding given to the groups, ie Caroline, etc who have direct contact with us & enable them to set-up social settings to socialise
- ~~the~~ More Autism funding, specifically for Aspergers kids to create an enjoyment to socialise specifically for teens & young adults.

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Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely

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