

Dental Referral Pathways for Children



	Eligibility	Description	Waiting times	Cost	How to access the service
SA Dental Child Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All babies, children and young people under 18 years, are welcome to attend a SA Dental clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > SA Dental provides a range of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years > No after hours service 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dental care is free for all children not yet at school > No out of pocket costs for children eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) > A small annual fee is charged per calendar year for children not eligible for the CDBS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > No referral required > Direct parents /carers to make an appointment at the clinic of their choice or request an appointment online (www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment)
SA Dental Paediatric Specialist Services The Women's & Children's Hospital (WCH) The Adelaide Dental Hospital (ADH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All babies, children and young people under 18 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The WCH Department of Paediatric Dentistry provides in-patient and specialist dental services by referral only. 	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Referral required for specialist dental services at the WCH by SA Dental clinic staff
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The ADH provides specialist dental services by referral only 	Yes	Fees apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Referral required for specialist dental services at the ADH by SA Dental clinic staff
SA Dental Population Oral Health Program (Lift the Lip)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Children not yet at school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > This program provides a Lift the Lip screening tool and referral process to support healthcare staff and early childcare educators to identify children who are at high risk of early childhood caries 	Priority	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > To find out how to access this program email: HealthSADSHealthPromotion@sa.gov.au

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SA Dental Aboriginal Oral Health Program	> Aboriginal babies, children and young people under 18 years		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dental care is free for all children not yet at school > No out-of-pocket costs for children eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) > A small annual fee is charged per calendar year for children not eligible for the CDBS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > If assistance is required for parents/carers of an Aboriginal child, please contact the Aboriginal Oral Health Program staff via email: HealthSADSAOHP@sa.gov.au
After Hours Oral Emergencies	> All babies, children and young people under 18 years	<p>The Women's and Children's Hospital is the dedicated referral centre for afterhours oral emergencies in SA.</p> <p>Medical practitioners to contact the Paediatric Emergency Department Ph: 8161 7000 (Switchboard)</p>	Triaged	No	<p>Direct parents/carers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Call Health Direct 1800 022 222 or > Take the child to the nearest public hospital emergency unit
Private Dental Providers	> All babies, children and young people under 18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > General and emergency care > Referral to private dental specialist services > After hours service may be available 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Most clinics have no out-of-pocket costs for children eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) > Fees charged for children not eligible for the CDBS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > No referral required > Parents/carers can book an appointment for their child with preferred private dental provider > Contact the Australian Dental Association if help is needed to find a dentist (www.ada.org.au/Find-a-Dentist)
Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)	This dental service is only for children in specific rural and remote areas	> RFDS operates a Commonwealth funded Dental Outreach Program	Scheduled Visits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > No referral required > Direct parents /carers to book an appointment by calling 1800 002 507 > Contact the RFDS (www.flyingdoctor.org.au/sant/what-we-do/oral-health/)