



# Care and Protection Service

*A free legal and support service for parents experiencing mental illness who need help with Care and Protection matters.*



## Legal services combined with community support when you need it most.

Ruah Legal Services and the Mental Health Law Centre provides an innovative Care and Protection Service that brings together experienced lawyers and dedicated community Key Workers to provide wrap-around legal and non-legal social support to families facing child protection proceedings.

You will be assigned a dedicated team who will support you and advocate on your behalf for the full duration of your Care and Protection proceedings involving the Department of Communities.

### We can provide help with:

- Legal advice and representation in court
- Representation and support at pre-birth meetings
- Attending appointments with the Department of Communities and other out-of-court meetings
- Identifying and providing support to help you achieve your goals
- Linking you to other relevant support services

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Our service prioritises parents experiencing mental illness or mental health issues.

## Need legal advice? Call our Telephone Advice line

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

 08 9328 8012 or Freecall 1800 620 285

### Connect with us:

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