**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER – USEFUL SUPPORTS**

**Amaze (Formerly Autism Victoria)**

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Amaze helps individuals on the autism spectrum, their parents/carers and families, support groups, autism professionals, schools and all others who need information and assistance on the subject of autism.

**PlayConnect Playgroups**

PlayConnect is a whole family support, helping you to play, share, connect and grow together with your community.  They will support you to recognise and develop your child’s unique abilities.  Supporting social engagement through play for children from birth to 5 years. Creating lasting peer support networks for parents, caregivers and siblings (up to 5 years). Taking the stress out of finding information and connecting to the right local support services.

The Werribee playgroup runs on Thursday afternoons and the program is Government funded and free for families.

For more information, contact Anne Shute on 0434 769 341 or email ashute@playgroup.org.au

Website - <https://playgroupaustralia.org.au/national-programs/playconnect/>

**Raising Children Network**

Useful information on popular ASD topics such as; Learning about ASD, Behaviour, Communicating, Development, Therapies & services, Health & daily care

Website: [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

**ASD Transition Statements**

This ‘ASDs Transition Learning & Development Statement’ was developed to supplement the DEECD ‘Transition: Positive Start to School Learning and Development Statement’. This additional information assists parents and professionals to have a shared understanding of the child’s symptoms of ASD, profile of abilities and how these impact upon him/her. It includes a summary of previous assessments and reports. It also provides information on the student’s learning profile and what teaching and management strategies are currently the most successful.

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/assets/docs/scs/psychiatry/asds-transition-statement.pdf>

**Yellow LadyBugs**

Yellow Ladybugs is dedicated to the happiness, success and celebration of autistic girls and women. Yellow Ladybugs is a volunteer community group who proudly create social events, similar to birthday parties, where girls can come together and have the opportunity to meet and bond over their similar journey. They have a website (link below) and also a Facebook page.

Website **-** <https://www.yellowladybugs.com.au/>